

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP HALL  
TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING  
JULY 8, 2008

With all Golden Township Board members present, the Truth-In-Taxation hearing was called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:20 P.M. The purpose of the hearing is to review the proposed property tax to be levied. The Golden Operating Millage requested to be levied Dec. 1 is 1.2174, which will expire 11/30/2017 and the Road Millage of 1.7607 expiring 12/31/2008. By having the hearing the Township will collect \$435,284.90, without the hearing \$425,492.05 a loss of \$9792.85.

Hearing adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Tina Wiegand  
Golden Township Clerk

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7:30 P.M. GOLDEN TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:30 p.m. Present: Walsworth, Ackley, Fuehring, Cargill, and Wiegand.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Minutes from the June 10th regular meeting and the June 27<sup>th</sup> special meeting of the Election Committee were presented. Pam had handled the Robert Ortman issue.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to accept the minutes as amended from the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. All yes, motion carried. Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the minutes of the June 27<sup>th</sup> special meeting of Election Committee as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Correspondence was presented from a resident of Silver Lake about Golden Township Park.

The Treasurer's report was given with the balances as follows: \$189,529.49 in General Fund and \$192,494.87 in Road Fund.

Motion was made by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the Treasurer's report. All yes, motion carried.

Bills were presented for approval:

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve check numbers 12703 through 12740 totaling, \$23253.38. These included payment of a bill for the Oceana County Road Commission

for work done at Golden Park of \$1121.86 and a bill for Oceana County Road Commission for brining and signs of \$2057.76. Roll call vote Walsworth, Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill, and Wiegand all yes, motion carried.

Zoning report was given by Jake Whelpley.

- Jake issued a citation last month to the owners of a lot in Sandy View Subdivision. They have not taken care of this. Jake will attempt to get them to resolve this before it has to go to court.
- Finally met with the owner of the fence in Juniper Beach. They feel that Jake is misusing his power and is going to take this to Zoning Board of Appeals.
- There will be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> on a property owner who will not remove 2 campers from an empty lot.
- Spoke to some owners who put storage buildings in. They had a permit.
- Found a lot that has a couple of travel trailers on it. Two years ago they got a permit to build a house. No house, trailers still there. Owner was in today, he will remove the trailers. Construction is supposed to begin this fall.
- Schwarz's came in to complain about Mr. Lamonika's ongoing yard sale. Jake did check on this and all he had was 4 dune buggy tires.
- Stopped into Cottonwood Creek RV Park. 2 weeks before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July she had some problems and evicted some campers who were very vocal after they left. Cottonwood Creek owner was worried about trouble they may cause on the 4<sup>th</sup>. No significant problems were noted.
- After last month's meeting a letter was sent to Val-Du-Lakes Bar owner with a copy of the Golden Township Noise Ordinance with 10:00 p.m. quiet time, just as a reminder.
- Bruce Smith had complained about a neighbor next door who had a couple of campers on their lot. Jake sent them a letter. The owner called to apologize and said that they were unaware of this ordinance.
- Public hearing will be held July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to get public input on the Recreational Plan. Grant programs are 75/25 match program. There is some seed money to get started on this from the 2020 Dream Plan from a few years ago.

Pam Walker presented the Assessor's Report. She met with James and Judy Briggs regarding the pending tribunal hearing for Carrying On Racing. They have come to an agreement and are waiting for the Tribunal's approval. Kathryn Genter has returned the BS&A Software, and continues to make adjustments on it.

Old Business:

Tina has begun research on the Golden Township Park project. She spoke to a stripier today. He has already gone out and done some measuring. He will give us a bid on doing the "No Parking" and "Handicap" striping as soon as possible. He will also give a bid to seal coat the park and paint all remaining parking lines at a later date when there is not so much traffic. The county road commission has removed one tree and trimmed the others. They will install the guard rail and move the State Park sign closer to the beach. Sonny and Ralph do pick up the garbage out there twice a week. Tina would like to remove 3 more trees and move the porta jons onto the

pavement. She will get bids for the tree removal and a second bid for the striping and present them at the August meeting.

**New Business:**

The following people were put forth as elections officials for the August Primary election and the November General election: Kathy Carlson, Brenda Draper, Joanne Vanderweele, Janet Redding, and Rachel Iteen.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley, to accept the recommendation of the following people as elections officials for the August Primary election and the November General election: Kathy Carlson, Brenda Draper, Joanne Vanderweele, Janet Redding, and Rachel Iteen. All yes, motion carried.

Riley Orchard has requested a PA-116 designation as agricultural.

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to approve the PA-116 for Riley Orchards. All yes, motion carried.

Connie requests that the Board send a letter to the County Commissioners recommending they purchase BS&A Software.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to send a letter to the County Commissioners recommending that they purchase the BS&A Software.

The Planning Commission has presented amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. See Attached.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve amendment to Section 4.12 of the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“All dwellings shall have a minimum width across any front, side, or rear elevation of 16 feet at time of construction. Modular and manufactured homes must be no smaller than 16 feet (manufacturer’s classification) and be no older than 5 years at the time of placement”. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve adding a new paragraph 4 to Section 4.16 to read “An accessory building may be erected in any residential zoning district only as an accessory to an existing dwelling on which an occupancy permit has been issued”. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve amendment to Section 4.33 paragraph 2 to read “A permit may be granted for one recreational vehicle for up to 12 months following the issuance of a building permit for a primary use on that property and must be connected to sewer and water systems approved by District #10 Health Department for that property”. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Wiegand to approve amendment to Section 4.33, paragraph 3 to read: “Except as provided in paragraphs 1 and 2 above in Section 4.33, recreational vehicles shall not be moved upon any property that does not have a legal primary use including but not limited to a dwelling; provided, however in RR and R1 RV’s shall be limited to one (1) per parcel on parcels up to and including 5,000 sq. ft., two (2) per parcel on parcels from 5,001 sq. ft. up to and including 12,000 sq. ft., three (3) per parcel on parcels from

12,001 sq. ft. up to and including 1 acre, and four (4) per parcel of more than 1 acre. Such RV's shall be in place no more than seven (7) consecutive days with a maximum of thirty (30) days per year". 4 yeses, 1 no, motion carried.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to approve requesting the Planning Commission reevaluate the definition of legal primary use as used in paragraph 3, Section 4.33. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to send Section 4.33 paragraph 4 relating to the setback limitations back to the Planning Commission with the recommendation to remove Resort Commercial and Commercial 1 zones from the amendment. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept adding Section 4.37 to Zoning Ordinance titled "Impervious Surface Limitation" to read as follows: "In Resort 1, Resort Residential and Agricultural Residential zones, impervious surfaces shall be limited to 50% of the lot coverage." All yes, motion carried

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to amend Section 12.7 paragraph 1 to read "Each building site, lot, or dwelling unit or other use shall have access to a public road by way of an improved public road constructed to Oceana County Road Commission standards." All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to amend Section 12.7 paragraph 2 to read " All roads shall be designed and built in accordance with plans prepared by a professional engineer and shall meet Oceana County Road Commission standards, and shall be submitted to Oceana County Road Commission for acceptance into the county road system as public roads."

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to amend Section 13.10 by adding at the end of paragraph fifteen (15): New road names are to be approved by the Oceana County Road Commission and the Oceana County Equalization Department.

With the Truth-In-Taxation hearing having been held the Township Board made the following motion.

Motion by Wiegand, support by Cargill that the Township Board approve the millage request to be levied Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, Operating millage 1.2174 , which will expire 11/30/2017 and Road millage 1.7607 expiring 12/31/2008. By having the hearing the Township will collect \$435,284.90, without the hearing \$425,492.05 a loss of \$9792.85.  
Roll call vote Ackley, Wiegand, Cargill, Walsworth, and Fuehring all yes. Motion carried.

Golden is on a revolving fire board. Golden is allowed 2 members. Lavern R. Counseller has applied for the position on this fire board. Carl Fuehring is the other member.

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve Laverne R. Counseller to sit on the Fire Board seat. All yes, motion carried.

Art fair update was presented. We currently have 43 vendors, and 2 food vendors. We are working on getting tables and seating for the area. Things are going well.

Public input was asked for by Supervisor Walsworth.

Chuck Mason would like to use a room in the Township Hall on July 14, 2008 to hold a meeting. This is ok.

Joe Nameth would like to see additional fireworks reinforcement to help prevent potential fires in the future. Next year before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we will try to get in touch with law enforcement to try to get this additional reinforcement in place.

Are they still brining the roads? No, they are done for now, but will probably do this again before Labor Day.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to adjourn meeting at 10:05 P.M. All yes, motion carried.

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