

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
AUGUST 11, 2015  
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by the Chairman, Don Walsworth, at 7:32 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall.

Board Members present: Don Walsworth, Connie Cargill, Carl Fuehring, Rachel Iteen, Kevin Ackley.  
Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Barbara VanGelderens, Assessor; 14 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley, to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence: Huron-Manistee National Forests – Invite to the Opening of the new Baldwin/White Cloud Ranger District Office

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report. The ending balance in the General Fund as of July 31, 2015 was \$218,257.86, and the ending balance for the Road fund was \$55,926.34. Wadel's bid for Fox Road 40<sup>th</sup> - 48<sup>th</sup> (ground up and redone) was for \$306,319.00, but the work was completed at the cost of \$227,320.80.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, the Financial Report was accepted subject to Audit.  
Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, check numbers 16003 through 16051 in the amount of \$57,060.04. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley, to approve the purchase of two sets of the new aerial Tax Maps (18"x24" each section) which cost around \$200 each set. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley, to approve up to four attendees (including deputies) for attendance to the Treasurer and Clerk Professional Development Retreats in September. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Zoning Report: There were twelve permits issued.

Park Report: At the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes, gutters were installed on the pavilion, and three new benches have been ordered.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve the bid from White Lake Nursery, Inc. to install an irrigation system for the older section of the Mears Cemetery for the amount of \$17,972.00. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the renewal of the pre-existing franchise granted by Golden Township to Wolverine Power Cooperative's predecessor, Northern Michigan Electric Cooperative, Inc. dated 2/11/1986. This is a renewal of Electric service franchise. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley, to approve the purchase of gravel only not to exceed \$12,000 for Amber Road a dead end road off of B-15. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Public comments:

Mrs. Debra Borst had a zoning question concerning how many trailers are allowed on one property. It was stated that the State of Michigan allows 4 trailers. Ted Ferwerda and Don Tucker were complaining of the enforcement of this rule and they want enforcement as they both own campgrounds.

Assessor Report: Barbara VanGelderren, Golden Township Assessor, spoke to the situation of Golden Township's AMAR report. Golden Township passed two of the five assessment roll analysis. One of the five issues looked at stated that out of 3497 parcels, 3448 parcels were in override when less than 1% is acceptable. We are up for a review in a couple months. There is much to be accomplished before this review.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk