

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2008
7:30 P.M. GOLDEN TOWNSHIP HALL

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Minutes from the July 8th regular meeting and the July 18th special meeting were presented. Jake stated that the amendment for Section 4.37 of the Zoning Ordinance should say Residential 1, not resort 1.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to accept the minutes as amended from the July 8th meeting. All yes, motion carried. Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to accept the minutes of the July 18th special meeting as presented. All yes, motion carried.

No correspondence was presented.

The Treasurer's report was given with the balances as follows: \$186,675.52 in General Fund and \$180,406.87 in Road Fund.

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

Wadel Stabilization bill was presented for the work done on 56th Ave. The total bill was for \$229,560.15 for everything.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill, to pay Wadel Stabilization bill in the amount of \$229,560.15 in the following manner. \$180,000.00 will be paid from the Road Fund and the remaining \$49,560.15 will be paid from the General Fund. The \$49,560.15 paid from the General Fund will be repaid from the Road Fund in December when taxes are collected again.

Bills were presented for approval:

Motion by Ackley, support by Wiegand to approve check numbers 12741 through 12801 totaling, \$57,827.12. Roll call vote Walsworth, Ackley, Cargill, and Wiegand all yes. Fuehring absent. Motion carried.

Zoning report was given by Jake Whelpley.

- Jake met several times with Silver lake group about the property in Silver Lake to be used for a park
- The issue in Sandyview has been resolved and the folks there have promised to clean up.
- Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance for VanderKlok parcel.
- Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on August 19th, 2008 to address two new issues.
- Planning Commission did not meet in July, due to lack of issues to discuss. They will be holding a public meeting on August 26th, 2008 about the rezoning of some property owned by Hart Schools.
- Received several calls about violations this month. He investigated them and dealt with them as needed.
- Jake has had several calls and questions about itinerant merchants. He sent a letter to those individuals explaining the zoning ordinances on this.

Old Business:

Tina has done a lot of work on the Golden Township Park project. The striper was coming out tomorrow at 6:00 a.m. The tree trimmer is also coming out this week. We will be left with mounds of wood chips from the trees. We need to find someone to remove these and then pave the lot before we can do stripping. Tina will look into this further and report on it next month. The "No Parking" and "Handicapped" spots will be marked out before Labor Day.

Mears Art Fair went very well. There was a total of fees collected of \$1,320.00 and expenses of \$506.93, for a total profit to the Township of \$813.07. We received quite a few compliments on the show. Nineteen vendors signed up at this show, for next year's show.

Recreation Plan is moving along. There was a public meeting held on July 9, 2008. We received some very good ideas on this project. Tina placed an additional ad in the paper asking for any additional ideas. After the plan is written, it must be available for 30 days for review, before a second public hearing can be held. This second meeting will probably held in November and then the plan will be sent to the DNR for their approval.

It was brought to our attention earlier this year that the residents of Upper Silver Lake were paying for the street lights in their area. The residents of Upper Silver Lake have stated that they pay approximately \$300.00 per month for the street lights in their area. They are asking that the Township take over paying for these street lights. In looking into this matter, Tina contacted Consumer's Power for a list of the street lights that the Township pays for. We were sent a contract from the 1980's stating that we pay for 22 lights in the Township. When she called to get locations for these lights she was told to drive around the Township and look for them as Consumer's didn't know where they were located. These are all in the Village of Mears and are presumably at intersections for safety reasons. Tina will contact Great Lakes about other lights the township pays for. Bruce Erickson has agreed to show a couple of the Board members where the lights in question in Upper Silver Lake are located. Tina will contact some of the other associations in Golden Township to see if they pay for the street lights in their subdivision.

Tina requests that we hire someone to clean the building once a month.

Motion by Wiegand, support by Cargill, to approve hiring someone to clean the Township Hall once a month for \$50.00 per month. Roll call vote Ackley, Walsworth, Cargill, and Wiegand all yes. Fuehring absent. Motion carried.

Laurie Kolosci has been acting as a consultant to help the transition of Tina as the new clerk to go smoothly. Kevin and Carl are working on a plan for compensation for this. They will make a report in September.

New Business:

Jow Crother from Land Services of Traverse City, on behalf of Road Runner Oil and Gas presented a 5 years lease for Township 15 North – Range 18 West, Section 23 and 26. Described as the East 30 Rods of the West $\frac{3}{4}$ of the North $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, and The Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26. This lease grants the rights for exploration and possibly drilling for hydrocarbons on this land

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to lease Township 15 North – Range 18 West, Section 23 and 26. Described as the East 30 Rods of the West $\frac{3}{4}$ of the North $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, and The Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26 for a term of 5 years, for the purposes of exploration and possible dwelling for hydrocarbons. All yes, motion carried.

Helen Lefler and Bill Kolenda were presented for reappointment to the Planning Commission. It was discussed that we currently have 9 members on the Planning Commission and it is felt that this should be reduced back to the original 7 members. The number was raised to 9 members when the Planning Commission was revising the Master Plan a few years ago. This discussion was tabled due to the fact that Carl Fuehring was absent and he is the board representative to the Planning Commission and would know if others would be interested in being released from this duty to reduce this number.

The following people were put forth for reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals: Tom Worth, Keith Adams, and Ted Beattie.

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve Tom Worth, Keith Adams, and Ted Beattie for reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term ending August 2011.

Tina has spoken to the Health Department about the designation of the well for the Township Hall. She feels that it should be designated as a Type II noncommunity water supply. This would require that the water be tested 4 times the first year and once per year each year after that. This would ensure that the water in the drinking fountains at the Hall would be safe.

Motion by Wiegand, support by Ackley to approve designating the well at the Township Hall as a Type II Transient well with the District 10 Health Department. Roll call vote Wiegand, Ackley, Cargill, and Walsworth, all yes. Carl Fuehring absent.

Jake has been approached by someone about people using jet skis on Round Lake. The Board authorizes him to instruct the Planning Commission to create an ordinance to prevent jet skis on Round Lake.

The Red Cross is sending a packet of forms for the Township Hall to be used as an emergency shelter in the event it is needed. Tina will fill these out and return them.

Tina and Kevin met with a representative of Western Insurance Agency, LLC about the deductibles for the Michigan Township Par Plan. If we raise the deductible, the premium will be lower. Currently the deductible is \$100.00 and the premium is \$4334.00. If we raise the deductible on the policy to \$1000.00 the premium would be \$3847.00.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to approve raising the deductible on the Michigan Township Par Plan policy to \$1,000.00. All yes, motion carried.

The shredder in the office is beyond repair.

Motion by Cargill, support by Wiegand to approve purchasing a new shredder for the Township offices at a cost of up to \$500.00. Roll call vote: Ackley, Wiegand, Walsworth, and Cargill, all yes. Fuehring absent.

Gary Robinson presented a plan from a committee of property owners in Silver Lake to apply for a grant from Michigan DNR in the name of Golden Township to purchase the land in Silver Lake owned by Harvey Berens, to be used as a park. The balance not included in the grant would be raised by various private donations; therefore there would be no expense to the Township. The committee suggests that the township hire the engineering firm of Fleece and VanderBrink, out of Muskegon, to do the engineering and planning for the grant. The committee would pay for the consultant to write the grant for the DNR. The committee would provide the necessary funds for this to be put in escrow so that it was paid for. This would not require the Township to put up any money for this process.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill, to authorize the group of property owners in Silver Lake to hire Fleece and Vanderbrink, as a grant consultant to write a grant for Michigan DNR to be used to purchase lots 10 through 15, 31 through 36, 56 through 61 of Brubaker's Plat and adjacent lands to be used as a park.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution is presented by the Golden Township Board for adoption:

Whereas: the Silver Lake area is a recreational asset to the citizens of Golden Township and;

Whereas: Golden Township is authorized by various Public Acts of the State of Michigan to provide land for parks and recreational opportunities for its citizens and;

Whereas: Lots 10 through 15, 31 through 36, 56 through 61 of Brubaker's Plat and adjacent lands are available for purchase and are in an excellent location for a township park and;

Whereas: the MDNR has grant funds available to townships for the purchase of such land and;

Whereas: This grant money and other contributions would fund this purchase without township expense.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Golden Township Board agrees if Lots 10 through 15, 31 through 36, 56 through 61 of Brubaker's Plat and adjacent lands are purchased with MDNR grant money and contributions, that it will be designated as a Golden Township Park for all Golden Township residents and visitors to use.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill. Ackley yes, Cargill yes, Wiegand yes, Walsworth yes. Fuehring absent. Resolution passed.

The posts installed along the bike path on 56th Ave. are a nuisance. Tina will talk to the road striper to have them stripe the bike path with 2 wide white lines, 2 feet apart and crosshatched, to delineate the bike path from the road and the posts will be removed.

Wadel Stabilization has presented a bid of \$4,394.20 to add a bit valley and apron on 56th Ave. between Taylor and Fox, southside of the job.

Motion by Cargill, support by Wiegand, to approve Wadel Stabilization of \$4,394.20 to add a bit valley and apron on the south side of 56th Ave. between Taylor Rd. and Fox Rd. Roll call vote: Cargill, Walsworth, Ackley, and Wiegand all yes. Fuehring absent.

How to heat the township hall in winter is an issue. Tina will look into ways to close off the classrooms which are not used at the time. She will talk to several heating companies on ways to do this and report back in September.

Joe Nameth would like to thank the board for their work about his fireworks concerns. He would like to reinforce his concerns as there was a fire again a few weeks ago.

Gail Schulte commented on the post on the bike path on 56th Ave. She felt that part of the spotty grass in the area could be from kids riding their bikes along there. Parking is really bad on this road since the work was done. Hopefully the striping will help.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to go into closed session regarding property acquisition. All yes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk