

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP

DECEMBER 19, 2018

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Special board meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by the Chairman, Carl Fuehring at 10:00 am. Recited Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Dick Walsworth, Gary Beggs

Board members absent: Rachel Iteen

Also in attendance: Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineers: David Blohm, Don DeVries, Chris S., Township Attorney: Ed McNeely, Bond Attorney: Mark Nettleton, Oceana County: Larry Byl, Denny Power, Denny Sobie, Taking Minutes: Brenda Draper, 43 guests.

BOR to receive minimum of \$100 per meeting: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs to pay Board of Review members a minimum of \$100 per meeting. Roll call vote: all yes. Motion carried.

Purchase 43 inch TV: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring to purchase one 43 inch television. Roll call vote: all yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Fuehring thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. McNeely explained why the meeting was called; this is a 'big' project, working on 'Anticipation Bond Note' issues.

Engineers from Fleis & Vandenbrink spoke about how they usually carry the cost, but this is a much larger project. A couple of their points: carry roughly \$300,000 to closing, they are a large company but \$1.2 million is too much to carry, everyone should be part of the project (community, Township, County), huge risk to Engineer firm.

Mr. Nettleton discussed 'short-term debt' and 'bond anticipation note' projects.

Larry Byl explained the County is already underfunded for pensions and cannot offer any financial backing.

Fleis & Vandenbrink talked about four possible options to move forward. 1. County back the 'bond anticipation note'. 2. Township and County use their 'reserves'. 3. Phase into two or three phases. 4. Potential Assessment.

At some point, we handed this issue over to the Attorneys and Fleis & Vandenbrink to create a plan to move forward.

Public Comments:

Mark Borst: In an earlier meeting, Fleis said this is not the proper system for this community.

John Conklin: 2 Phases going on. We cannot afford this in our small community.

Mike Zuloga: I was shafted on the Dam in my taxes, can't afford more taxes.

Connie Vanhuis: Sewer is not our only option, alternatives cost much less.

Craig Cihak: Can you elaborate on Pros and Cons? (Ed McNeely stated we will answer questions at a later date)

Mike Cook: State of Michigan owns part of Silver Lake; why are they not helping fund this project? Fleis is a great choice. County must step up to the plate! I am all for finding other sources to pay. How much has the Township invested in this sewer project to date?

Tom Hartman: What is the TRUE cost of the sewer system?

Mr. Fuehring asked if Golden Township Board members had any questions: We have been working very hard for the past 15 months. What is the future of Silver Lake without the sewer? Risk basket is a stumbling block.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Brenda Draper/Deputy Clerk