

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC HEARING - Budget  
FEBRUARY 12, 2019

The Public Information meeting to discuss the Golden Township budget for 2019/2020 was opened by the Supervisor, Carl Fuehring, at 7:15 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall, 5527 W. Fox Rd. Mears, Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Dick Walsworth  
Board Members Absent: Gary Beggs.  
Also present: Mr. Draper, Zoning Administrator and 87 guests.

The budget for Golden Township 2019/2020 was discussed. A question was asked about rental income. It is the cell tower rent income and from Silver Lake Management that rents the east end of the township building. A question was asked about line 168. Line 168 pertains to the per diem for the members of the planning commission.

After discussion the public hearing was closed. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm and the regular board meeting was called to order.

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MINUTES

**Minutes** - Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mrs. Iteen, to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

**Public Comment:** (Please forgive any misspelled names.)

- Bonnie Scholten submitted a list of questions to attach to the minutes.
- Barb Bidwell asked how many people are needed to stop the sewer.
- Deb Borst resigned from PC over anger about the sewer. The township doesn't enforce ordinances now, how will it enforce the sewer?
- Chuck Ruedi said the sewer shouldn't have to be a township issue. The state should regulate septic to solve issues.
- Ron Edwards asked if ¾ majority vote of the people is needed.
- Jim Howell asked why no township minutes on sewer between June 2016 and Oct 2017.
- Linda Chapman said a Resolution was the start of the sewer.
- Dave Dickman asked why it was first Craig Cihak's sewer and now it is the township's sewer.
- Susan Montsma asked if the township adheres to the rules for special assessment.
- Steven Rickard asked that the meeting scheduled for April be moved to July.
- Ted Johnson asked how properties with zero REUs would work.
- Pat Husk said the whole county will benefit from the sewer and the whole county should pay.
- Patty Hammond said that most of the people affected by the sewer are older and cannot afford the cost. It is the commercial properties that will benefit from a sewer system.
- David Ruedi said that there doesn't seem to be correlation between the sewer and lake improvement. Need to study better options.
- Toby Kelly stated that where he lives in Indiana the monthly bill was \$30 28 years ago and now it is \$78. Is there a guarantee that it won't cost more money?

- Nancy Husk said that the step is a ½ sewer system and what guarantee is there of no major problems in the winter?
- David Martel stated that most people are opposed to the sewer. Who is for it?

Correspondence: Sewer letters were accepted, but not read due to large number received.

**The Treasurer read the Financial Report.** The ending balance in the Fund as of February 12, 2019 was as follows: General Fund \$12,093.59 and Road fund \$18,873.46.

**Bills:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to pay check numbers 17735 through 17767, and EFT 108 in the general fund for the amount of \$30,051.94. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**No Parking Signs:** Mrs. Cargill stated that the township was reimbursed by the state for the No Parking” signs pertaining to the traffic line up for the dunes.

**Oceana County Sheriff, Craig Mast:** Statistics Report was given.

**Zoning Report:** There were 2 permits this month. 119 Rental permits are in so far. Most of the people paid the fines for the rental permits. The township is working with the magistrate for those who have not.

**Parks Report:** None

**Fire Report:** Mr. Whelpley stated that the assessed mills will be increasing in July 2019 to .75 mills for Golden Township and will increase the following year as well.

**Planning Commission:** Site plan was approved for vape products for the new business on Polk Road next to the junk yard (Oceana Auto).

**Road Report:** Deer Road Crush and Shape

-Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to accept the Oceana County Road Commission bid for Deer Road for the total amount of \$510,172.00 with the township’s share of \$315,560. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Assessor Report:** As submitted

Old Business: None

New Business:

**Brine Vendor:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the brine vendor, Michigan Chloride Sales, LLC which would include at least two brine applications. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Hart Area Public Library:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the contract for library services for Golden Township in the amount of \$15,000. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Household Hazardous Waste Program:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the contract in the amount of \$700. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Re-Zone Val Du:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the rezone 12.29 Cottonwood Creek from a PUD to Resort/Commercial. All Yes, the motion carried.

**Zoning Ordinance Amendment:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Walsworth to approve the amendment of Zoning Ordinance Section #15.5(7) to add transitional message signs as recommended by the Planning Commission. All yes, the motion carried.

**Correspondence Policy:** Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mrs. Cargill to adopt the following policy: All yes, the motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE POLICY**  
TOWNSHIP OF GOLDEN  
OCEANA COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
FEBRUARY 12, 2019

The Golden Township Board desires to make certain declarations and establish an administrative policy concerning the correspondence received for the Golden Township Board of Trustees. Accordingly, the Golden Township Board hereby adopts the following policy:

1. During a public Golden Township Board Meeting, correspondence that is addressed to the board members will be acknowledged and copies will be available to board members prior to the scheduled meeting.
2. During the meeting, correspondence may or may not be read, either in its entirety or summarized, depending on the decision of the Chair.

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I, Rachel Iteen, Golden Township Clerk, hereby certify that this administrative Golden Township Policy was approved by a regular meeting of the Golden Township Board on February 12, 2019.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk

**Planning Commission Bylaws Addition:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Walsworth to approve the correspondence policy to the planning commission bylaws. All yes, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.  
Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk