

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
OCTOBER 8, 2019
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by Chairman, Carl Fuehring, at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Richard Walsworth, Gary Beggs

Absent: None

Also, present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; and 24 guests.

Minutes - Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting with the following corrections in bold print: Road projects have been completed for this year. The new rule is that ~~every~~ **the** third summer after paving a road, a ~~fog coat~~ **seal coat and fog coat** will need to be done. All yes, the motion carried.

Public Comment:

-Linda Chapman stated that she was heading up the Christmas tree lighting in the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes held on Saturday, November 30 from 6 pm – 8:30 pm

-Mark Borst (FYI) Oak Wilt. Oak trees are not to be cut in growing season and if they are cut, they need to be sprayed within 15 minutes. Great Lakes Energy was having trees cut, but did not treat them until 3-4 days later.

-Mark Houghton mentioned the street light at a very busy intersection of 34th and Fox Road and that it did not light it up. He also mentioned this last year.

Correspondence: Community Foundation sent a check with \$2000 to support purchase of security cameras for the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes and also \$2700 towards the purchase of a well building for Johnson Square.

The Treasurer read the Financial Report. The ending balance in the Fund as of October 7, 2019 was as follows: General Fund \$3,283.07; Road fund \$764.58; Capitol Savings Fund \$2,478.84. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$53,206.02; RF \$0; CSF 72,304.07.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Cargill to pay check numbers 18045 through 18083, and EFT 116 in the general fund for the amount of \$62,419.42. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Additional Electrical circuits for the township offices: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve the bid from Mike Blackmer Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$3855.00. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Zoning: There have been 69 permits so far this year which includes 12 new homes. Mr. Draper mentioned that the township may have to review the ordinances as some tax payers want to rent their homes in the winter.

Reports:

Park: Some big coniferous trees have been cut in Johnson Square. Appraisal is being updated for the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes land acquisition.

Fire: There will be an open house at the fire department on Wednesday, October 9th at 6 pm

Planning Commission: Last month PC approved an addition to a site plan for Whippy Dip for a canopy/ covering from weather. There will be continuation of discussion in committee concerning the new Master Plan.

Road: Road projects have been completed for this year, but some roads have been striped.

New Business:

Auditor: Curt A. Reppuhn, CPA, CGMA from H & S Companies spoke to the board about the recent township audit that has been completed and sent to the state.

New Pole book for Elections: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the purchase of a new pole book for elections at the township. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Snow Plowing Bid: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve Hallack Contracting's bid for the 2019-2020 season. All yes, the motion carried.

Irrigation system winterization: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve White Lake Nursery, Inc to winterize the cemetery irrigation in the amount of \$125. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Furnace (boilers) repairs: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the work by Tanner Plumbing and Heating (and work by a roofing company) to put in the needed flues for the boilers. (At this time the boilers have put approximately ½" of black soot all over the boiler room floor). This work will have to be scheduled with a roofer as these flues will likely go through the roof. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Township Representative to United Voice (Silver Lake septic/sewer group): It is proposed that Jake Whelpley will represent the township and he has been asked to bring a job description and contract next month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.
Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk