

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
**ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
FEBRUARY 10, 2020

The meeting of the Golden Township Election Commission was called to order by the Clerk, Rachel Iteen at 9:12 a.m. in the Golden Township Hall.

Commission present: Rachel Iteen, clerk; Connie Cargill, treasurer; Carl Fuehring, supervisor

The clerk read the names of the election inspectors to be appointed for the March 10, 2020, election.

Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mrs. Cargill to appoint: Rachel Iteen, Clerk; Brenda Draper, Deputy Clerk appointed as Chairman; Melinda Whitney, Republican; Nancy Peters, Democrat; Pam Tingley, Democrat; and Amy Ackley as election inspectors for the March 10, 2020, election. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 am.

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
**PUBLIC HEARING - Budget**  
FEBRUARY 10, 2020

The Public Information meeting to discuss the Golden Township budget for 2020/2021 was opened by the Supervisor, Carl Fuehring, at 7:15 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall, 5527 W. Fox Rd. Mears, Michigan.

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

Board Members Absent: Richard Walsworth, deceased

Also, present: Mr. Draper, Zoning Administrator; Ed McNeely, Township Lawyer and 17 guests.

The budget for Golden Township 2020/2021 was discussed. The taxable budget is based on approximately 183 million. After discussion the public hearing was closed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
FEBRUARY 10, 2020  
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by Chairman, Carl Fuehring, at 7:27 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Gary Beggs, Bill Kolenda - appointed during the meeting and participated thereafter.

Absent: None

Also, present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Ed McNeely, Township Attorney; and 21 guests.

The law requires a township board to appoint someone within 45 days to replace a deceased or resigned board member. Richard Walsworth passed away a few days after Christmas last year. Our board meeting was moved to today, Monday, February 10, for this purpose.

**New Board Member:** Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Cargill to appoint Bill Kolenda to the Golden Township Board of Trustees through the end of Mr. Walsworth term ending November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Cargill to close nominations. All yes, the motion carried.

**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 with Mr. Beggs abstaining as he was not at those meetings.

**Correspondence:** MTPP – Citizen Planner Reimbursement. The township was reimbursed for Jane Beaudoin and Tim LeMahieu taking classes from the MSU Citizen Planner.

**The Treasurer read the Financial Report.** The ending balance in the Fund as of February 10, 2020 was as follows: General Fund \$82,837.78; Road fund -\$272.22; Capitol Savings Fund \$625.19. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$138,654; RF \$153,181; CSF 83,852.

**Bills:** Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Iteen to pay check numbers 18196 through 18226, and EFT 120 in the general fund for the amount of \$28,792.84. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Matching Funds for Land Acquisition for Park:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve the movement of funds from the Capital Project Fund 401 to be used as matching funds for the MI Trust Fund Grant to acquire adjacent property for the Golden township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Zoning:** There were 6 permits for 2020 and one home was red tagged today. Public hearing for Hideaway Campground coming up. Street light at 34<sup>th</sup> and Fox has been moved closer to the middle of the intersection.

**2 small offices removed:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the removal of the wall where 2 small offices are located to enlarge the meeting room. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Park:** Johnson Square well has been drilled but still has to be finished.

**Fire:** 179 fire runs in 2019. A new chief will be sought beginning next month as Jack White is retiring.

**Planning Commission:** Re-elected officers. Silver Lake Resort has been rezoned to Resort/Commercial from a PUD.

**Road:** Addressed in new business.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**New Trees:** Jake Whelpley talked about getting new trees through a grant for township property.

**Road Work for 2020:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve the following road bids and Brine Contractor as follows:

-14<sup>th</sup> Ave. place 6" gravel and pull berm at 22 feet wide max at 4900 feet for the amount of \$59,334.00, with the township cost of \$39,534.

-64<sup>th</sup> Ave. from Polk to Tyler, crush and shape and pave 5280 feet 3" 13A for the amount of \$234,781.58 with the township cost of \$199,155.

-Chip Seal and Fob Seal 21,847 feet or 4.2 miles of Fox/34<sup>th</sup>/Hazel and Silver Lake Dr. and Deer Road from 56<sup>th</sup> to 48<sup>th</sup> at no cost to the township.

-Also, to approve 2 brining using the contractor- Michigan Chloride Sales LLC. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

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

**Change meeting date for March changed to Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Compensation Policy:** Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the change to change the compensation from \$2500 for the year, to \$100 per approved meeting.

**Township Board Compensation for Public Meetings Policy**  
TOWNSHIP OF GOLDEN  
OCEANA COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
FEBRUARY 10, 2020

WHEREAS The Golden Township Board desires to make certain declarations and establish a compensation policy for the Golden Township Board of Trustees only for attending informational/educational meetings approved by the Board of Trustees. Accordingly, the Golden Township Board hereby adopts the following policy:

1. Members of the Golden Township Board of Trustees, not including the supervisor, clerk, and/or treasurer, will be compensated for attending the informational/educational meetings in the following manner: One hundred dollars (\$100.00) a meeting. MTA annual conference not included.
2. These informational/educational meetings are distinct from the regularly scheduled meetings of the Golden Township Board of Trustees and any special meeting of the Golden Township Board of Trustees that may be posted.
3. This policy does not apply to any other boards or committees of the Township.

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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 10, 2020 and made effective April 1, 2020.

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

**Public Comment:**

- MTA Capital Conference will be held on Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup>. Board is encouraged to attend.
- Fred Hargett asked about Gold Communications. They would like internet service completed down Range Road in the Cedar Point Park area. They currently only go ¼ mile down Range Road where 5 additional homes would like service.
- Mike Cook talked about Oceana County becoming a sanctuary county for weapons – Red Flag Law.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.  
Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk