

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 14, 2020

The meeting of the Golden Township Election Commission was called to order by the Clerk, Rachel Iteen at 7:10 p.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 August 4, 2020, election.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Cargill to appoint: Rachel Iteen, Clerk; Brenda Draper, Deputy Clerk appointed as Chairmen; Nancy Peters, Democrat; Pam Tingley, Democrat; JoEllyn Rickard, Republican; Amy Ackley, Republican; and Vivian Shaw as election inspectors for the August 4, 2020, election. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

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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, Gary Beggs, Bill Kolenda

Absent: None

Also, present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Ed McNeely, Township Attorney; Craig Mast, Sheriff and 28 guests.

**Minutes** - Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mrs. Iteen, to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting and 6-24-20 special board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

-Tim Beggs is running against Larry Byl for county commissioner and would like your vote.

-Larry Byl is the incumbent running against Tim Beggs for county commissioner and would like your vote.

-Craig Mast, Oceana County Sheriff, stated that Covid 19 has changed things and now seasoned deputies are taking turns on Thursday, Friday, and the weekends at Golden Township this year instead of a deputy assigned specifically to the township.

-Chuck Ruedi talked about "United Voice" and the issues with sewage/septic systems.

-Brian Lowing (Hippie Fest) asked about outdoor gatherings

-Chuck Ruedi wondered why the fireworks were cancelled.

-Anthony Munaso had an objection to the 6-24-20 special board meeting minutes. He and Mr. McNeely had a discussion of their interpretation of the law. Mr. Munaso finished his allotted time in a discussion of the board, open meetings act, and his fireworks permit.

-Jim Coatney asked about 60<sup>th</sup> Ave., a seasonal road asking it to be maintained. He has a house in the Pentwater plains area along with 7 other home owners.

**Correspondence:**

1. OCRC gave a plaque to our Supervisor, Carl Fuehring, in honor of the township's late board member, Richard (Dick) Walsworth, calling him a "Road Warrior" that will be given to the Walsworth family.
2. Tim LeMahieu is resigning from the Planning Commission with 10-27-20 being his last meeting.
3. 2020 Census in Oceana County is offering employment at \$21.00 an hour + mileage.

4. Traffic Studies on Fox Road by Mears Service Center and Upper Silver Lake Dam Road WB.
5. Silver Lake Sand Dunes-Hart Visitors Bureau thanked Golden Township Board for their leadership and agreed that after the DNR announced they were going to close all day use areas at 10pm July 4 and require everyone to leave the dunes ORV area and campground day use area before the fireworks, the township could no longer follow the Covid 19 guidelines for large gatherings.

**The Treasurer read the Financial Report.** The ending balance in the Fund as of July 14, 2020 was as follows: General Fund \$25,256.79; Road fund \$1,531.91; Capitol Savings Fund \$3,370.19. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$159,464; RF \$339,332; CSF 65,056.

**Bills:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Beggs to pay check numbers 18370 through 18409, and EFT 128 in the general fund for the amount of \$74,402.39. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Zoning:** There were 56 permits, 7 for new homes. 173 rental permits.

**Sand Dragway:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Beggs to allow the remainder of the dragway events the ability to proceed until midnight if more time is needed. All yes, the motion carried.

**Land Divisions:** See Attached documents.

**Earl and Rosalie Staples:** 7359 W. Deer Rd, Parent Parcel Number 64-006-116-016-400-05.

**Tom VanLiere:** 8392 W. Duck Road, Parent Parcel Number 64-006-032-700-01, Boundary Lot Adjustment.

**Donald Ricks:** 953 Barry Rd., Haslett, MI 48840, Parcel Parent Number 64-006-028-200-08.

**Reports:**

**Park:** The building for Johnson Square well is coming at the end of the week.

**Fire:** None

**Planning Commission:** No meeting this month.

**Road:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Assessor of Record:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve Edward VanderVries as the County Designated Assessor for Oceana County. All yes, the motion carried.

**BOR Alternative Dates:** Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the following resolution:

**GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
COUNTY OF OCEANA  
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-7**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALTERNATIVE DATES  
IN JULY FOR THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW**

Board Member Mrs. Iteen, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Board Member Mr. Kolenda:

**WHEREAS**, Act No 122 of the Public Acts of 2008 permits a township to authorize alternative starting dates for the meeting of the July Board of Review; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board has determined that alternative dates for the meeting of the Board of Review is in the Township of Golden's best interest.

Now, therefore, it is resolved that:

1. The July Board of Review will meet on July 22, 2020 at 1 pm.

YEAS: Iteen, Kolenda, Cargill, Beggs, Fuehring

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Rachel Iteen, Clerk

**Phone Service:** Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve switching to Crump Communications, LLC for our new phone provider in place of Frontier. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

**Framed Plat Map:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mrs. Iteen to purchase the 1895 matted and framed plat map and also one from 1913 in the amount of \$20 each. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk