

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
NOVEMBER 10, 2020
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, Bill Kolenda, Gary Beggs

Absent: None

Also, present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Ed McNeely, Township Attorney; and 14 guests.

Minutes: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting with the following correction - ***Moratorium on Campgrounds:*** *This issue was discussed and sent back to the Planning Commission.* All yes, the motion carried.

Agenda: Moratorium on campgrounds was added to the agenda under old business. Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the agenda. All yes, the motion carried.

Public Comment:

-Anthony ~~Munase~~ Munafo of The Heroes Operation wants an apology from the board concerning the cancellation of 2020 fireworks.

-Patty Hammond reprimanded the board for not wearing masks.

-Linda Chapman seconded Patty's reprimand.

Correspondence:

1. Michael Cook – retiring from the planning commission
2. Debra Moran - issues regarding the playground equipment at the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes.

The Treasurer read the Financial Report. The ending balance in the Fund as of November 10, 2020 was as follows: General Fund \$27,413.93; Road fund \$382.41; Capitol Savings Fund \$317.72. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$119,553; RF \$141,058; CSF \$65,095.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Kolenda to pay check numbers 18522 – 18575, and EFT 132 in the general fund for the amount of \$86,635.70. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Zoning: There were 82 permits. Mr. Draper is working on a letter concerning the 2021 rental application.

Land Split: Brian Klepper, parent parcel # 64-006-021-400-15 (see attached paperwork)

Reports:

Park: Rob has been working on the water lines at the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake. Donated trees were planted in the park and cemetery and there will be more planted next spring.

Assessor: There will be field work during November and December 2020 mostly on new construction.

Fire: December 3, 2020, 7 pm at the fire barn a celebration for the retirement of chief Jack White, and also for new chief, Dwight Fuehring.

Planning Commission: Mr. Cook mentioned discussion on wood sales and the 4 RVs allowed in Resort Residential.

Road: Mr. Whelpley met with Mark Timmer concerning roads in 2021.

Old Business:

Sale of Township Property: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Kolenda to accept the offer from Gary Shaw for the amount of \$15,000, property #006-720-010-00. This will net to the township \$12,701. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Republic Services Contract: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the contract for a “on call” estimated cost per dump of \$201.68.

Road Funding Policy: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs to adopt the following road funding policy. All yes, the motion carried.

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP ROAD FUNDING POLICY

By law, and with rare exception, the roads within Golden Township are not owned by the Township, but rather fall within the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oceana County (the “Road Commission”). The Township coordinates with the Road Commission to prioritize and construct road improvements. Costs for such road construction projects are funded in three basic ways:

1. Township: How and when the money is spent is based on projected fiscal year cycles, and on the available balance in the Road Fund as financed by the dedicated Road Millage. The amount of roads that can be improved is planned in advance by one or more years. This avoids financial crisis as a result of improving too many miles of road in any given year. How far this money will go also depends on the fluctuating costs of materials, engineering and labor.
2. Road Commission: Depending on the road, the Road Commission may contribute funding to construction projects. Those contributions fluctuate based upon the Road Commission’s funding and are subject to the same cost variations as the Township’s.
3. Property Owners: The improvement of roads that will mainly benefit owners of property along specific road or roads can be funded through special district assessments.

It shall be the policy of the Golden Township Board to fund road construction and repairs in the following manner:

- a) Road projects totally or mainly funded by the Road Commission.

These projects are prioritized and scheduled by the Road Commission, however, in order to move projects forward, the township board may choose to contribute funds, after a review based on the benefits to traffic flow, future development and the citizens.

- b) Road projects funded by shared resources with the Oceana County Road Commission.

At the outset, these projects are to be funded by a combination of Road Commission and Township resources. These projects typically benefit a large segment of citizens, and the Township’s portion of the costs are paid by the Township from its dedicated road fund financed by its road millage.

- c) Road projects funded by Property Owners.

Projects that mainly will benefit a specific property or properties will be funded by the following: a) A portion through a special assessment district formed from the benefiting properties; and, b) The balance from Township road millage funds.

I, Rachel Iteen, Golden Township Clerk, hereby certify that this Golden Township Policy was approved by a regular meeting of the Golden Township Board on November 10, 2020.

/s/ _____
Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk

PC & ZBA Appointments/Reappointments:

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs to appoint Anna Rapa and Lorena Kramer to the Planning Commission finishing the terms of Mike Cook and Tim LeMahieu and beginning a 3-year term on 1-1-2021 and to appoint Jordan Walsworth and Doug Dykstra as alternates to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs to re-appoint Bill Kolenda for a 4-year term to the planning commission as the board representative, and to re-appoint Patti Hammond, Mark Borst, and Robert Ramlow for 3-year terms to the Zoning Board of Appeals. All yes, the motion carried.

Moratorium on Campgrounds: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to not adopt a moratorium. All yes, the motion carried.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned around 8:06 pm.
Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk