

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
JUNE 8, 2021
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

Also, present: Mr. Draper, Zoning Administrator; Ed McNeely, Township Attorney; Craig Mast, Sheriff; 56 guests, and some people followed the meeting on zoom.

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

Agenda: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported Mr. Kolenda to approve the agenda after moving #10 the ORV issue under new business up to #1. All yes, the motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Susan Sharp against ORV's on the road and says it would not be safe.
- Mark Borst - Mr. Kolenda should not be able to vote on the ORV issue because of his personal benefit.
- Bruce Erickson – ORV = Off Road Vehicles, not licensed, not insured.
- Ed Davis – against ORV's on road siting safety concerns.
- Chad Coker – Would like a trial run with ORV's on roads. Fox road with ORV traffic has worked well even with all the negative feedback received then.
- Craig Cihak supports a trial with ORV's on the roads
- David Doxey – Clearly define criteria for ORV's on roads: what is acceptable and when to bail the trial run.
- Mary, a resident, opposed ORV's citing safety and liability issues.
- Jim Hayden lives on N. Shore Dr. and invites the board to come watch traffic with him on his road.
- Jane Beaudoin is against ORV's citing trial run would be mid-July – Oct after the busiest weekend is over.
- Paul, a resident, thought it would be opening Pandora's Box with ORV's on roads.
- Mike Cook opposed to ORV and wondered how it would benefit the township.
- Bob Busscher opposed to ORV's on Roads. It is dangerous and deadly.
- Patty Hammond – consider B-15 a state funded road; are ORV's allowed on state roads?
- Carig Mast, Sheriff - Many people have spoken for me, now I would like to speak for myself. If the township wanted an ORV ordinance similar to other Oceana townships with similar enforcement and/or the township is interested in a "test run" and if residents want this, then he is glad to go along with it. The amount of people responded to sheriff about ORV's on the road, it looks like most people are against it.
- Marty Hayden – Silver Lake is more than an ORV area on the dunes, consider the multiple uses of the township.
- Mary Hubel - ORV's are already on the roads.
- Terri Puffenberger – If the ORV Ordinance is passed and pulled back, how do you reign it back in?
- Tom Hartman – Property owners should be able to vote on ORV's on the road.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Mark Riley
2. Follow up - Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
3. Friends of Silver Lake on ORV Issue + 13 more letters against ORV's on roads.

The Treasurer read the Financial Report. The ending balance in the fund as of June 8, 2021 was as follows: General Fund \$20,703.76; Road fund \$1,616.89; Capitol Savings Fund \$14,813.91. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$234,604; RF \$488,644; CSF \$92,627.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Kolenda to pay check numbers 18779 – 18815 in the general fund for the amount of \$48,085.67. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Reports:

Zoning: There were 46 permits so far with 14 for new homes. There is also going to be a new AT&T tower. On the rental issue the township is working together with the county building department and the Health Department.

Ricks' Land Division: Don Ricks, parent parcel # 64-006-027-100-13, two new divisions 9 and 10. See attached paper work.

Jeep Invasion was fun and the local business did well.

Parks: The following grants were received:

1. Great Lakes People Funds, \$5000, matching funds for the Recreation Passport grant to put in a walkway and lighting at the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes.
2. Community Foundation, \$3000, for safety surfaces under playground equipment at the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes.

Playground Safety Surfaces: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve the additional funds of \$5840 + \$3000 (#2 grant above) = \$8,840 for the playground safety surfaces.

Electrical problems: In the Silver Lake park, the east panel is not working. In Johnson Square, only one of the four electrical plugs work. An electrician will be contacted.

Fire: Maintenance is needed to rebuild the parking lot. The lease agreement with the City of Hart is currently on a monthly basis and they are in the process of writing a long-term lease agreement.

Planning Commission: A temporary mobile vender committee is to meet.

The P.C. enabling act has guidelines that the township needs to follow for its members.

Road: 64th and Harrison - new pavement is complete. They are working on drainage issues at 64th and Tyler.

Assessor: As written, see attached.

Old Business: None

New Business:

ORV: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Beggs to deny the recommendation of the planning commission for a trial period of an ORV Ordinance. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Clean-up Day Thank You: Golden Township would like to give a special Thank You to Mark Brookens – who also brought his tractor to help load heavy and bulky items, Karl Kaat, Rob Draper, Connie Cargill, Carl Fuehring and his worker – Ivan, Jeff and Rachel Iteen. We at the township so appreciate the volunteer help and want them to know they did a wonderful job.

Zoom: The board has decided to end zoom.

L-4029: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the L-4029 for Golden Township. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Library Contract: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the \$15,000 contract. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Crump Communications: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the yearly phone contract \$966.78 and \$449.00 basic support contract. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

MML Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance: Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve Liability in the amount of \$3,713, and Workers' Compensation in the amount of \$761. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

FEMA: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve updating section 3 for the new floodplain maps so that the residents of Golden Township may participate in this federal program. All yes, the motion carried.

Silver Lake Fireworks: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the outdoor gathering permit signed by Jody Johnson, DNR and Craig Mast, Oceana County Sheriff. The \$350 fee was paid. All yes, the motion carried.

Septic Hookup for RV Rentals: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the planning commission recommendation as follows:

A Recreational Vehicle's (RV's) sanitary system shall be connected to an on-site waste treatment system approved and permitted by District Health Department #10. The RV shall be situated so as to meet all Township zoning setback requirements, and shall be permitted only with a permit issued pursuant to the Township's Short-Term Rental Ordinance #52. Any application for a Short-Term Rental Ordinance permit shall be accompanied by a permit from District Health Department #10. All yes, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned around 8:54 pm.
Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk