

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
**PUBLIC HEARING - Budget**  
MARCH 8, 2021

The Public Information meeting to discuss the Golden Township budget for 2022/2023 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, Bill Kolenda,

Board Members Absent: Gary Beggs

Also, present: Mr. Draper, Zoning Administrator; Ed McNeely, Township Attorney; and several guests.

The budget for Golden Township 2022/2023 was discussed. The budget is based on taxable value of approximately 193,378,392 million with salary increases based on a 5% increase. After discussion the public hearing was closed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

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**March 8, 2022**  
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order right after the budget hearing ended by Chairman, Carl Fuehring, in the Golden Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Bill Kolenda

Board Members Absent: Gary Beggs

Also present: Mr. Draper, Zoning Administrator; and several guests.

**Minutes:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the minutes of January 2022 and November 12, 2021 Special Board Meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

**Agenda:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the agenda as written. All yes, the motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

- Tom Hartman asked about the "No Parking" signs on the streets out by Silver Lake. He thought there should be more signs placed.

**Correspondence:**

1. Landmark Dividend - Cellular Lease
2. James Coatney

**Financial Report:** The ending balance in the fund as of March 7, 2022 was as follows: General Fund \$433,442.57; Road fund \$204,929.89; Capitol Savings Fund \$17,445.12. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$64,629.89; RF \$200,291.21; CSF \$92,650.08.

**Bills:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Iteen to pay check numbers 19071-19121, and EFT 150 & 151 in the general fund for the amount of \$115755.23. These are bills for two months as the February meeting was canceled. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**2 Budget Amendments:**

1. ARPA funds were moved into a new 282 fund. Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the amendment.
2. To move money into the Silver Lake Corridor fund to put it in the black. Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the amendment.

**Reports:**

**Zoning:** 13 Zoning permits so far with 4 of them new homes and 140 rental permits.

**Rietema Land Division:** Donald Ricks, parent parcel #006-005-400-32, one division and a border line adjustment. See attached papers.

**Lefler Land Division:** Helen Lefler, parent parcel #006-005-400-19, one land division. See attached papers.

**Ceres Solutions Contract:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the fuel oil contract of 3800 gallons for \$3.2050. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Parks:** Working on getting a sealed print for the storage building for the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes.

**Fire:** There will be new garage doors installed on the east side of the building for a drive through advantage and they are also wanting to add an addition to the south end of the barn for storage and a classroom.

**Planning Commission:** The historical area in Mears is working on combining the land parcels and also plans to build a new building.

**Road:** The board received project quotes to review for this year.

**Assessor:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**2022-2023 Budget:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve by department and fund the new budget as presented. Roll call vote all yes, motion carried.

**Salary Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION 2022-2**

**Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary**

This resolution can be used in the absence of an annual meeting and absent a salary commission established according to MCL 41.95(4).

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 41.95(3). Which provides that in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary of officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the board of Golden Township deems it desirable to adjust the salary of the township Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk to ensure that compensation for these positions remain equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office (or provide other rationale for salary adjustment), now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as of **April 1, 2022**, the salary for the following township offices:

**Supervisor** shall be Fifteen thousand, four hundred fifty-four dollars (\$15,454.00).

The foregoing resolution offered by board member     Mrs. Cargill    

Supported by board member     Mrs. Iteen    

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: Aye: Cargill, Iteen, Kolenda, Fuehring

Nay: None

Absent: Beggs

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Rachel Iteen, Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2022-3**

**Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary**

This resolution can be used in the absence of an annual meeting and absent a salary commission established according to MCL 41.95(4).

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 41.95(3). Which provides that in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary of officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the board of Golden Township deems it desirable to adjust the salary of the township Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk to ensure that compensation for these positions remain equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office (or provide other rationale for salary adjustment), now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as of **April 1, 2022**, the salary for the following township offices:

**Treasurer** shall be Twenty-nine thousand, one hundred nine dollars (\$29,109.00).

The foregoing resolution offered by board member     Mr. Kolenda    

Supported by board member     Mrs. Iteen    

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: Aye: Kolenda, Iteen, Fuehring, Cargill

Nay: None

Absent: Beggs

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Rachel Iteen, Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4**

**Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary**

This resolution can be used in the absence of an annual meeting and absent a salary commission established according to MCL 41.95(4).

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 41.95(3). Which provides that in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary of officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the board of Golden Township deems it desirable to adjust the salary of the township Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk to ensure that compensation for these positions remain equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office (or provide other rationale for salary adjustment), now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as of **April 1, 2022**, the salary for the following township offices:

**Clerk** shall be Twenty-one thousand, eight hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$21,887.00).

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Mr. Kolenda

Supported by board member Mrs. Cargill

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: Aye: Kolenda, Cargill, Iteen, Fuehring,

Nay: None

Absent: Beggs

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Rachel Iteen, Clerk

**Golden Township General Appropriations Act:**

Golden Township resolves:

SECTION 1. This resolution shall be known as the Golden Township 2022 General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 2. Public Hearing on the Budget – pursuant to MCLA141.412 and .413, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation February 24, 2022, and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on March 8, 2022.

SECTION 3. The Golden Township Board adopts the 2022-2023 fiscal year budgets for the various funds by department.

SECTION 4. The Golden Township Board shall cause to be levied and collected the general property tax on all real and personal property within the Township upon the current tax roll and allocated milage of 1.23 mill township operations; and voter authorized millage of 1.98 mills for road maintenance and repair, and .999 mills for fire protection.

SECTION 5. All claims against the Township shall be approved by the Golden Township Board prior to being paid, prepayment will be allowed for Card Member Services, Larson’s, Frontier, Verizon, Great Lakes Energy Spectrum and Consumers energy.

SECTION 6. Included in the budget are the following amounts of the salary, hourly and per diem rates for the officials and employees of the Township:

Per Diem – PC, ZBA, and ROAD - \$100; Chairman and Secretary \$150

Board Trustees - \$200. per meeting,

Supervisor - \$15,454

Assessor - \$48,988  
 Clerk - \$21,887.  
 Deputy Clerk - \$16.22 per hour  
 Elections - \$13.00 per hour  
 Treasurer - \$29,109.  
 Deputy Treasurer - \$20.00 per hour  
 Zoning - \$55,828.  
 Board of Review - \$20.00 per hour or 100/meeting

SECTION 7. Estimated revenues and expenditures for Golden Township for the funds are:

General	\$629,123 Revenue	\$520,466 Expense
Road	\$389,733. Revenue	\$385,000 expense
Fire Fund	\$192,065 Revenue	\$189,715 Expense
Park Fund	\$60,500 Revenue	\$60,400 Expense
Silver Lake Trail Fund	\$35,536 Revenue	\$35,500. Expense
ARPA Fund	\$91,690 Revenue.	
Capitol Fund	\$30,200 Revenue	\$5,000 Expense

MOTION made by Mrs. Cargill , seconded by Mr. Kolenda to adopt the forgoing resolution and General Appropriations Act. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted on the 9th day of March, 2022.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Carl Fuehring, Supervisor

**Brine Contractor:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve Great Lakes Chloride as the Brine Contractor same as last year with only one application and township cost of \$20,760. Roll call vote all yes, motion carried.

**Household Hazardous Waste Disposal:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the requested amount of \$664.00. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Road Estimates for 2022:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the bid for 56<sup>th</sup> Ave and Tyler Road from Deer Road to 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The township share for this estimate is \$219,538.00. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

**Road Signs:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the invoice amount of \$4997.47 for new intersection street signs to replace missing or damaged signs. The township also requests the receipt of the old signs once they are taken down to be returned to the township and may be put up for sale on the township website. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

**ARPA Funds/Fire Department:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve APRA money of not to exceed \$25,000 towards new equipment – 2 new “Jaws of Life” as the old ones don’t always work. All four entities are supposed to donate ARPA funds toward this new equipment.

**Property by the Old Township Hall:** The parcel east of the old township hall parcel #006-725-004-00 was discussed and decided to see if anyone is interested in buying it.

**Bluegrass Lawns Contracts:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the following fertilizer contracts: Johnson Square - \$241.50; Mears Cemetery - \$1023.50; Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes – 2 applications for \$705.00; Township Hall – 2 applications for \$134.00. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Phil Morse, the New Era Christian School Principal,** spoke at the end of the meeting. He is running for state representative for the seat that Scott VanSingle is terming out of. There are two others running for this position at this time - Andy Seabolt and Ryan Roberts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk