

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JULY 12, 2022

The meeting of the Golden Township Election Commission was called to order by the Clerk, Rachel Iteen at 7:14p.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 Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mrs. Cargill to appoint: Rachel Iteen, Clerk; Brenda Draper, Election Deputy Clerk appointed as Chairmen; Nancy Peters, Democrat; Pam Tingley, Democrat; Sue Hendrie, Democrat; and Amy Ackley, Republican as election inspectors for the August 2, 2022, election. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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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, Gary Beggs, and Bill Kolenda

Board Members Absent: None

Also present: Mr. Draper, Zoning Administrator; Ed McNeely, Township Lawyer; Craig Mast, Oceana County Sheriff; Judge Brad Lambrix, and 17 guests.

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 Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the agenda with the additions of 3 correspondence, Bids on township hall parking expansion and cemetery roads. All yes, the motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Patty Hammond commented on the public comment being at the beginning of the meeting instead of the end, the meeting information not being on the website and questioned the transparency of the township.

-Dennis Koch is running for road commissioner. He has worked at the OCRC for 37 years and is asking for your vote.

-Tom Hartman asked that the road commission start trimming the brush encroaching of the roadways.

-Gary McKinney talked about the parks in Oceana County. He showed a new brochure showing all the parks and talked about the new steps getting installed at Cedar Point Park.

-Sheriff Craig Mast talked about the new proposed jail and is asking for your vote to secure it. See the video SafterOceanaCounty.com

-Judge Brad Lambrix also talked about the need of the proposed new jail.

-Michael Cook mentioned that the mill of 2.25 for the proposed new jail would be offset by the expiring mills making it only about 1.4 mills, but didn't mention what mills were supposed to expire.

Correspondence:

1. Kelli Ferguson – Talked about the channel begin blocked off with boulders and rocks that is messing with the water quality.
2. Andy Hughes – Wants to write an article for the website about planning and constructing commercial spaces with the public safety in mind.
3. Gary Beggs – Resigning his position of Trustee on the township board effective September 1, 2022.

Financial Report: The ending balance in the fund as of July 12, 2022 was as follows: General Fund \$129,512.00; Road fund \$189.20; Capitol Savings Fund \$949.08. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$64,772.51; RF \$150,795.64; CSF \$114,888.573.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to pay check numbers 19229-19269, and EFT 155 in the general fund for the amount of \$92,436.77. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Reports:

Zoning: 44 permits so far this year with 11 new homes and 185 rental permits. Violations for camping on vacant land and more than 4 campers are being sent out.

Parks: There is a band playing at the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes as we speak.

Fire: The current fire agreement expires in 2024. The department would like to expand with land to the east that has become available.

Planning Commission: Site plans were reviewed (see PC minutes).

Road: Taylor Road is to be done soon and patch work needed on 64th Avenue.

Assessor: None, but the July Board of Review (BOR) is on the 18th. One case will go to the tax tribunal.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Great Lakes Franchise Renewal and High-Speed Broadband:

**TOWNSHIP OF GOLDEN
COUNTY OF OCEANA, MICHIGAN**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Golden, held at the Golden Township Hall, Mears, Michigan, on the 12th day of July, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Gary Beggs, Bill Kolenda
ABSENT: Members: None

The following resolution was offered by Member Cargill and supported by Member Kolenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-6
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ACCESS AND GRANT PERMIT
FOR USE OF TOWNSHIP RIGHT-OF-WAY
[Great Lakes Energy Cooperative]

WHEREAS, by Application dated June 27, 2022, filed with the Township on July, 2022, and administratively complete as of July 12, 2022, Great Lakes Energy Cooperative (“Great Lakes Energy”) has applied for a permit to use the Township right-of-way, as shown on the maps included with the application; and

WHEREAS, the Township has reviewed the application, and in compliance with the terms of the Metro Act, being Act 48 of the Public Acts of 2002 (the “Metro Act”), desires to consider and act upon this application on a timely basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Application for Access. The application of Great Lakes Energy for access to use the Township’s right-of-way, as shown on the maps included with the Great Lakes Energy application, is hereby granted.

2. Permit. Great Lakes Energy shall be given a unilateral permit, based on the Michigan Public Service Commission (“MPSC”) approved form, as attached, for a term of five (5) years. The Township Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the permit on behalf of the Township Board.

3. Requirement for Bond and Township Supervisor Approval. Prior to commencement of construction, the applicant shall provide to the Township a bond in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). That bond shall be attached as Exhibit B to the Metro Act permit.

Further, prior to the commencement of construction, the Township Supervisor shall review and approve the proposed construction plan for the facilities. Applicant shall make all reasonable revisions as may be required by the Township Supervisor.

4. Notifications and Mailings. The Township Clerk is authorized to send a copy of the permit to the applicant, who shall be requested to acknowledge receipt of the permit in the space provided for acknowledgment. The Township Clerk is also authorized and directed to mail a copy of this resolution to the MPSC and to the Metro Authority, in accordance with the terms of the Metro Act.

5. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately. All resolutions or portions of resolutions in conflict herewith or in conflict with the terms of the Metro Act are hereby repealed.

AYES: Fuehring, Cargill, Iteen, Beggs, Kolenda

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Rachel Iteen, Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Golden at a regular meeting thereof held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Rachel Iteen, Township Clerk

Sale of Township Property: Parcel #006-725-004-00 is now for sale and will be put on the township website for advertisement. Anyone interested is welcome to give a bid. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Outdoor Gathering – Mears Art Fair: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the Mears Art Fair. All yes, the motion carried.

Tax Tribunal Shared Attorney: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve Mika Myers for the shared attorney for the tax tribunal. Roll call vote all yes, motion carried.

Parking Lot Expansion Bids: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve Hallack bid of \$14,770 to expand asphalt paving an approx. 8 additional feet south towards township office for road side parking and also approving seal coating for all township parking including the circle at the east end, additional cost. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Cemetery Road Bids: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve Vandezande Excavating's bid for \$20,250.00 with trap rock. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

MML Board of Trustees Election: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to give board approval for the clerk to vote in the MML Board of Trustees election. All yes, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk