

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
August 9, 2022
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by treasurer, Connie Cargill, at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Gary Beggs, and Bill Kolenda

Board Members Absent: Carl Fuehring

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

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

Agenda: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the agenda. All yes, the motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Bob Jones thanked Gary Beggs for his work on the township and in the community.
- Troy Maloney, Oceana County Emergency Management, introduced himself.
- Brian Lindgren of Hart Recreation Club wants to expand this to include adults and wants the townships to also pay for the adult participants.

Correspondence:

1. Gill Kake (maybe Lake) – Asbestos alert in downtown Mears from the old post office.
2. Mark Borst – A letter of intent to be considered for the open position of trustee on the board.
3. Doug Dykstra – A letter of intent to be considered for the open position of trustee on the board.

Financial Report: The ending balance in the fund as of August 9, 2022 was as follows: General Fund \$158,690.59; Road fund \$168.39; Capitol Savings Fund \$3,349.60. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$164,957.03; RF \$150,006.12; CSF \$120,054.35.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Kolenda to pay check numbers 19270-19312, and EFT 156 in the general fund for the amount of \$35,275.97. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Reports:

Zoning: 49 permits so far this year with 14 new homes.

Parks: The permit for building a storage building at the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes has been acquired. Now waiting for the builder.

Fire: Purchased property behind the fire Department. The new addition to the fire barn has been started. The 2 new jaws for live have been received and the old one has been given to the Pentwater Fire Department.

Planning Commission: There will be a public hearing dealing with the issue of cleaning up the wording of the Zoning ordinances.

Roads: There is an interest in a bike trail that would extend the present Rail Trail from Mears to Pentwater going along Ridge Road. Grant money may be available.

Washout of 24th Avenue: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve up to \$5,000 for the road commission to fix the issue with crushed concrete as 24th Avenue has been washing out after heavy rain.

Assessor: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Cemetery Trees: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the removal of seven trees in the Mears Cemetery. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Election wages: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to pay the chairman of the election inspectors their regular wage if that person is already an employee of the township.

Mears Art Fair – Coordinator Fee Increase: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Iteen to increase the coordinator fee from \$5 to \$6 per every vendor lot sold and to increase the base pay from \$200 to \$250. Roll call vote all yes, motion carried.

Outdoor Gathering – Applefest: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the Apple BBQ Festival as all fees and signatures have been submitted. All yes, the motion carried.

Outdoor Gathering – On the Farm: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve the On the Farm Arts and Crafts Festival if the fee is paid. All yes, the motion carried. Brad Youngstrom came in as I was writing the minutes and paid the fee of \$350.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk