

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2023**  
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by supervisor, 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, and Doug Dykstra

Board Members Absent: Bill Kolenda

Also present: Mr. Draper, Zoning Administrator; Mr. McNeely, Township Lawyer; and 13 guests.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting and the January 30<sup>th</sup> special meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

**Agenda:** Motion by, Mr. Dykstra supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the agenda as written except to reverse the order of the items on new business. All yes, the motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

-Tim Beggs, Oceana County Commissioner, whose board has changed from 7 to 5 members updated the township board on different issues. Crystal Valley Dam - repair, replace or remove. Prosecutor office asked for a victim rights coordinator and it was approved.

-Tim Beggs, resident is not in favor of extending the Fox Road corridor for dune vehicle entrance

**Correspondence: None**

**Financial Report:** The ending balance in the fund as of February 10, 2023 was as follows: General Fund \$307,407.83; Road fund \$100,290.52; Capitol Savings Fund \$1,962.54. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$117,407.66; RF \$237,970.10; CSF \$125,759.51.

**Bills:** Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Iteen to pay check numbers 19485 - 19516 and EFT 163 in the general fund for \$36,952.57. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Park Playground Equipment:** Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve up to \$60,000 from the ARPA funds to go towards new playground equipment for the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

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**Reports:**

-**Sheriff:** Undersheriff Ryan Schiller was there, but did not have a report with him to give.

-**Zoning:** There were 7 permits 3 of which were for new homes and 97 rental permits so far this year.

-**Parks:** Received 4 bids for playground equipment for the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes. Jeep Invasion used the park the past two years and gave a \$3000 donation to the park.

-**Fire:** The department joined Mavis for fighting Hazardous Waste type of fires. There are 23 active firefighters and are adding 3 more firefighters.

-**Planning Commission:** There was no meeting last month. This month there will be a public hearing for the Dragstrip. Mr. Whelpley said that DTE Energy is putting in a pipeline from Hart to Walkerville for natural gas. He is asking if a line to be run to Mears and the Silver Lake area.

**-Roads:** On March 10, there is a meeting at the road commission to discuss finding from the state for Polk Road. Senator Bumstead is supposed to attend the meeting. Some area hoping to get funding for 3 lanes.

**-Assessor:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Log off 40 Acres on the corner of Hazel and 52<sup>nd</sup>:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve a quote Mr. Fuehring received for \$20,000 for the red pine and to approve another one for the timber. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

**Household Hazardous Waste Disposal:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the requested \$664 for the HHW day on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. All yes, the motion carried.

**Brine Contract:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve one brining from Great Lakes Chloride, but excluding Amber Road off B-15 as it has no residents on it. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Downtown Mears Parking:** The township is considering putting in Handicap and 2-hour parking. This has been tabled for now for more research.

**Randy Jordan from Sunbuggy (former Chassis shop) – wants to have corridor extended:** Randy spoke to the board and listed several items:

1. 4% surcharge all ORV vendors to be for the benefit of the Sheriff's department.
2. Extension of the ORV right of way to extend to the end of the Duneland property and he also was asking for it to extend to include his property next to Duneland.
3. Adopt a similar ordinance for golf carts as Pentwater.
4. Reduce N Shore Drive speed limit to 25 mph.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk