

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING - Budget
MARCH 14, 2023

The Public Information meeting to discuss the Golden Township budget for 2023/2024 was opened by the Supervisor, Carl Fuehring, at 7:15 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall, 5527 W. Fox Rd. Mears, Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Bill Kolenda, Doug Dykstra
Board Members Absent: None
Also, present: 15 guests.

The budget for Golden Township 2023/2024 was discussed. The budget is based on taxable value of approximately 217,697,000 million with salary increases based on a 5% increase. After discussion the public hearing was closed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm

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MARCH 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 again.

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, and Doug Dykstra, Bill Kolenda
Board Members Absent: None
Also present: Mr. Draper, Zoning Administrator; Mr. McNeely, Township Lawyer; and 15 guests.

Minutes:

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

Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the minutes of the March 6 Work Session. All yes, the motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra, to approve the agenda with the exclusion of #7 Executive Session. All yes, the motion carried.

Public Comment:

-Tim Beggs, resident recommends CatchMark and uses them for his needs in his business.

Correspondence:

1. Amy Burmeister sent an article and wrote about short term rental properties asking the board to limit them in specific regions.
2. Greg Bouse wrote about his concern with property value going down with a neighbor's "junkyard" to the south of him and two burned out/dilapidated houses to the north of him. He also talked about a cell tower going in without any warning to the neighbors around it.

Financial Report: The ending balance in the fund as of March 14, 2023 was as follows: General Fund \$311,407.09; Road fund \$111,992.06; Capitol Savings Fund \$2,490.10. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$218,016.09; RF \$338,926.38; CSF \$128,118.30.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to pay check numbers 19517 - 19549 and EFT 164 in the general fund for \$72,080.90. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Journal entry: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve journal entry #4867 transfers in funds 206, 208, and 805 to make sure the accounts are balanced in the budget. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Reports:

-**Sheriff:** None

-**Zoning:** There were 11 permits.

Erik Johnson Borderline Adjustment: Parent parcel #06-024-400-01 and boundary line correction to parcel # 06-024-400-03. See attachments.

-**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:** Budget

-**Planning Commission:** The P.C. rejected the site plan for the Dragway. Silver Lake Drive in has been sold to Silver Lake Adventures. They will be renting side x sides.

-**Roads:** March 10, meeting at the road commission with Jon Bumstead attending discussed the state turning over the care of Polk Road to the locals and changing it from a 4 lane to a 3 lane with center turn lane. Bumstead suggested putting in a roundabout at the 72nd and Polk Road intersection.

-**Assessor:** No written report. Mrs. Eaton has BOR 9 am – 9 pm in different townships M-F this week.

Old Business: None

New Business:

2023-2024 Budget: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the 2023-2024 budget. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

General Appropriations Act:

Golden Township General Appropriations Act:

Golden Township resolves:

SECTION 1. This resolution shall be known as the Golden Township 2023 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 March 2, 2023, and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on March 14, 2023.

SECTION 3. The Golden Township Board adopts the 2023-2024 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 1.2 mill

township operations; and voter authorized millage of 1.935 mills for road maintenance and repair, and .97 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 - \$16,226
- Assessor - \$51,437
- Clerk - \$22,981.
- Deputy Clerk - \$18.63 per hour
- Elections - \$15.00 per hour
- Treasurer - \$30,564.
- Deputy Treasurer - \$21.00 per hour
- Zoning - \$58,619.
- Board of Review - \$20.00 per hour or 100/meeting

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

General	\$646,219	Revenue	\$616,827	Expense
Road	\$430,743	Revenue	\$405,000	Expense
Fire Fund	\$231,166	Revenue	\$219,362	Expense
Park Fund	\$45,000	Revenue	\$60,400	Expense
Silver Lake Trail Fund	\$35,536	Revenue	\$38,500	Expense
ARPA Fund	\$ 7,200	Revenue	\$0	Expense
Capitol Fund	\$ 35,000	Revenue	\$0	Expense
Silver Lake Trail Fund	\$30,700	Revenue	\$30,500	Expense

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

Ayes: Dykstra, Kolenda, Iteen, Cargill, Fuehring

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted on the 14th day of March, 2023.

Signed: _____ Carl Fuehring, Supervisor

Salary Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2023-2

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, 2023**, the salary for the following township offices:

Supervisor shall be Sixteen thousand, two hundred twenty-six dollars (\$16,226.00).

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Mr. Kolenda

Supported by board member Mr. Dykstra

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: Kolenda, Dykstra, Cargill, Iteen

Nay: None

Abstained: Fuehring

Absent: None

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Rachel Iteen, Clerk

RESOLUTION 2023-3

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, 2023**, the salary for the following township offices:

Treasurer shall be Thirty thousand, five hundred sixty-four (\$30,564.00).

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Mr. Kolenda

Supported by board member Mr. Dykstra

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: Kolenda, Dykstra, Iteen, Fuehring

Nay: None

Abstained: Cargill

Absent: None

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Rachel Iteen, Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4

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, 2023**, the salary for the following township offices:

Clerk shall be Twenty-two thousand, nine hundred eighty-one dollars (\$22,981.00).

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Mr. Kolenda

Supported by board member Mr. Dykstra

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: Kolenda, Dykstra, Cargill, Fuehring

Nay: None

Abstained: Iteen

Absent: None

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Rachel Iteen, Clerk

Hart Area Fire Budget: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the Hart Area Fire Department 2023/2024 budget. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Bluegrass Lawns LLC: Carl asked that fertilization of township properties be tabled until he investigates other companies.

CatchMark Technologies: Audio/Video Streaming and Tech service company talked to the board about their services. Mr. Fuehring asked Mr. Kolenda, Mr. Dykstra, and the two men from CatchMark to meet to figure out a solution for our township.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk