

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
**JULY 11, 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, Bill Kolenda, and Doug Dykstra.

Board Members Absent: None

Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Mr. McNeely, Township Lawyer; and 25 guests.

**Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting, 6-20-2023 and 7-6-2023 special board meetings with Dykstra's additions. All yes, the motion carried.

**Agenda:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the agenda as written with the addition of #7 Golden Township Flag. All yes, the motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

-Jane Beaudoin talked about collecting monies to put a brick in the park for the late Leo Terryn. Any extra money will go to Crystal Valley Care Fund.

-Mary Huble is concerned with a rerun of the 2 years ago.

-Tom Hartman asked how many people drove here without insurance. He is totally against allowing ORV's on road.

-Terri Puffenberger thanks the board for the paving of Beachwood and is concerned with the paddle wheels breaking up the shoulders.

-Nancy Husk wonders why there is a draft for ORV out there and when is this going to be shown to the public.

-Resident said people coming to Silver Lake come from everywhere. No ORVs on the road.

-Ted Ferwerda said this is a small town yet a draft has been leaked and I don't think that is right.

**Correspondence:** None

**Financial Report:** The ending balance in the fund as of July 11, 2023 was as follows: General Fund \$144,556.29; Road fund \$-1749.83 (money will be transferred from MI-CLASS); Capitol Savings Fund \$5,228.07. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$323,241.68; RF \$501,491.60; CSF \$138,265.89.

**Bills:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to pay check numbers 19668 - 19710 and EFT 169 in the general fund for \$90,534.81. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Reports:**

-**Sheriff:** None

-**Zoning:** There are 54 permits so far with 16 of them new homes, and 218 rental permits.

**Kramer Land Division:** Larena Kramer, parent parcel #64-006-024-100-02. See attached paperwork.

-**Parks:** The first concert of the summer is at the park tonight, and the art fair is this weekend.

**-Fire:** The fire chief is reviewing the policy for Medical First Responders. Many of the MFR are on both the Pentwater and Hart fire departments. The agreement for the entities is being worked on. The township is wondering when the meeting is for the annual review.

**-Planning Commission:** There was a pre-application for a campground on Fox Road. They are planning 127 sites and some with cabins. Please see PC minutes for more information. Rob Draper and Ed McNeely will be looking into ordinance amendments, PUDs and site plans.

**-Roads:** Resurfacing of Mears streets is finished along with Taylor. 52<sup>nd</sup> has been wedged.

Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the bid from Hallack Contracting in the amount of \$2,730 to prepare and stripe the channel parking lot on Lighthouse Drive. Roll Call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**-Assessor:** As Written – see attachment

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Request from Oceana County Sheriff's Dept. for a Committee to review policy on ORV and golf carts - Carl Fuehring appointed the following people to the committee:**

Ryan Schiller, Oceana County Undersheriff

Bill Kolenda, Golden Township Trustee

Scott Beal, Director, Silver Lake Sand Dunes Area Chamber of Commerce

Mark Rippee, Golden Township Planning Commission Board Member

**Maintainence Employee:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve *Clyde Bursley* as the new maintainence person. All yes, the motion carried.

**Hippie Festival Outdoor Gathering:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the outdoor gathering for the Hippie Festival on September 8 and 9. All yes, the motion carried.

**Applefest New Signage and Picnic Tables:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the new signage for Applefest and picnic tables paid by the Chamber of Commerce and stored in the storage building at the park. All yes, the motion carried.

**Flag Pole for Mears Cemetery:** Tabled until next month to do additional research on flag poles.

**New Planning Commission Member:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to appoint Scott Butcher to the planning commission; Bob Jones and Chris TarHaar as ZBA alternate members. All yes, the motion carried.

**Golden Township Flag:** Discussion was had on contacting the school to encourage students to create a design. It was then suggested that the contest be opened to anyone, *and that suggestion was approved.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk