

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
**AUGUST 8, 2023**  
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, Bill Kolenda, and Doug Dykstra.

Board Members Absent: Carl Fuehring, Rachel Iteen

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

**Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting with corrections: *Clyde Bursley* as the new maintenance person; **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.*

And the 7-12-2023 special board meetings with corrections: Carl Fuehring asked Doug Dykstra *and Connie Cargill* to head a committee made up of Senator Jon Bumstead, Cassey Cline, Tim Beggs, Dan Gorenflo, someone from DOT and EGLE to come up with a plan to: secure funding, hire an Engineering company, fix the road, and develop a concept for a trail.

All yes, the motion carried.

**Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the agenda as written. All yes, the motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

-Jane Beaudoin in memory of Leo Terryn, purchased a brick for \$100 to go in Silver Lake Park out of the \$145 collected. She sent a \$45 check to Crystal Valley Care Fund. She also talked about the ORV issue and the aggressive tires of ATVs.

-Resident spoke about the ORV issue with no police to patrol it and underaged children driving golf carts.

-Tom Hartman spoke about the ORV issue with no insurance or license on golf carts, side-by-sides, etc.

-Nancy Husk has seen more ORVs in the area than before and they are not legal.

-Resident agrees with what has already been said on golf carts, ATVs, and ORVs on public roads

-Resident lives on Silver Dam says that non-licensed ORVs are breaking speed to get to the campground on Friday and Saturday nights.

**Correspondence:**

-Rachel Iteen – Correction. The following heading on last month's agenda, the sheriff did not request this meeting: Request from Oceana County Sheriff's Dept. for a Committee to review policy on ORV and golf carts.

-Resident letter to planning commission, board and Sheriff talking about the ORV issue.

**Financial Report:** Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the financials. All yes, the motion carried. The ending balance in the fund as of August 8, 2023 was as follows: General Fund \$114,152.65; Road fund -\$37,286.83 (to be drawn from MI class road fund); Capitol Savings Fund \$5,228.07. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$324,692.87; RF \$466,123.86; CSF \$138,886.64.

**Bills:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to pay check numbers 19711 - 19754 and EFT 170 in the general fund for \$51,332.11. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Reports:**

**-Sheriff:** None

**-Zoning:** There are 62 permits so far with 17 of them new homes, and 224 rental permits. A demolition permit for blighted building in commercial area was just received.

**-Parks:** The parks are doing well. The last concert at the park is tonight.

Lake improvement board will have a septic maintenance workshop at the Silver Lake park.

They are also working on the park and rec plan and they are working on a survey for this.

**-Fire:** Purchased a fire truck, they got the bids back for a new well, and a new building.

**-Planning Commission:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to re-zone 3 lots on Fox Road R 1 from Ag-Residential. All yes, motion carried. Please see PC minutes for more information.

**-Road:** Fog coating with lane closures next week.

**-Trail Committee:** Hope to have a meeting to talk about the trail.

**-ORV Committee:** Mr. Fuehring organized a committee to investigate ORV and Golfcarts on township roads to study this long before a public hearing. Golfcarts are on hold as the are only allowed to operate on roads less than 30 MPH with a max speed of 15 MPH. ORV's are being looked at. No motorcycles, no quads, just side-by-sides. We are looking at how to educate the people on this issue.

**-Assessor:** None, she is in Paris or somewhere.

**Old Business:**

**-Cemetery, soil test and flag:** Doug and Bill have been working on soil testing. A flag pole was donated by Larena Kramer. **Thank you, Larena!**

**New Business:**

**Computerize Assessment Roll:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to computerize the assessment roll. All yes, the motion carried.

**Drop Box:** Looking into an official absentee state approved drop box.

**Roof Quotes:** The roof needs to be cleaned first. Quotes are being received.

**Park Signs:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the repainting of the sign at the Silver Lake park, paid for by the Silver Lake and Hart Visitors Bureau. All yes, motion carried.

**Carpet Cleaning:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the carpet and mat cleaning for \$275 after the door is replaced. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Boiler Room:** The boiler room failed state inspection. No documentation from the triennial testing and checks of controls.

Motion by Mr. Dykstra to adjourn, supported by Mr. Kolenda.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Essiah Posobiec  
Golden Township Deputy Clerk