

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 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.

Roll Call of Board Members: 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 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.

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

**Public Comment:**

-Tom Hartman spoke about Holiday Drive and the need for the brush to be trimmed back.

-Jane Beaudoin talked about the ORV issue and the committee looking at decreasing speed limits to make it legal for golf carts on certain roads. And she also mentioned the roads being broken up with aggressive tires of ATVs.

**Correspondence:**

1. Janet Carlson – Corner of June Drive and Silver Lake Road
2. Paul Petermann - June Drive
3. Mark Riley – Proposed Campground on Fox Road
4. Robert Berkheiser – Silver Creek RV Park – Golf carts on Bike Trail
5. Pentwater Master plan and Public Hearing.
6. ORV Correspondence – many letters sent to the board and ORV Committee.

**Financial Report:** The ending balance in the fund as of August 8, 2023 was as follows: General Fund \$93,246.68; Road fund \$202.97; Capitol Savings Fund \$2,583.80. 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. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to pay check numbers 19755 - 19793 and EFT 171 in the general fund for \$58,989.91. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Drop Box:** Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve a reimbursement of \$99.63 to Connie Cargill for the new drop box as she had to use her own account. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

**Cast Iron Domes for drains on Township Roof:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the purchase of 6 domes in the amount of \$295.32. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Reports:**

-**Sheriff:** None

-**Zoning:** There are 75 permits so far with 21 of them new homes, and 221 rental permits.

**-Johnson Land Division:** Erik Johnson, son of Ed Johnson - former township clerk, Parent parcel #006-015-400-12 of 37.5 acres divided into approximately 18- and 19-acre plots. See attached paperwork.

**-Dragstrip:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve extension of the noise ordinance to midnight if needed on the following dates: Sept 22 & 23, and Oct 7.

**-Parks:** Applefest went well. The ponies may have beaten down the grass a bit in the back where they walked.

**-Fire:** A new fire truck was purchased.

**New Well for Fire Fighting:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the drilling of a new well (to get water for the fire trucks as this has been an issue) not to exceed \$60,000. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**-Planning Commission:** 2 letters opposed to the proposed campground east of Mears on Fox. There is a committee now to review zoning ordinances. Site plan approval for Ferwerda to build a barn. Please see PC minutes for more information.

**-Road:** Juniper Beach Road hill has been re-evaluated and it needs to be reshaped in 2024.

**-Assessor:** None

**-ORV:** A meeting was held, but no action taken. Lowering speed limits was a topic of discussion.

#### **Old Business:**

**-New Gym Roof Drain:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the new drain install bid from Tanner Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$1805.00. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

**Roofing of Township Hall:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the bid from Certified Building Solutions for the preventive maintenance for \$950.00 and new roof in the amount of \$19,890 + \$1,110 for the 20-year warranty on labor and materials. Roll call all yes, the motion carried. The gym needs to be roofed this year, and the rest of the roof will need to be addressed in 4-5 years.

**Cemetery Fertilizer:** Table until Spring.

#### **New Business:**

**Computer Back Up:** Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the new backup system from Shotwell Solutions for \$1620.00 + \$10 for the monthly charge of cloud storage. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk