

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
OCTOBER 10, 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: Mr. McNeely, Township Lawyer; and 22 guests.

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

Agenda: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the agenda with additions of: 4. Snowplow Bids, and 5. Resolution 2023-6 Opposition to legislation to preempt local control. All yes, the motion carried.

Public Comment:

-Mrs. Synder spoke about the noise at the sand drag way after 11 pm and other issues.

-Tom Hartman wore a T-shirt about nothing getting done, speaking about ~~Holiday Drive~~ White Birch and the need for the brush to be trimmed back.

Correspondence:

1. ORV Correspondence letters sent to the board and ORV Committee.
2. Lighthouse celebration 150 years in 2024
3. MI Department of Treasury Qualifying Statement Approval letter
4. MTA Action Alert to oppose preemption of local control for renewable energy

Financial Report: The ending balance in the fund as of October 10, 2023 was as follows: General Fund \$29,631.73; Road fund \$250.67; Capitol Savings Fund \$5,039.22. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$327,667.33; RF \$364,249.02; CSF \$147,693.92.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to pay check numbers 19790 - 19828 and EFT 172 in the general fund for \$88,844.33. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Reports:

-**Sheriff:** None

-**Zoning:** None

-**Parks:** The water lines will be blown out soon in anticipation of winter coming.

-**Fire:** The new fire truck driven by the fire chief, Dwight Fuehring, was displayed in the Golden Fair parade in Mears held the first Friday of October every year.

Mr. Fuehring is to bring in bids for the new building for the water well controls and a fire truck.

-**Planning Commission:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the changes to the Silverback Offroad Speedway PUD site plan to allow the placement of the pole barn to the southwest corner of the property and to use the barn in place of the fence that was to be installed. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried. Please see PC minutes for more information.

-**Road:** There has been a request for the township to approve the decision if the county road commission is to abandon Dune Vista Road.

Motion by Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the abandoning of Dune Vista if the road commission take action to abandon it. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

-**Assessor:** None

-**ORV Committee:** An ORV ordinance was presented to the sheriff and attorney.

Old Business: None

New Business:

L-4029: Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the L-4029 for Golden Township. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Copier Lease or purchase: Mrs. Iteen will send compiled information to make it easier to understand for a decision at next month's meeting.

Snow Plowing Bid: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve Hallack Contracting bids for plowing and sand/salt as needed at the same price as last year. Street Parking Areas \$46.00 per plow; Post Office Parking \$34.00 per plow and \$36.00 per sand/salt application; Township Hall parking \$46.00 per plow, sand/salt application \$38.00 per application. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Resolution 2023-6: Opposition to legislation to preempt local control:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-6
Golden Township, Oceana County, State of Michigan

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Golden Township, Oceana County, Michigan, duly called and held on the 10th day of October 2023, there being present: Supervisor, Carl Fuehring; Clerk, Rachel Iteen; Treasurer, Connie Cargill; Trustees, Bill Kolenda and Doug Dykstra.

Opposition to legislation to preempt local control for the siting and permitting of utility-scale renewable facilities including solar, wind and large-scale battery storage facilities.

- Whereas Executive Directive 2010-10 proposes to achieve 100% carbon neutrality in the state by 2050; and
 - Whereas To meet the energy goals and to expand renewable energy projects in Michigan, Gov. Whitmer has proposed the Michigan public Service Commission be the sole authority for the siting and permitting of utility-scale renewable projects, allowing these projects to be expedited; and
 - Whereas By transferring this sole authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission, local authority will be preempted; and
 - Whereas A township would be unable to determine the number, location, size, setback requirements, site plane approval, fire protection and emergency plan, volume levels, construction traffic routes, decommissioning plan, or any other criteria for such solar, wind or large-scale battery facilities; and
 - Whereas A township ordinance, rule, policy or requirement currently in place for solar, wind and large-scale solar facilities would be null and void; and
 - Whereas All other energy facilities regulated by Michigan public Service Commission must adhere to local zoning requirements; and
 - Whereas The Michigan Townships Association opposes legislation that eliminates local government authority on the siting and permitting of said facilities that will be located in those communities for 20-50 years;
- Therefore, Be It Resolved

That Golden Township opposes legislation that would preempt local control in the siting and permitting of large-scale renewable energy facilities including solar, wind and large-scale battery storage facilities. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted on the 10th day of October, 2023.

Signed: _____ Carl Fuehring, Supervisor

Meeting adjourned around 8:05 pm.
Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk