

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
NOVEMBER 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.

Roll Call of Board Members: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, and Doug Dykstra.

Board Members Absent: Bill Kolenda

Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator and 13 guests.

Minutes: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra 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. All yes, the motion carried.

Public Comment:

-Ted Ferwerda talked about the "No Parking" signs and directional signs needing to be replaced.

-Jane Beaudoin talked about going to a workshop where it was mentioned that public comment was at the start and at the finish of the meeting.

-Resident talked about golf carts on sidewalks causing a major safety issue.

-Tom Hartman spoke about White Birch and the need for the brush to be trimmed back.

Correspondence:

1. Mrs. Snyder – street-legal electric golf carts

Financial Report: The ending balance in the fund as of November 14, 2023 was as follows: General Fund \$128,784.34; Road fund \$250.67; Capitol Savings Fund \$7,494.78. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$229,182.94; RF \$365,950.69; CSF \$148,383.89.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Iteen to pay check numbers 19829 - 19859 and EFT 173 in the general fund for \$40,040.35. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Reports:

-**Sheriff:** None

-**Zoning:** There are 85 permits so far, and 227 rental permits.

Stuart Land Division: Lee Stuart, Parent Parcel #06-032-100-03, 2 acres separated. See attached paperwork.

Rental Permit Fee: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Cargill to raise the rental permit fee from \$150 to \$200. All yes, the motion carried.

-**Parks:** The parks are ready for winter.

Silver Lake Sand Dunes Jeep Invasion donated \$2000 to Golden Township towards the start of a funding project to buy an electric sign for the Silver Lake Township Park in downtown Silver Lake and thanked the township for the use of the park for the event.

-**Fire:** A new fire fighter, retired fire chief, joined the force.

-**Planning Commission:** No meeting was held last month.

-**Road:** None

-**Assessor:** None

Old Business:

Copier Lease: Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mrs. Cargill to renew our lease with Xerox for a 5-year term. The monthly lease will be \$49.79 with 750 black and white pages included, 751+ will cost 0.0119 per page; 160

color pages included, 161+ \$0.0990 per page. There is also a State of Michigan Mideal contract fee of \$180 which would cost \$3 per month over the 5 years.

New Business:

Hazard Mitigation Plan: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the adoption of the Oceana County Hazard Mitigation Plan once the county adopts it. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

TruGreen: Tabled until next spring.

AED Battery and Adult Defibrillation Pads: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve purchasing the equipment from aedland.com. The battery cost of \$230 and pads \$81 for the total cost of \$311. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Door installation and repair: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the Architectural Hardware Company's bid for a new entry door on the west side of building - assessor's office for \$3660, and to install new sweeps on the double gym doors on the south side for \$250. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Use of Gym: Requests have been made to use the gym for pickle ball and other events. Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to continue to not have people use the gym.

Marijuana Dispensaries: Ted Ferwerda spoke about the money the township is losing from the state as it does not have a dispensary.

Public Comment:

- Carl Kaat commented on road legal golf cart and how no tickets are given out now. The sheriff has a job to do.
- Ted Ferwerda commented on the e of Air B&Bs and that there should only be allowed so many.
- Jane Beaudoin thought that the township should collect \$ up front for the rental of gym and hire someone to clean.
- Tom Hartman commented on the Air B&Bs and that soon there will be only Air B&Bs and no owners.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.
Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk