

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
FEBRUARY 13, 2024
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, Rachel Iteen, Bill Kolenda, and Doug Dykstra.

Board Members Absent: Connie Cargill

Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Ed McNeely, Township Attorney and 21 guests.

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

Agenda: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the agenda with the addition of numbers 7. Roads 8. Elections 9. Work (gift) for Rob. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. None

Financial Report: The ending balance in the fund as of February 13, 2024 was as follows: General Fund \$280,143.54; Road fund \$106,463.16; Capitol Savings Fund \$2,005.83. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$232,404.44; RF \$466,309.88; CSF \$162,461.64.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to pay check numbers 19930 - 19944 and EFT 176 in the general fund for \$19,703.70. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Reports:

-Zoning: There were 7 permits, 84 rental permits, 2 demo permits (one was for The Pizza Factory in Silver Lake). 5 Borderline Adjustments: Tim Tubbs #06-023-200-02; 2 for Chris TerHaar #06-023-200-09; Patrick Martin Brandon #06-035-400-06; Grace Adventures #06-020-200-02.

-Fire: Hart Area Fire Department Annual Report and the Audit Report is available for review at the township offices. The fire department air packs needed to enter burning buildings will be out dated next year and will need to be replaced. The State of Michigan is demanding full time firefighters on staff.

-Roads: Lighthouse Drive has taken over the project list, but also looking at Ridge Road starting at Deer to the township line and Pentwater Township is supposed to do their part of Ridge as well, streets of Mears, Juniper Beach Road hill, Ridge Road by the Grace Adventures horse barn is to be lifted and a culvert put in, 18th Ave still needed to have work done on the drainage going down to the boat ramp. Tree trimming has been mentioned several times over the past months and the township is planning to work on this.

-Planning Commission: Jake said that the ten-year Master Plan is up for review at the five-year mark. The board said bids would need to be reviewed by the board.

Application for Silverback Offroad Speedway changed the building size from 60'x120' to 60'x160'. A time line as to when things get down is one year from the time approved.

Silverback Offroad Speedway: Discussed changes that have been approved need to be completed within one year of the approval date.

-Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the site plan. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

-Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve Silverback Offroad Speedway Major Modification to the PUD. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Chad Coker Rezone: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve rezoning of property 64-006-024-100-02 from Ag-residential to Commercial. All yes, motion carried

-Assessor: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

40 Acres on corner of 52nd Ave and Hazel Road: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve getting a survey of the property and then putting it up for sale. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Trugreen: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the contract for a late spring application for Johnson Square - \$171.60; Mears Cemetery - \$1014.00; Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes - \$499.20; and the township hall - \$59.28. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

MiDeal Contract: Tabled until later.

USLIA Meetings: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the use of the township board meeting room on April 27, September 28, and October 26. All yes, the motion carried.

Fire Barn on corner of Taylor and N 34th (B-15): Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the bid from Blackmer Construction for \$104,568.00 changing the overhead door size from 16x12 to 12x12. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried. Raymer was approved for drilling the well last year.

Fire Barn Land Survey: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve up to \$2000 for A & A Land Surveying for property #006-028-100-01 with a borderline adjustment for possible sale of part of the land. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Township Flag: Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve up to \$824 for the flag. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Election: Tuesday, February 27 is the Presidential Primary. There are nine days of early voting, if you want to vote in person ahead of the election you may vote at the Oceana Court House in Hart or you may come in and get an absentee ballot to vote at any time. Mr. Kolenda will investigate options for a camera/light for the drop box.

Work for Rob: Mr. Kolenda presented Rob with a projector to use with meetings for visual information.

Parks: Working on a 5-year park plan. Mr. Hayden put out a survey which may be put on the township website.

Public Comment:

-Michael Jonassen commented about Golden Township property being donated to the township by Bill Lathers. He wondered if there were any stipulations on selling it.

-Tom Hartman brought up the need for road tree trimming and concerns on having non-licensed, uninsured ORVs on the roads.

-Linda Synder wondered if the owl could help people hear, talked about the Master Plan and answers to questions.

-Mrs. Ward talked wondered about the ORV letters being read by board and board members going to the site before voting on the issue and would like answers.

-Resident talked about the Welcome to Mears sign on the corner of Fox and Charles Street that blocks driver's vision of traffic.

Board contract information is available on the goldentownhsip.org website.

Meeting adjourned 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk