

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
**PUBLIC HEARING - Budget**  
MARCH 12, 2024

The Public Information meeting to discuss the Golden Township budget for 2024/2025 was opened by the Supervisor, Carl Fuehring, at 7:15 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall, 5527 W. Fox Rd. Mears, Michigan. After roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Rachel Iteen, Bill Kolenda, Doug Dykstra  
Board Members Absent: Connie Cargill  
Also, present: 15 guests.

The budget for Golden Township 2024/2025 was discussed. The budget is based on taxable value of approximately 225,410,000 with salary increases based on a 5% increase.

**2024-2025 Budget:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the 2024-2025 budget. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

After discussion, the public hearing was closed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
**MARCH 12, 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.

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 16 guests.

**Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra 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 additions of ORV report and number 8. Land surveying for fire building and well and adjacent lots. All yes, the motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

1. None

**Financial Report:** The ending balance in the fund as of March 12, 2024 was as follows: General Fund \$346,259.21; Road fund \$4,994.05; Capitol Savings Fund \$1,561.33. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$433,440.42; RF \$768,373.47; CSF \$166,065.48.

**Bills:** Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to pay check numbers 19945 - 19977 and EFT 177 in the general fund for \$37,648.05. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to pay additional check number 19979 in the general fund for \$415.00. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Reports:**

**-Zoning:** There were 19 permits with 2 new homes, 152 rental permits.

**-Fire:** The township is moving ahead on the new fire building and well on the corner of B-15 and Taylor.

**-Roads:**

**Ridge Road:** Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to crush, shape and pave Ridge Road from Lake Road to township line 8066' \$289,000; Juniper Beach from Deer Road around the curve to the old riding stable - crush, shape, new tube, lift and pave \$181,000; Ridge Road from old riding stable to Lake Road 4050' \$111,000. Roll Call all yes, the motion carried.

18<sup>th</sup> Ave still needed to have work done on the drainage going down to the boat ramp. Road edge tree trimming: after discussion with road commission the home owner is responsible for trimming trees on his land. Cross walks in Silver Lake: Mr. Whelpley will investigate what is needed to have traffic stop for pedestrians.

**-Planning Commission:** There was a site plan review for Mac Wood for an addition to their pavilion. The other reviews could not happen as Scott Butcher (Silver Lake Management employee) had to recuse himself leaving the other review for Silver Lake Management with no forum available.

**-Assessor:** None

**-ORV:** The only activity has been gathering letter. The committee has not met since the fall.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Salary Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION 2024-2**

**Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary**

This resolution can be used in the absence of an annual meeting and absent a salary commission established according to MCL 41.95(4).

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 41.95(3). Which provides that in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary of officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the board of Golden Township deems it desirable to adjust the salary of the township Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk to ensure that compensation for these positions remain equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office (or provide other rationale for salary adjustment), now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as of **April 1, 2024**, the salary for the following township offices:

**Supervisor** shall be Seventeen thousand, thirty-seven dollars (\$17,037.00).

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Mr. Dykstra,

Supported by board member Mr. Kolenda

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: Dykstra, Kolenda, Iteen

Nay: None

Abstained: Fuehring

Absent: Cargill

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Rachel Iteen, Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2024-3**

**Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary**

This resolution can be used in the absence of an annual meeting and absent a salary commission established according to MCL 41.95(4).

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 41.95(3). Which provides that in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary of officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the board of Golden Township deems it desirable to adjust the salary of the township Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk to ensure that compensation for these positions remain equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office (or provide other rationale for salary adjustment), now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as of **April 1, 2024**, the salary for the following township offices:

**Treasurer** shall be Thirty-two thousand, ninety-two (\$32,092.00).

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Mr. Dykstra,

Supported by board member Mr. Kolenda

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: Dykstra, Kolenda, Iteen, Fuehring

Nay: None

Abstained:

Absent: Cargill

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Rachel Iteen, Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4**

**Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary**

This resolution can be used in the absence of an annual meeting and absent a salary commission established according to MCL 41.95(4).

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 41.95(3). Which provides that in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary of officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the board of Golden Township deems it desirable to adjust the salary of the township Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk to ensure that compensation for these positions remain equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office (or provide other rationale for salary adjustment), now  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as of **April 1, 2024**, the salary for the following township offices:

**Clerk** shall be Twenty-four thousand, one hundred thirty dollars (\$24,130.00).

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Mr. Dykstra,

Supported by board member Mr. Kolenda

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: Dykstra, Kolenda, Fuehring

Nay: None

Abstained: Iteen

Absent: Cargill

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Rachel Iteen, Clerk

**General Appropriations Act:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-5**

**Golden Township General Appropriations Act:**

Golden Township resolves:

SECTION 1. This resolution shall be known as the Golden Township 2024 General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 2. Public Hearing on the Budget – pursuant to MCLA141.412 and .413, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation February 29, 2024, and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on March 12, 2024.

SECTION 3. The Golden Township Board adopts the 2024-2025 fiscal year budgets for the various funds by department.

SECTION 4. The Golden Township Board shall cause to be levied and collected the general property tax on all real and personal property within the Township upon the current tax roll and allocated milage of 1.2 mill

township operations; and voter authorized millage of 1.936 mills for road maintenance and repair, and .97 mills for fire protection.

SECTION 5. All claims against the Township shall be approved by the Golden Township Board prior to being paid, prepayment will be allowed for Card Member Services, Larson’s, Frontier, Verizon, Great Lakes Energy Spectrum and Consumers energy.

SECTION 6. Included in the budget are the following amounts of the salary, hourly and per diem rates for the officials and employees of the Township:

- Per Diem – PC, ZBA, and ROAD - \$100; Chairman and Secretary \$150
- Board Trustees - \$200. per meeting,
- Supervisor - \$17,037
- Assessor - \$54,009
- Clerk - \$24,130.
- Deputy Clerk - \$19.56 per hour
- Elections - \$15.75 per hour
- Treasurer - \$32,092
- Deputy Treasurer - \$22.05 per hour
- Zoning - \$61,550.
- Board of Review - \$21.00 per hour or 100/meeting

SECTION 7. Estimated revenues and expenditures for Golden Township for the funds are:

|                        |                   |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| General                | \$791,270 Revenue | \$684,452 Expense |
| Road                   | \$500,122 Revenue | \$425,000 Expense |
| Fire Fund              | \$235,361 Revenue | \$225,410 Expense |
| Park Fund              | \$35,620 Revenue  | \$ 33,000 Expense |
| ARPA Fund              | \$ 5,000 Revenue  | \$ 5,000 Expense  |
| Capitol Fund           | \$36,000 Revenue  | \$ 0 Expense      |
| Silver Lake Trail Fund | \$33,700 Revenue  | \$ 33,600 Expense |

MOTION made by Mr. Dykstra, seconded by Mr. Kolenda to adopt the forgoing resolution and General Appropriations Act. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Ayes: Dykstra, Kolenda, Iteen, Cargill, Fuehring

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted on the 12th day of March, 2024.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Carl Fuehring, Supervisor

**Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve \$500 instead of the \$644 requested for the HHW Program. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Hart Area Public Library Contract:** Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve \$20,000 for the HAPL contract. Last year Mr. Kolenda made a motion to increase from \$15,000 to \$20,000 last year, but to revisit the issue each year and not just increase an additional \$5,000 for three years beginning in 2023. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Brine:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve Michigan Chloride Sales with two brinings for the approximate cost of \$33,750 with the exclusion of Amber Road as no one lives on it. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Dan Kolosci – Resort Liquor License:** Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to write a letter to the State of Michigan and Dan Kolosci for approval to apply for a resort liquor license for Hideaway Campground. All yes, the motion carried.

**Land Surveying for fire building and well and adjacent lots:** 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.

**Public Comment:**

- Eric Fox is running for Probate Judge as Brad Lambrix is retiring. Eric is asking for your support.
- Ted Ferwarda talked about putting public restrooms at the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes.
- Mark Borst talked about the dry hydrants in the Silver Lake area, what kind of fire truck would be placed in Golden Township and asked the board to question why other areas in our nation are closing ORV areas.
- Tom Hartman brought up the need for road tree trimming and concerns on having non-licensed, uninsured ORVs on the roads and a possible moratorium on short term rentals.
- Marty Hayden talked about the dune filling up half of the turnaround at the end of N. Shore Drive and would like this safety issue addressed.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm.  
Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk