

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING - Budget
April 9, 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.

The public hearing on the budget was held again to correct last month's deficiencies.

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Bill Kolenda, Doug Dykstra

Board Members Absent: None

Also, present: 17 guests.

Public comment for the budget: None

Public comment against the budget: None

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.

Public comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
APRIL 9, 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, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Bill Kolenda, and Doug Dykstra.

Board Members Absent: None

Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Ed McNeely, Township Attorney and 20 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. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the agenda as written. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Ms. Linda Snyder – Packet on Silverback Off Road Speedway
2. Marty Hayden – Removal of sand in the turnaround at the western end of N. Shore Drive on Silver Lake

Financial Report: The ending balance in the fund as of April 9, 2024 was as follows: General Fund \$271,452.14; Road fund \$16,708.24; Capitol Savings Fund \$2,516.73. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$435,431.71; RF \$771,903.47; CSF \$166,828.41.

Silver Lake Corridor: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve borrowing from the general fund to cover the remainder due for the final payment. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to pay check numbers 19978 - 20027 and EFT 178 and 179 in the general fund for \$112,572.02. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Reports:

-Zoning: There were 29 permits with 4 of them being new homes, 190 rental permits.

Mitch Jonassen Land Split: Parent parcel #06-016-300-07 4 splits. See attachment.

-Fire: Need to review fire budget. Jake is to send a copy of the new agreement, budget, and audit results. The Agreement needs to be renewed before July this year, but in the agreement, it stated up to 2 mils. The township is currently receiving 1 mil and the agreement will need to be changed. The fire barn building in Golden Township has been started. The water well is a couple weeks out.

-Planning Commission: The meeting revisited old business as a quorum was needed. Craig’s Cruisers new ride was approved. There will be a public hearing for another new cell tower off Amber Road.

-Roads: Mr. Whelpley talked about the proposed road work and will provide a map highlighting the roads to be worked on. A motion last month covered the work on Ridge Road and the part of Ridge (B-15) that is Juniper Beach Road. There was discussion on the Juniper Beach Road **hill** going down to Lake Michigan and Jake will get a bid and sent it to the board. 18th Ave still needed to have work done on the drainage going down to the boat ramp. Township signs need fixed as they are faded. Also, Doug will contact road commission on adding 7 “Stop for pedestrians” in the downtown Silver Lake area.

-Assessor: As written, see attachment.

Old Business: None

New Business:

2024-2025 Budget: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the line item 2024-2025 budget listed below. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

2024-2025 BUDGET

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| GENERAL FUND | |
| REVENUE | 791,270 |
| EXPENDITURE | |
| 101 TOWNSHIP BOARD | 157,000 |
| 171 SUPERVISOR | 18,671 |
| 215 CLERK | 35,730 |

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| 247 | BOARD OF REVIEW | 3,300 |
| 253 | TREASURER | 62,292 |
| 257 | ASSESSOR | 62,709 |
| 262 | ELECTIONS | 15,200 |
| 265 | BUILDING & GROUNDS | 82,700 |
| 445 | DRAINS | 5,000 |
| 448 | STREET LIGHTING | 6,000 |
| 567 | CEMETERY | 33,500 |
| 702 | ZONING | 95,350 |
| 790 | LIBRARY | 20,000 |
| 901 | DEBT SERVICE | 31,000 |
| 751 | PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT | 33,000 |
| | TOTAL | 661,533 |

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| MUNICIPAL STREET FUND | REVENUE | 500,122 | EXPENSE | 425,000 |
| FIRE FUND | REVENUE | 235,361 | EXPENSE | 225,410 |
| PARK & REC FUND | REVENUE | 35,620 | EXPENSE | 33,000 |
| ARPA FUND | REVENUE | 137,000 | EXPENSE | 137,000 |
| CAPITOL PROJECT FUND | REVENUE | 36,000 | EXPENSE | |
| SILVER LAKE CORRIDORE FUND | REVENUE | 33,700 | EXPENSE | 33,600 |

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. Kolenda,

Supported by board member Mr. Dykstra

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: Kolenda, Dykstra, Cargill, Iteen

Nay: None

Abstained: Fuehring

Absent:

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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. Kolenda,
Supported by board member Mr. Dykstra

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:
Aye: Kolenda, Dykstra, Iteen, Fuehring
Nay: None
Abstained: Cargill
Absent:

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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. Kolenda,

Supported by board member Mr. Dykstra

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: Kolenda, Dykstra, Cargill, Fuehring

Nay: None

Abstained: Iteen

Absent:

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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 April 3, 2024, and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on April 9, 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:

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

Ayes: Kolenda, Dykstra, Iteen, Cargill, Fuehring

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted on the 9th day of April, 2024.

Signed: _____ Carl Fuehring, Supervisor

Road Millage Renewal Proposal: Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the following Road Millage for the August primary ballot. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Golden Township Road Millage Renewal Proposal

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Golden Township, of 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) reduced to 1.9362 mills (\$1.9362 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for six years, 2025-2030 inclusive for the purpose of maintaining and/or improving streets and highways within Golden Township, raising an estimated \$493,000 in the first year the millage is levied.

Outdoor Gatherings:

Jeep Invasion: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the Jeep Invasion Outdoor Gathering. All yes, the motion carried.

Silver Lake Fireworks: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the Fireworks Outdoor Gathering. All yes, the motion carried.

Applefest: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve up the Apple BBQ Festival Outdoor Gathering. All yes, the motion carried.

Public Comment:

-Carl Kaat talked of 34th Avenue that needs to be fixed.

-Anna Rapa is running for probate judge. She lives in Golden Township, has been an attorney for more than 15 years, the only one running with judicial experience – Michigan Court of Appeals.

-Resident is a court reporter working in the Oceana County Court House supports Anna Rapa for probate judge stating that she is by far the best candidate.

-Linda Synder identifying as “Jill Sake” thanked the township personal for taking the time to talk and listen to her.

-Marty Hayden asked the board to do what they could to encouraged OCRC to remove sand from the N. Shore Dr. turnaround. Also, there should be a “No Outlet” sign at the corner to the turnaround.

-Mary Hubel – 18th street drainage is polluting the lake.

-Mike Baker of Silverback Off Road purchased Leo Terryn’s property and the “Sand Box” next to it. He is interested in input as to how it could be utilized.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk