

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP

May 14, 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, and Bill Kolenda

Board Members Absent: Doug Dykstra.

Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Ed McNeely, Township Attorney and 20 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.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the Budget Hearing. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the minutes of the April 17th special meeting board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the agenda with the addition of ORV report. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Mr. Mark Riley – Thank you to the board for the work done for Golden Township. Congratulations to Mrs. Connie Cargill for the recent presidency of the Michigan Township Association.
2. Mr. Mark Riley – A letter written to Kathleen Rash and the Hart Area Public Library expounding on their ill-conceived plan for reducing library services for Golden Township residents.

Financial Report: The ending balance in the fund as of May 15, 2024 was as follows: General Fund \$174,814.87; Road fund \$16,708.24; Capitol Savings Fund \$7,427.52. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$437,361.67; RF \$775,324.74; CSF \$167,567.84.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Iteen to pay check numbers 20028 - 20070 and EFT 180 in the general fund for \$111,112.43. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Reports:

-Zoning: There were 43 permits with 6 of them being new homes, 208 rental permits.

David Dice Land Split: Parent parcel #06-033-100-17 1 splits on 34th and Duck. See attachment.

Parks: The sprinklers will be turned on soon, and the flowers have been ordered for the roundabout.

-Fire: Discussion on the fire agreement. Additional language was added to only allow a .25 mill raise per budget year. A special meeting to review this is planned for the end of May.

-Planning Commission: A new cell tower site was approved off Amber Road. Working on simplifying zoning ordinances, sign ordinance, and looked at the masterplan review.

-Roads: Mr. Whelpley talked about the road lines being painted this spring instead of this fall like normally happens and road construction will begin soon.

-ORVs: All that has happened is that we have looked at comments sent into the township.

Old Business: None

New Business:

National Asparagus Festival 5K Run Road Closure: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the road closure for the 5K run for the Oceana County Road Commission to close the road. All yes, the motion carried.

Great Lakes Energy for Three-Phase and Single-Phase Electric to the Emergency Services Building: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the bids for single-phase of \$5,023.63, and for three-phase of \$36,404.94 the total amount of \$41,428.57. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Driveway for Emergency Services Building: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to seek bids through publication for the dirt work and cement driveway. All yes, the motion carried.

Emergency Services Building Property: The township will finish the survey on this property before making any more decisions.

Public Comment:

-Marty Hayden talked about the 1st annual Silver Lake Kid's Carp Cull Contest. Contestants will receive \$2 per fish and \$50 to the one who catches the most. Three Sundays in a row beginning Memorial Day weekend at the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes

-Tom Hartman talked about the OCRC saying people must do their own tree trimming on their property roadway, but the State of Michigan website stated that the County Road Commission is responsible if you do not live in a municipality.

-Bruce Ericson wondered how efficient the new fire barn would be as volunteers would be coming from other areas.

-Janet Dodge announced the purchase of a porta potties business now called Ace 1 and that they cut a discount for townships.

-Ted Fewerda stated that an ORV ordinance is not a bad idea, but the noise would be a problem as Golden Township does not have one. He also mentioned that he switched to Ace 1 and received good service.

-Chuck Ruedi talked about ORV safety issues, road rage, Silver Lake is unique and different from other areas, what roads could they be on, ORVs discussed 2 years ago, why again.

-Mark Borst stated that the sheriff said to investigate an ORV ordinance. The township needs new signs but no enforcement... Come to Golden Township and do what you want.

-Resident asked if residents can borrow library books from the Hart Area Public Library after May 15 per a sign posted at the library concerning residents of Weare and Golden Township.

Meeting adjourned 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk