

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
JUNE 11, 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 18 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 Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the amendment to the April 17th special meeting board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the minutes of the June 7th special meeting board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the agenda minus the assessor's report. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence:

Financial Report: The ending balance in the fund as of June 11, 2024 was as follows: General Fund \$45,962.63; Road fund \$708.24; Capitol Savings Fund \$427.52. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$439,361.82; RF \$794,896.35; CSF \$175,345.50.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to pay check numbers 20071 - 20110 and EFT 181 in the general fund for \$176,131.38. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Reports:

-Zoning: There were 51 permits with 8 of them being new homes, 211 rental permits.

Kevin Rigg Land Split: Parent parcel #06-014-300-09, 1 split, 2.41 acres off the 70 on 48th. See attachment.

Joann Ricks Land Split: Parent parcel #06-032-300-14 + 01, 3 splits, off 28th Ave. ¼ mile south of Duck Road. See attachment.

Parks: The sprinklers have been turned on and back off as there was a leak. Mrs. Cargill planted the rest of the flowers at the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes. There was vandalism in the park at Silver Lake. Some of the table tops were removed from the picnic tables. Mr. Draper was able to reattach them. 5-year park plan is being worked on and Jake will complete. After all is prepared and public review of 30 days there will be a public hearing.

-Fire: Fire board members attended the Weare Township meeting last night and cleared up some misunderstanding. Weare township approved the new draft of the fire agreement. Hart Township will be meeting on Wednesday. The Golden Township fire mil of 1 mil will be up in 2028.

-Planning Commission: They went over the zoning amendments. The next meeting will be July 2 instead of June 25. Discussed not to change the Master Plan.

-Roads: People are asking when they will be working on B-15. Mr. Dykstra asked about 18th Ave water run off.

Old Business: None

New Business:

MML Liability Renewal Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the Insurance renewal. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Emergency Services Building Concrete: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the Blackmer bid \$19,338 (work by Ruggles and Son). Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Emergency Services Building Landscaping: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve Hallack Contracting bid, \$6,850. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Pedestrian Crossing Signs: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the purchase of 3 new pedestrian signs from the OCRC who will maintain them in the amount of \$2,560.38. 1 by the Pit Stop gas station and 2 by the state park in Silver Lake. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Porta Jon at Channel Park: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve the placement of a porta-jon from 7/1 thru 9/15 at channel park. Discussed changing from All Season, but will go with the least expensive. (All Season was less than the bid from Ace 1.) Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Systems Update: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the purchase of 3 new computers, a server, network and racking through Shotwell Solutions, LLC for a total between \$9100 -\$9,400. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Public Comment:

-Ryan Good is running for probate judge. He is a member of the media and an attorney.

-Nancy Husk thanked the board for the job they do, wondered if Pentwater library would service Golden Township, then we should support them, talked about the LLC's buying homes in Silver Lake to rent and thought the fee for renting should be increased to \$500 raising \$100,000 for the township. She also asked about archiving the board meeting minute videos.

-Tom Hartman has lived here since 1971. He agrees with Nancy Husk – put a moratorium on short-term rentals and mentioned that upper silver lake has in the bylaws no renting and no businesses. There was a write up in the Echo about Golden Township proposed ORV ordinance that would include all ORVs and golf carts. He is against an ORV ordinance.

-Resident asked about the ORV status and that he is against it.

-Rachel Iteen talked about the library needing to be a safe place for children without harmful materials funded by taxpayer monies. We do not have to support every agenda that comes along. We need to get back to reality, common sense, and decency.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk