

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2024

The meeting of the Golden Township Election Commission was called to order by the Clerk, Rachel Iteen at 7:09 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall.

Commission present: Rachel Iteen, clerk; Connie Cargill, treasurer; Carl Fuehring, supervisor
The clerk read the names of the election inspectors to be appointed for the August 6, 2024, election.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Cargill to appoint: Essiah Posobiec, Deputy Clerk, Republican, appointed as Chairman; Nancy Peters, Democrat; Sue Hendrie, Democrat; Monica Erickson, Democrat; Laura VanderKodde, Republican; as election inspectors for the August 6, 2024 election. The following were appointed as alternates: Christine Juhl, Linda Stadler, Kelly VanderKodde, and Rob Moul, Republicans. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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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 27 guests.

Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the minutes of the June 26th special meeting board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Cargill 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. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence:

Financial Report: The ending balance in the fund as of July 9, 2024 was as follows: General Fund \$133,401.73; Road fund \$34,923.29; Capitol Savings Fund \$2,883.08. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$441,306.66; RF \$798,415.00; CSF \$176,121.67.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to pay check numbers 20111 - 20135 and EFT 182 in the general fund for \$54,247.85. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Reports:

-Zoning: There were 60 permits with 10 of them being new homes and 4 demolitions, 213 rental permits. Letters have gone out to those who need to be in compliant.

Helen Lefler Estate Land Split: Parent parcel #06-005-400-35, 2 split, 1.16 and 1.33 acres off 25 acres. See attachment.

-Parks: Johnson Square's playground has received damage. A porta-jon has been installed at the channel park and things are going well at the moment. The township hopes people will show respect and not use it for a trash can this time. 5-year park plan's financial part is being worked on.

-Fire: Stevenson resigned from the fire board and Gary Beggs will be filling that spot as he has moved out of Golden Township. Calls are up with first responder calls. The Emergency Services Building has a cost overrun for Blackmer Electric. Also, Great Lakes was out there today to run power and should have it finished tomorrow. Hallack has prepared for concrete which will likely be poured next week.

Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mrs. Cargill for up to \$600 for 440 installation by Blackmer Electric. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

-Planning Commission: Zoning amendments were reviewed. Dr. Dykstra went over the details. Mr. McNeely will review and the board may discuss at another meeting. Received an application for site condos off of Harrison Road (the two-track east of B-15) which was tabled.

-Roads: Road construction will likely take place this fall. Mr. Dykstra asked and 18th Ave water run-off and the sand in the turnaround at the dunes.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Copy of Tax Roll Charge: Pentwater will be changing for this as well; will check to see what others are charging.

Mears Art Fair Outdoor Gathering: Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the Mears Art Fair outdoor gathering. All yes, the motion carried.

Heroes Operation (Heroes on the Dunes): Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the Resolution required by the Road Commission for use of right-of-way of the county roads from Val Du to Dune entrance for the Heroes Parade. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to give approval for the Heroes fireworks display. All yes, the motion carried.

Fire Representative: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to appoint Mr. Kolenda as the new fire representative from Golden Township. All yes, the motion carried with Mr. Kolenda abstaining.

Public Comment:

-LeAnn Staples asked for help from the community as Don Staples is causing problems and threatened many people. The staples property needs to be cleaned up.

-Eric Fox returned to once again ask for your vote and handed out business cards as he is running for probate judge.

-Jan Lathers talked about Johnson Square and the need for maintenance. She talked about the netting for the pavilion, a camera in the park to catch vandals and asked to please take care of this park as well as the one at Silver Lake.

-Rob Draper said he cannot do everything by himself like hanging the netting. He also asked for your vote as he is running for supervisor.

-Mary Hubel talked about paying into the Silver Lake Improvement Board and wondered if township board would go to the meetings.

Jake Whelpley has been involved in the community since 1967 and is asking for your vote as he is running for supervisor.

-Jan Lathers stated that there was only 3 weeks until Golden residents will not be able to use the library. She wished her husband was alive to negotiate as mediation is the way to go.

-Tom Hartman talked about the road trimming that has been neglected all over the county. What do they do? Many things have been let go. Saugatuck now has a rule not allowing any new short-term rentals. Do that here.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk