

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 13, 2009
7:30 pm Golden Township Hall

Meeting Called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:32 pm. Present: Fuehring, Cargill, Wiegand, Walsworth. Ackley absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

MINUTES from the September 8th meeting were read by Wiegand.

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to accept the minutes from the September 8th meeting.

All yes, motion carried.

MINUTES from the October 2nd Election Official's Meeting were read by Wiegand

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$211,063.65 on September 1st, ending balance on October 13, 2009 of \$127,802.05. Cargill noted that \$100,000 of this is designated to the School Property Purchase. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$186,741.74 on September 1st, 2009 and ending balance of \$6,899.79 on October 13, 2009. Cargill also presented a report noting that \$70,465.94 has already been spent toward the road project at Silver Lake. Cargill referred to a bill from the Amor Sign Company for work that was done at Silver Lake and asked permission from the Board to request from the company that we are able to hold payment until we have the money. Motion was made by Fuehring, support by Wiegand to accept the Treasurer's report. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Wiegand, to allow Cargill requesting delaying payment to Amor Signs until the Township is financially able to pay. Roll call vote: Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-absent.

Cargill stated the Township is required to be Certified by the State in order to receive State Loans. This is done through a Bond Attorney and may cost up to \$5000. If the Township is not bonded, any funding that is received could be withdrawn. Cargill requested permission to pursue being bonded.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Wiegand to allow Cargill to pursue getting the Township fully Bonded in order to be Certified by the State. All yes, Motion carried.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Motion by Wiegand, support by Cargill to approve check numbers 13335 through 13377 totaling \$50,648.00. Roll call vote Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-Absent, Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT: Written report from Jake Whelpley.

1. Fuller Land Division: As submitted from Zoning Administrator
 - “Michael Fuller requesting land division to create a 20.61 acre parcel from parcel #300-06 as shown on the parcel map. The parcel is zoned AR, Ag-Residential, minimum lot size is 2 acres. It has access to Taylor Road and meets the minimum size requirements. This division can be approved.”
 - Discussion regarding road access and if there was enough road frontage to be approved.
 - Tabled until next meeting so as to verify road frontage requirements.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

OLD BUSINESS

1. Reynolds Road Abandonment – To discuss when Ackley arrives.
2. School Property Purchase
 - Dispute regarding who should pay for surveying the property. Township attorney has contacted the school regarding this issue, Wiegand to contact Township attorney.
3. Quad Towing Presentation – Jack Warfield
 - Presented concerns regarding children sitting on quads while they are being towed on trailers at Silver Lake.
 - Requested a Resolution to address this situation and make it illegal to do this in Golden Township so Law Enforcement can issue tickets for this.
 - Discussed the fact that this is legal in Michigan.
 - Fuehring recommended meeting with Farber, Andy Lundborg and Ed McNeely to research the possibility of an Ordinance.

8:10pm Ackley arrives.

- Reynolds Road abandonment discussion
- Board has no written recommendation from Township Attorney (Ed McNeely).
- Walsworth spoke with Ed on the phone and discussed three options. All three were very complicated, and it was still uncertain how the decision would affect the Township in the future.
- Walsworth doesn't think that closing any road is a good idea.
- Cargill suggested contacting the Road Commission since they will have the final say in the decision anyway.
- Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to not close Reynolds Road at this time. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. South Juniper Beach Road Name Change
 - Request from William Dyke to make a road name change from N. Jewel Avenue to N. Lakeshore Drive. N. Jewel Avenue is a continuation of N. Lakeshore Drive and it is difficult for visitors and Emergency Personnel to locate some of the homes out there.
 - Attached paperwork shows evidence that the neighbors agree and would also like the name changed.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to change N. Jewel Avenue to N. Lakeshore Drive. All yes, motion carried.

-Request to be sent on to 911, Road Commission and Equalization.

2. Mears Sign – Ruth Ann Hackett

-Ruth Ann submitted bids from Northwoods Sign Shop for, “Welcome to Mears, Established 1873,” signs that could be purchased and placed at the entrances to the Village. She requested the signs include the arch of trees that represents Mears.

-Ruth Ann to get pictures to the sign company and bring a draft of the sign to another meeting.

-Discussed the possibility of getting the Community to help pay for the signs.

3. Appoint Election Inspectors

-Motion by Wiegand, Support by Ackley to appoint Joanne Vanderweele, Janet Redding, Mindy Whitney and Tina Wiegand. All yes, Motion carried.

4. Fuller Land Division – Discussed in Zoning portion of meeting

5. Statement regarding parking in Silver Lake Corridor

-Sample statement, “This present Golden Township Board agrees that businesses at Silver Lake should not be negatively affected by the Bike Trail/Road Project scheduled to begin September 2009. This Board agrees that it will be permissible for customers to park at all businesses, as they have in the past, even though this means the vehicle will overlap onto the bike trail.”

-Discussed getting a written recommendation from Ed McNeely and bring back to the November meeting. Wiegand to follow up.

-Leo Terryn requested to be included in the statement.

6. Copy Machine

-Presented bids for new copiers from Xerox and Office Machines Company.

-Discussed lease agreement and the fact that if it breaks, it could be replaced even if it is before the end of the lease agreement time.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to authorize Cargill to initiate lease agreement with Xerox. Roll call vote: Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion Carried.

7. Snowplowing

-Bids presented from Hallack and Dwight Fuehring.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill, to hire the low bidder, Dwight Fuehring, for snowplowing services for the 2009-2010 season. Roll call vote: Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-abstain, motion carried.

8. Carpet Request

-Discussed carpeting for Assessor’s new office.

-Discussed purchasing the medium grade as there is not much traffic in her office.

-Motion by Cargill support by Fuehring to purchase carpet for the Assessor’s office from West Michigan Carpet and request delaying payment until January 2010. Roll call vote: Ackley-yes, Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

9. Golden Township Park cleaning – Walsworth and Fuehring met with Mrs. Wheeler, who lives near the park. She would like to have a group of people who would be responsible for keeping the park clean, monitoring illegal parking, sweeping the park, etc.

-Discussed the fact that there is liability for those workers if the Township takes responsibility for the group.

-Discussed consolidating the many informational signs in to one sign.

- The Township is not willing to authorize Official Authority to a group of volunteers.

-Walsworth to meet with Mrs. Wheeler and tell her that it is OK for her and a group of neighbors to keep the park clean, and to call the police when parking becomes a problem.

10. Public Input

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Dick Walsworth commented on the Right of Way purchase on Polk Road for future use to benefit the Township ie: future sewer projects. Fuehring will contact the Road Commission.
2. Resident commented that the Silver Lake Road project is underway. The Roundabout is visible now.
3. Resident questioned where the bike trail project for Upper Silver Lake stood. Dick Walsworth stated that it probably won't happen because it is just too costly at this point.
4. Resident questioned the petition in support of park property purchase at Silver Lake. Explained that the petition will be submitted with the DNR Grant to show that the Community is also in favor of the project.

Meeting adjourned 9:03pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

