

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
OCTOBER 13, 2015
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by the Chairman, Don Walsworth, at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall.

Board Members Present: Don Walsworth, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Carl Fuehring, Kevin Ackley.
Also present: Ed McNeely, Township Attorney; Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator, and 21 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence: None

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report. The ending balance in the General Fund as of August 31, 2015 was \$206,881.35, and the ending balance for the Road fund was \$51,226.15.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, the Financial Report was accepted subject to Audit.
Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, check numbers 16083 through 16132 in the amount of \$58,510.05. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

Zoning Report: There were eight permits issued. Rob stated that he would need to know right away if he was going to be full time. Don wants 2-3 years of Golden Township permits income explored to see what kind of revenue would come in before discussing this issue.

Park Report: Grant applications were resubmitted for the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, to approve the cost of .15 cents per sheet for a Township Newsletter to be sent out with the tax statements. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, to authorize the opening of a capital improvement fund in which to put rent monies. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve the removal of carpet in Telamon rooms and the installation of tile to go in entry and eating areas of certain rooms to make it more sanitary. Telamon would contract the work and purchase the tile at no cost to Golden Township. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to table the cell tower discussion until the 911 antenna issue is addressed and the language is added to the lease. All yes the motion is carried.

Mr. Melvin Wells questioned the ethical use of funds to gravel Amber Road. He and Mr. Richard Walsworth who defended graveling Amber Road agreed to disagree about the issue. Mr. Wells stated that he has sought road work for Toliver Road (an East/West Road off Ridge Road in Lake Michigan Shores) over the past few years and has gotten nothing. Golden Township Road Committee (chaired by Richard Walsworth) will look into the Toliver Road situation to seek a solution to the problem.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, to approve the additional \$377.90 that exceeded the original \$12,000 allotted for the gravel on Amber Road in payment to Oceana County Road Commission. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Ackley to approve signing the Resolution of support to become part of the "Lake Michigan Trails Network". This group envisions the expanding of the original Lake Michigan Circle Tour scenic byway to include paddling, bicycling and hiking trails to encourage people to play more and stay longer along the shoreline.

Public comments:

Gerald O'Meara questioned the work being done on the property behind his house. Mrs. Iteen stated that, yes, it had been sold. Mr. Fuller had dealings with DEQ concerning the same property, but it is likely he did not convey this information to the new owner.

Randy Miller, current building inspector for Oceana County, inquired if there was a problem with the county handling the building inspection and offered to help solve any problems.

Mr. Borst asked if the different committees of Golden Township shared communications as the Planning Commission was unaware that there was talk of Mr. Draper going full time. Mrs. Cargill stated that Mr. Fuehring (the boards go between) had been on vacation.

Mr. Randy Miller mentioned that the City of Hart has implemented rental inspections and that bedrooms with two egresses can have up to three occupants.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk