

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 10, 2009
7:30 pm Golden Township Hall

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

MINUTES from the October 13th meeting were read by Wiegand.

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to accept the minutes from the October 13th meeting.
All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$171,140.00 on October 1st, ending balance on October 31, 2009 of \$127,107.11. Cargill noted that \$100,000 of this is designated to the School Property Purchase. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$14,832.97 on October 1st, 2009 and ending balance of \$6,906.05 on October 31, 2009. Motion was made by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the Treasurer's report. All yes, motion carried.

Cargill discussed getting the Township Bonded. She met with the Bond Attorney today and he told her that we cannot Bond our portion of the project. Attorney recommended entering into an Installment Purchase Agreement with the Road Commission and a local bank. This will be a quicker and less expensive process. Cargill to approach the Road Commission tomorrow to initiate this process.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve check numbers 13379 through 13409 totaling \$28,966.92. Roll call vote Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT: Written report from Jake Whelpley.

1. Issuing several permits, almost 50 now.
2. Fuller Land Division
-Jake clarified that there is enough road frontage for the division to be approved.
Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve the Fuller Land Division as presented.
All yes, Motion carried.

3. Robinson Land Division

-This parcel is not part of the subdivision.

-Meets size requirements for the Resort/Residential Zone.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve the Robinson Land Division as presented. All yes, motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

OLD BUSINESS

1. Business parking at Bubba Q

-“It is the sense of this Golden Township Board that customers have parked in the County Road Right of Way in front of the Bubba Q in the past. It is not the intent of this Board for the Bike Trail/Road Project to negatively affect the business for the Bubba Q. This Board supports allowing the Bubba Q Customers to park in the County Road Right of Way, so as long as said parking does not interfere with the operation of the Bike Trail or the Road.”

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Wiegand to approve the Bubba Q Resolution as presented.

All yes, motion carried

-Walsworth to investigate the parking situation at the Whistle Stop, owned by Leo Terryn to determine if it would be possible to add his business to the Resolution.

2. Emerald Drive

-Continued concerns from neighbors regarding parking.

-Walsworth to follow up with Keith Adams and the Road Commission.

3. Zoning Enforcement Job Description

-Written description presented by Jake.

-Also presented revised job description of the Zoning Administrator.

-Requested the Board's opinion on the content and asked for any comments, concerns, additions or deletions.

4. Mears Signs

-Ruth Ann Hackett presented sign revisions for 3 “Welcome to Mears” signs.

-Board recommended requesting funding from families in Golden Township who may want to sponsor a sign in honor of a relative.

-Board is interested in having the signs made, but would like help with financing the project.

-Ruth Ann suggested using money that had been set aside by Bill Lathers for Golden Township projects.

-To follow up in January when Township has additional funds and after Ruth Ann has spoken to some families.

5. Board Room Move

-Suggested trying the first classrooms for Board Meetings for this winter and make a decision regarding carpet and whether to move Pam in there or to make it a Board Room later.

6. Schedule work session to discuss heating options

-Meeting scheduled for Monday, November 30, 2009 at 7:30 pm to discuss long term heating options for the Township Hall.

7. Fire Budget

-Fuehring meeting with Fire Board Thursday morning to work on the budget for 2010 and requested the opinion of this Board for what Golden Township can afford to pay.

-Board suggested trimming the budget as much as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Timberlake Expansion

-Expansion request presented by Jake Whelpley.

-The Golden Township Planning Commission recommended denial in October 2009, and passed through Oceana County Planning Commission in November 2009.

-Jake discussed the options the Township Board has regarding this issue.

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve the Timberlake PUD Major Modification request to add 57 campsites, along with the four existing campsites for a total of 237 sites and the Site Plan as presented. All yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

-Dr. Roseman confirmed that the Township Board is approving a request that was denied by the Planning Commission without sending it back to the Planning Commission for revisions.

-Confirmed that the Township Board is not willing to enter in to an agreement with Timberlake and have the Campground Rules entered in the PUD.

-Walsworth stated putting the Campground Rules in the PUD could be detrimental to the Township.

-Dr. Roseman commented that the attorneys stand to benefit the most if a lawsuit is filed by residents.

-If the neighborhood residents sue the Township, they believe they have enough grounds to win. Dr. Roseman and other neighbors are very disappointed with the decision.

-Ackley confirmed that the Planning Commission's opinion was considered in the final decision.

-Steve Bruce thanked the Board for their decision and stated they will do their best to work with their neighbors at Timberlake.

-Jake Whelpley, resident, commented that the Township should not be able to dictate how a business is run or who it is sold to.

2. Website Maintenance contract

-Website maintenance to be transferred from resident, Dr. Roseman, to Designs Integrated.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to award website maintenance responsibilities to Designs Integrated. Roll Call vote: Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes, Motion carried.

3. Allied Waste Contract

-Board was in favor of continuing the Allied Waste Contract.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Bike Trail concerns: Resident commented that with this new Trail project, it seems the Township is paying to pave the business' parking lot by allowing customers to park partly in

the trail. Board commented that this would be an issue to bring up with the Road Commission.

-Also stated that the Board has set a precedence in the past by dictating what owners can do with their business as they have set rules for Val Du Lakes.

2. Leo Terryn discussed bike traffic and parking related to his business. Requested consideration when assessments are made because he will have to spend money to create parking because of the Bike Trail.

3. Dick Walsworth discussed Road Project considerations in Golden Township for 2010. Will probably be asking for approval in December.

-Polk Road and 56th Ave.

-Wilson Rd.

Meeting adjourned 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

