

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
NOVEMBER 11, 2014
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 present: Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Kevin Ackley, Don Walsworth, Carl Fuehring.
Also present: Jake Whelpley, Zoning Administrator and 12 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring supported by Mr. Ackley to approve the minutes as presented of last month's regular board meeting.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from District Health Department # 10 – Allowing pump and haul septic for Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report. The ending balance in the General Fund as of October 31, 2014 was \$167,724.81, and the ending balance for the Road fund was \$32,314.35.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mrs. Cargill, the Financial Report was accepted subject to Audit.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley, check numbers 15676 through 15704 and EFT payment 54 approved, Roll call vote, all yes.

Zoning Report: 5 zoning permits were issued. One zoning board application was received. Mr. Whelpley and his assistant, Rob Draper, are looking into violations.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Cargill to replace the services of Fleis & Vandenbrink with Jeff Auchs of Muskegon Conservation District who appears to be more reasonable and helpful in keeping us on track for writing and receiving grants. Approve proposal of \$1,750.00 for service through April 30, 2014 with activities billed out "at cost" (time, materials, mileage). All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, to approve the hiring of Barbara VanGelderren at \$20.00 an hour as a paid employee to work with the assessor, Pam Walker, to begin the process of overcoming the override issue. She may also be taking over as assessor when Pam retires. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to purchase a new computer for Mrs. VanGelderren to use in the assessing department. Roll Call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring to approve Deficit Elimination Plan for the Silver Lake Corridore Fund (a deficit of \$2928.00) with a transfer from the general fund. The township will henceforth be paying apx. 60% of the bond payment, until bond issue is paid in full. (Prior – Golden general fund was paying 50%. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve the purchase of three new 20' Silver flag poles from Uncommon USA. Roll call vote. Iteen, no (Jeff Iteen offered to re-string our current pole – free of charge); Ackley, yes; Cargill, yes; Fuehring, yes; Walsworth, yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to put a moratorium on all rentals of the building. Golden Township is to look into the Liability Insurance issue first. All yes, the motion carried.

Snow plow bids were received. Klotz - \$90.00; Hallack - \$100.00; Kolenda \$80.00, but did not include the road.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring to approve Klotz Excavation's snow plowing bid for this season. All yes, the motion carried.

Public comments:

Mrs. Cargill mentioned that MTA would like everyone to call your state senator asking them to increase funding on roads and make sure funding reaches the local level.

Mr. Rippee mentioned that a higher deposit than other competitors can eliminate problems of renting your building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk