

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
NOVEMBER 14, 2017
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by Chairman, Carl Fuehring, at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Richard Walsworth, Gary Beggs.
Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Ed McNeely, Township Lawyer, and 18 guests.

Minutes - Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs, to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting with corrections (Putting the Sewer and Parking resolutions in the minutes). All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence:

Holly Waddell – Silver Lake Sewer

Tina Wiegand – Recreation Club Representative Resignation

Bill Bryker – Sludge Hammer Sewer System

The Treasurer read the Financial Report. The ending balance in the Fund as of November 14, 2017 was as follows: General Fund \$141,181.79; Road fund \$202.67; Fire Fund \$1,432.20; Park/Recreation Cash Fund \$8,800.68.

Bills - Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs, to pay check numbers 17127 through 17178 and EFT 93 in the general fund for the amount of \$50,750.25. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

Accounting Class: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve the payment of \$111 for Mrs. Cargill to attend the class on 11-15-2017. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

Zoning Report: There were 97 permits so far this year. As of October 1, there has been 5 new home permits. 2018 will be the first year the Short Term Rental Applications are required and at this time 15 have been received.

Park Reports:

Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes: Mrs. Cargill mentioned she is working on grant applications with the goal of purchasing additional land for the park.

Fire Report: Mr. Beggs reported that the officers have been appointed and will begin their new duties on December 1.

Planning Commission: Mr. Whelpley stated that the Dangerous Buildings Sub Committee met and also that the Silver Hills Campground is adding 170 additional sites for phase one of three phases.

Road Report: Oceana County Townships were invited by the Road Commission to attend a dinner and an informative talk at Double J. The Golden Township Road Committee plan to meet after deer season.

Assessor Report: none

Old Business- None

New Business:

Medical Marijuana: Opt in, opt out, or do nothing. If the township does nothing, it is not allowing it. At this time the township is doing nothing.

Solar Ordinance Moratorium: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve the proposal by the planning commission to institute a six month moratorium. All yes, the motion carried.

Snow Plow Bids: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to accept the bid from Hallack Contracting - the only bid received for snow removal. Roll call vote all yes, motion carried.

Mowing Bids: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs to accept the mowing bid of Howard's Lawn Care & Plowing - out of the five bids received. Roll call vote all yes, motion carried.

L-4029: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the millage rates on the Golden Township L-4029. All yes, motion carried.

Revised Library Contract: No motion was made, but Mr. McNeely will review the contracts to see if the new language changes the contract in any meaningful way.

January Board Meeting Date Change: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve changing the date of the January board meeting from January 9 to January 16. All yes, motion carried.

Sewer, Search Grant Report: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Walsworth to accept the preliminary Engineering Report for the Silver Lake Sewer compiled by Prein&Newhof and Larry Stevens, and submit it to the USDA for payment on the search grant. All yes, motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance Changes: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the following changes for clarification. The ordinance reads in 4.16 #1. Accessory buildings shall not be used for dwelling purposes nor for the conduct of any business enterprise. It will be changed to read: Accessory buildings shall not be used as a dwelling nor for the conduct of any business enterprise. All yes, the motion carried.

Transcriber for ZBA: Mr. McNeely, the township lawyer, stated that the township needs to find a professional 1st class transcriber to be retained for the ZBA minutes for clarity of record.

Public discussion:

-Linda Chapman asked about the Parking Ordinance.

-Mike Cook asked for the duners to write to their representatives to get something done about the parking issue for those heading to the dune area.

-Mark Borst asked, whose problem is it? (Parking)

-Mark Houghton talked about the street light on the corner of Fox and 34th Ave. He thought that the street light should be placed in the middle of the intersection instead of the side and he said a tree there should be removed as it blocks vision.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk