

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
DECEMBER 12, 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; Craig Mast, Oceana County Sheriff, and 26 guests.

**Minutes** - Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs, to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence: None

**The Treasurer read the Financial Report.** The ending balance in the Fund as of December 11, 2017 was as follows: General Fund \$113,394.28; Road fund \$202.67; Fire Fund \$1,432.20; Park/Recreation Cash Fund \$8,588.04.

**Bills** - Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs, to pay check numbers 17181 through 17216 and EFT 94 in the general fund for the total amount of \$40,209.15. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

**Zoning Report:** There were 99 permits so far this year. Wolverine overhead power transmission line is being updated on property #64-006-028-100-01 where the cell tower is going up on Taylor Road.

**Park Reports:**

**Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes:** The park committee has met with West Shore Bank and the bank will sponsor the kick-off concert for the 2018 season of concerts. This will be the Scottville Clown Band which will cost \$1600 and will take place just before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The park committee is also working on grant applications with the goal of purchasing additional land for the park.

**Fire Report:** The new officers are in place as of December 1 and all will be given certain responsibilities.

**Planning Commission:** Mr. Whelpley stated that the Master Plan will open likely in February.

**Road Report:** Road Committee met and took a tour of the roads. Mr. Timmer had a bid for the improvements. Mrs. Iteen will see that the road millage gets on the ballot.

**Assessor Report:** Barbara VanGelderren has not renewed her license, so she is retiring. Barbie Eaton is now the new assessor.

**New Assessor:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs to accept Barbie Eaton as the new assessor with a Salary of \$42,285 for 2017-2018.

New Business:

**Fire Agreement:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Walsworth to approve the amended fire agreement. All yes, the motion carried. The changes include 1. Up to 20% for capital improvements, and 2. Changes in how the chief and officers are elected.

**2018 Proposed Road Work:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the proposed road work for 2018 as follows:

-56<sup>th</sup> from Deer Rd to Polk Rd – Crush & shape, Bike lanes 3-5"

- Fox from 56<sup>th</sup> St to 48<sup>th</sup> St – Chip/fog seal including shoulders
- 56<sup>th</sup> from Polk Rd to Taylor Rd – Chip/fog seal including shoulders & Bike lane
- Railroad from Deer Rd to Tyler Rd -3113' overlay west of curve 2.25"
- 64<sup>th</sup> from Taylor south – 335'x24' overlay including valley gutter 3"
- Taylor from 64<sup>th</sup> west – 1711'x24' overlay 2.25"
- 64<sup>th</sup> from Hill to 9500' – Gravel 3" thick

Work to be done includes: paving wedging, chip seal, graveling, culverts/bridge replacements, berming, and turnpiking. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Budget Amendments:** Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the budget amendments. All yes, the motion carried.

**Avery Wilson PUD:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to accept the Major Modification Wilson PUD. All yes, motion carried. Approved changes: add a carwash, a new covered entry and hallway, a new office space, community building with parking, playground south of the community building, a swimming pool adjacent to the pond, and convert existing office space to a residential rental unit.

**ZBA New Members:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve the recommendation of Patty Hammond to the ZBA and Jane DeBeaudoin as an alternate. All yes, motion carried.

**Duners Parking Issue:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to give the road commission permission to lease, permit, or give ownership of Fox Road from Ridge to 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. to become a park road managed and controlled under the complete jurisdiction of the DNR State Park. All yes, the motion carried.

**Parking Resolution:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve implementation of the Resolution of Declaration of intention to prohibit parking on any road west of, and including, B-15/34<sup>th</sup> Avenue. All yes, motion carried.

**Sheriff:** Sheriff Craig Mast gave out summaries of offenses and cases by city/township. Golden Township had 601 cases which is 12.95% of total cases but golden has just 6% of the population. Golden is unique with all the duners and the state park visitors. There was 9 simple assault and 11 Larceny. The reports were from 1-1-2017 – 12-12-2017

**Public discussion:**

- Mark Houghton asked about the street light on the corner of Fox and 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. Mr. Walsworth stated they had looked into it and expected changes. Mark also mentioned the Open Hearth Sign that may be on the same corner and stated that it blocks view of the road.
- Resident ask about the dirt barrels as they are not out yet.
- Resident asked sheriff about ICE. Sheriff Mast stated that ICE checks on the inmates daily and may put a hold on any as necessary.
- Chad Coker thanked the board and appreciates the board working on problems for the duners.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk