

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 4, 2018
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, and Gary Beggs
Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Ed McNeely, Township Lawyer; and 20 guests.

Minutes - Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Walsworth, to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting and special board meeting of 11-27-18. All yes, the motion carried.

Public Comment:

- John Conklin asked questions on the sewer and stated that he did not agree with the Friends of Silver Lake open letter to the Golden Township Board of Trustees.
- Brian Lowing state that the questions he asked on the sewer portal are not being answered.
- Resident stated that she was receiving emails from Friends of Silver Lake, but that she did not agree with their letter concerning the sewer.
- Tom Hartman and Mark Borst both questioned why the public comment was at the beginning of the meeting now instead of the end.
- Jim Stein stated that there was only a map on the sewer portal.

Correspondence: 1. Ted McKissack, Tree Removal
 2. Sewer Letters

The Treasurer read the Financial Report. The ending balance in the Fund as of December 4, 2018 was as follows: General Fund \$4,724.59; Road fund \$65,101.34; Fire Fund \$2,282.11; Park/Recreation Cash Fund \$6,682.76. Note: Money from some accounts have been put in an investment Fund to earn interest and it has acquired \$259.83 as stated on the November statement.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs to pay check numbers 17678 through 17703, and EFT 106 in the general fund for the amount of \$27,264.29. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Zoning Report: There were 96 permits this year. Approximately \$2000 has been collected in rental violations. DNR is looking for on the dunes venders. The majority of Golden Township residents as opposed to venders that do not own a commercial kitchen in the township nor pay taxes in the township.

Parks Report: Mrs. Cargill stated she is waiting on answers on grants. Recreation Plan proof was received and the rec plan will be implemented.

Fire Report: Mr. Beggs reported that approximately \$30,000 is being spent to purchase an air compressor for breathing apparatus.

Planning Commission: No meetings were held in November or December, but a committee met on flashing signs.

Road Report: 64th south of Taylor has been turnpiked and graveled. 1.7 miles of Deer Road needs to be completed yet and hopefully it will be accomplished next year with the help of the Oceana County Road Commission. It was asked if a salt barrel could be put on the corner of Fox and Ridge.

Sewer Report: A meeting is planned in April next year so everyone can come that has been gone for winter.

Assessor Report: Accepted as written.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Defibrillator: Tabled to give more time for research.

Planning Commission Appointment: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Cargill to reappoint Jane Beaudoin and Leo Terryn to the Planning Commission and to reappoint Mike Henderson and Jake Whelpley to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Tim LeMahieu was appointed as an alternate to the ZBA. All will serve a three year term ending on 12-31-2021. All yes the motion carried.

New Website setup and Design: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve new website setup and design. Roll call all yes the motion carried.

Funding for Sherriff's Department: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve a 3 year commitment of \$10,000 per year, if requested, \$30,000 upfront. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Xerox Copier: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Walsworth to approve the lease of a new copier. Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance for gold carts and ORVs on streets: Bill Kolenda presented a packet and talked on the issue. Many residents voiced concerns.

Marijuana Moratorium: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs to put a moratorium until the February meeting (February 12, 2019) on any issues requiring permitting from the township concerning Marijuana. All yes, the motion carried.

Mrs. Cargill mentioned an Oceana County MTA meeting in Pentwater tomorrow evening – Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk