

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
October 12, 2010
Special Election Meeting 7:15pm
Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
Golden Township Hall

Special Election Meeting called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:24 pm.
Present: Fuehring, Walsworth, Ackley, Cargill, Wiegand.

Wiegand presented the following individuals as candidates for Election Inspectors for the upcoming General Election on November 2, 2010.

- JoAnne Vanderweele
- Rachel Iteen
- Pamela Tingley
- Brenda Draper
- Janet Redding
- Melinda Whitney
- Tina Wiegand

Motion by Ackley support by Fuehring to recommend the above mentioned candidates as Election Inspectors for the upcoming General Election on November 2, 2010. All yes, motion carried.

Special Election Meeting closed at 7:27pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7:28pm.
Present: Fuehring, Walsworth, Ackley, Cargill, Wiegand.

MINUTES from the September 14th meeting were presented.

The following corrections were recommended:

- Add to the Amended Budget: Fire Millage Property Tax Income: \$78,135.00 and Service Contracts – Fire Department-Expense: \$78,135.00

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the minutes from the September 14th meeting as corrected. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$103,272.53 on September 1st, ending balance on September 30th, 2010 of \$75,621.52. The Road Fund

beginning balance of \$57,983.19 on September 1st, 2010 and ending balance of \$11,023.22 on September 30th, 2010.

Motion was made by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the Treasurer's report. All yes, motion carried.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Cargill summarized bills for the month as presented on the report.

Motion by Wiegand, support by Ackley to approve check numbers 13833 through 13860 from the General Fund totaling \$15,740.91. Also check #'s 1113 and 1114 from the Road Fund for Road Signs and Operating maintenance and repairs totaling \$46,959.97. Cargill noted that this does not include the bill received today from the auditor which was \$5,000.00. Roll call vote Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT: None

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

Pam requested approval to attend a BSA.net update on November 5th at West Shore College which would include 6 ceu's for the upcoming year. The cost of the training is \$75.00.

-Motion by Walsworth, support by Ackley to approve sending Pam Walker to the BSA.net Training on November 5th, 2010 at the cost of \$75.00. All yes, motion carried.

Additionally, Cargill requested approval to attend the MTA Annual Conference in Grand Rapids in January.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve Cargill attending the MTA Annual Conference in Grand Rapids in January of 2011. All yes, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Hunt Street

-More than 51% of signatures have been submitted for Hunt St. and Vachon. However, it was recently discovered that all owners are required to submit signatures, not just one owner from each property. Representatives plan to solicit the required signatures as quickly as they can.

-Shirley St. does not have 51% yet, but they are continuing to discuss the issue with neighbors.

-They feel it will be easier to discuss the issue with the property owners now that they have a rough estimate for how much the project will cost.

-Mr. Malburg submitted a written estimate and discussion of the work that would be completed on Hunt, Vachon and Shirley Streets if the project was approved.

-Estimated cost for Hunt and Vachon would be between \$103,315 and \$112,000 depending on the cost of labor and materials in the coming year.

- Estimated cost for Shirley Street would be between \$43,010 and \$48,000 depending on the cost of labor and materials in the coming year.
- Residents will continue to solicit signatures from property owners for the project, Cargill will verify signatures as they are submitted and a Public Hearing can be scheduled when this process is completed.
- Additionally, at the resident's and Township's request, Mr. Malburg checked in to estimates to upgrade Shore Drive which goes from the State Park to the Wave Club. The request is to keep it a single lane road for 51 weeks of the year and allow 2-lane traffic for the Apple Festival detour. Given this, Mr. Malburg agreed to keep the road at 18'-20' instead of the standard 32' for a 2-lane road. The road would be sloped toward the lake. Mr. Malburg estimated this project to cost between \$50,095 and \$55,000 depending on the cost of labor and materials in the coming year.
- Walsworth also stated that these road improvements may be able to be coordinated with the State Park's project to put in a boat ramp at the west end of the road, which may decrease costs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Changes to Seasonal Roads

- Lance Malburg from the Oceana County Road Commission presented information.
- He stated that cul-de-sacs are difficult to turn around in with the large plow trucks and has been researching some straighter routes that will help to minimize plowing time. Mr. Malburg is questioning whether the Township would be in favor of changing two seasonal roads to regular maintenance which would allow a straighter plowing path and reduce the time needed for plowing. The two roads are as follows:
 - Scout Road between 56th and 52nd.
 - 40th from Deer to Tyler.
- At this time Mr. Malburg is requesting a Resolution or a Letter of support to initiate the process of changing the designation of these roads from Seasonal to Regular Maintenance. Mr. Malburg also explained that a Public Hearing will be held before final changes are made.
- Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to support changing the following roads from Seasonal to Regular Maintenance: 1. Scout Road between 56th and 52nd. 2. 40th from Deer to Tyler. All yes, Motion carried.

- In addition, Mr. Malburg is requesting a change of status for 34th to Baseline to 32nd, also known as the Snake Trail. Presently this road is designated Regular Maintenance and is very difficult to plow in the winter without damaging trucks. He is requesting support from the Township to change the status of the road to Seasonal. He stated there are no winter residents on this portion of the road. He also stated that a portion of this road is in Benona Township and he will be requesting their support in two weeks. He again stated that a Public Hearing will be held before final changes are made to the status of the road.
- Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to support changing the status of the road from 34th to Baseline to 32nd, also known as the Snake Trail, from Regular Maintenance to Seasonal. All yes, Motion carried.

2. 34th and Taylor Street Sign

-Mr. Malburg stated he was aware the signs were down and was in the process of having them re-installed.

-Keith Adams also commented that there is a Yield sign missing on Emerald Drive. Mr. Malburg stated he would check in to it.

3. Appoint Election Inspectors

Based on the recommendation from the Special Election meeting, Wiegand made a motion and was supported by Ackley to approve the following individuals as Election Inspectors for the upcoming General Election on November 2, 2010.

-JoAnne Vanderweele

-Rachel Iteen

-Pamela Tingley

-Brenda Draper

-Janet Redding

-Melinda Whitney

-Tina Wiegand

All yes, Motion carried.

4. Building Use: Boy Scouts, Disabilities Connection

-Discussion regarding the fact that these groups had requested to use portions of the building on a regular basis and understood the fact that they would have to leave the building in the same condition that they found it. The Board believed they would.

-Discussion regarding the fact that there are several keys to the building out in the hands of the public and the Board needs to have better controls on the key issuing process to better protect the building.

-Board agreed to work on new policies in the upcoming months in order to better control who uses the building, how they are charged, and who will be allowed to have keys.

-Recommendation for the Disabilities Connection group who was requesting use of the Board Room one day a month was to investigate the group more in depth to understand their purpose and who is involved with the group.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to allow Robert Schulz and his Boy Scout group to use the building one day per week until January 1, 2011 at which point the Township will reconsider the request under the new policies. All yes, motion carried.

5. Speed Limit Signs

-Upper Silver Lake residents requesting speed limit signs for their subdivisions.

-Mr. Malburg stated that these subdivisions are covered in Michigan State Law as roads that are able to be enforced at 25mph because they are part of a plat. No Township Ordinance is necessary as it is already covered by State Law. The Road Commission would simply need permission from the Township to erect the signs in the subdivision.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to erect 25mph signs in the subdivision areas of Upper Silver Lake. Roll call vote: Cargill-yes, Ackley-yes, Fuehring-yes, Walsworth-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

6. Repair work on boat ramp – Hazel Road

-Walsworth stated he had discussed this issue with Malburg and informed the Board the Road Commission would not require a fee for the permit for the project.

-Walsworth stated the boat ramp is in need of repair as it is eroding and cracking at the edges.

-TNT gave Walsworth an estimate for the project. They stated it would be \$800 to fix the ramp as is and \$1,600 to fix it and make improvements to it that would prevent future erosion.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve paying TNT \$1,600.00 to repair and improve the boat ramp on Silver Lake at the end of Hazel Road. Roll call vote: Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

7. Road Issues – Lance Malburg

-As discussed above.

8. Appoint Vern Counsellor to Golden Township Board of Review

-Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to appoint Vern Counsellor to the Golden Township Board of Review. All yes, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Resident questioned what would happen with Ridge Road and the speed limit signs. Mr. Malburg will check in to what the legal speed limit actually is on the road before making any recommendations.
2. Jeanne Henk – Commented that the door on the east end of the building has a lock that sticks. It would be a good idea to have it checked.
3. Bill Taylor – Juniper Beach – Thanked the Road Commission for the double yellow line down their road.
4. Lance Malburg – Road Commission update:
 - Striping for Golden Township has been completed.
 - Chip and seal is done for the year. Thanks to the Township for their cooperation.
 - 56th Avenue continues to be an issue. Road Commission is collecting statements regarding the road use in the past. Contact Mr. Malburg with any historical knowledge of the road use.
 - Snowplowing issues: Coverage should be similar to last year. All roads will be open within 4 days of a major storm.
5. Resident questioned Mr. Malburg whether he had contact with Reith Riley regarding the Polk Rd and US 31 project. Malburg stated it is a three week project. The south ramps have to be opened by this Saturday in order to meet the State Contract.

6. Resident questioned whether the Public Hearing could be scheduled for the improvements to Hunt Street. Cargill stated that the Hearing cannot be scheduled until all signatures are submitted and approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:54 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk