

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
December 13, 2010
3:30 pm
Special Township Board Meeting
Golden Township Hall

Special Meeting to discuss the Fire Board Budget, discuss the Building Use Policy and other miscellaneous business.

Present: Walsworth, Ackley, Cargill, Wiegand, Fuehring.

Meeting called to order by Walsworth at 3:40pm

Discussion regarding Hart Area Fire Department Proposed Budget

- Fuehring presented information on the proposed Hart Area Fire Board Budget. The amount that Golden Township will pay has increased significantly.
- The significant change in the budget seems to be related to the capital projects savings fund.
- Last year's contribution from Golden Township was \$88,500, the requested amount for this year is \$107,754.
- Golden Township's requested contribution for the year has gone up significantly and other Township's requested contribution has actually gone down for this year.
- Fuehring stated that it would be good to know what the Fire Board Budget is for the year before dollar amounts are figured for each Township. Currently, the Fire Board establishes a fee for each Township and creates their budget based on those amounts.
- The present Fire Board Budget is figured based on a formula devised by Tom Altland more than 20 years ago, and no one is aware of how the formula was created and what it is based on.
- Discussed ways that the budget could be figured fairly and more proportionately.
- Cargill suggested using a formula that involves the SEV and the total fires for each Township and what percentage this is from total fires for the year covered by the Fire Department.
- Walsworth suggested establishing an amount, or a yearly incrementing amount, that would allow the Fire Board budget for the next three to five years.
- Discussed the fact that Golden Township has a Fire millage now that will help significantly, however, the Board also discussed being responsible with taxpayers money.
- Cargill and Fuehring to attend the Fire Board meeting this week to discuss options regarding the proposed budget and how to create a fair formula to establish an amount for what each Township should pay.

Discussion regarding the Building Use Policy

- Reinforced the fact that residents are always a priority.
- Recommended having people try to schedule their meetings on days when there are staff in the building. Requests to use the building on days when there are no staff in the building will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and would have to be approved by the Board, at least informally.
- Recommended continuing to use the sign out sheet for the keys and recommended also requiring a deposit.
- Stated that it is OK to use the kitchen as long as Telamon is not occupying the building and it is also OK to use the kitchen to prepare food since the new stove has been installed.

-Cargill suggested charging a minimal fee for groups who choose to meet on days when no one is available in the Township Office. Ackley suggested just charging a fee for the key distribution, and returning the fee when the key is returned.

Discussion regarding septic issues associated with Telamon using a washing machine for the laundry for their day care program.

-Fuehring stated that professionals have determined that the drain from the kitchen needs to be 4" and not 2" as it is now if Telamon continues to use the washer from that location in the back room.

-The septic tank on the north side of the building is in good shape, however the condition of the drain field is unknown.

-Wiegand stated she would prefer to have all of the septic in one location.

-Fuehring stated that installing a septic tank and a drain field on the south side of the building would alleviate the problem and there would be no worries about what condition the drain field is in.

-Telamon may be willing to help pay for the project.

-Fuehring stated there are two choices.

1. New septic tank could be installed to the south of the Township Hall and provide drainage for the kitchen and the washing machine.

2. Could possibly tear up the floor from the kitchen to the bathroom and look for a 4" connection to the existing drain which would take the water to the existing septic tank on the north side of the building.

-Fuehring to get estimates for both choices to present to Telamon and to the Township Board and make a decision on the project at a later date.

-If it is not financially possible to make changes to the current septic system, Telamon will not be able to do laundry at the Township.

Cargill also brought up the fact that Telamon really is using more than the 4 classrooms that were initially negotiated. She suggested considering this fact when renegotiating their Lease Contract for the coming year.

Wiegand questioned whether winterizing the east end of the building had been scheduled. Fuehring stated that Tanner would be at the Township tomorrow to install the door and drain the classrooms.

Meeting adjourned 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

