

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 13, 2010
7:30 pm Golden Township Hall

Election Meeting Called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:30 pm. Present: Fuehring, Walsworth, Wiegand. Ackley-absent, Cargill –absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Wiegand presented the following candidates as potential Election Inspectors:

Brenda Draper
Joanne Vanderweele
Melinda Whitney
Janet Redding
Tina Wiegand
Rachel Iteen

Motion by Fuehring, support by Wiegand to appoint the above mentioned candidates as Election Inspectors for the elections on August 3, 2010 and November 2, 2010. All yes, motion carried.

7:32 Election Meeting adjourned.

7:33 Regular Board Meeting Opened.

MINUTES from the June 8th meeting were reviewed by Board.

One correction in Public Comment section. Leo Woodley should be Leo Terryn.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Walsworth to accept the minutes from the June 8th meeting with corrections as follows: 1. Change Leo Woodley to Leo Terryn. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Gerald and Cheryl Rivard, 8736 W. Hunt St., Silver Lake, MI 49436 regarding brining and paving on Hunt St.
- Renee Sher, regarding brining and paving on Hunt St..
- Joyce Viscome Vega, 8735 W. Hunt, Mears, MI 49436, regarding brining and paving on Hunt St..
- Wayne Tingley, waynesworld11@verizon.net regarding no parking signs on Holiday Court.
- Dan Schmuker, metalm66669@yahoo.com regarding Carnival of Chaos.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Walsworth reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$123,246.68 on June 1st, ending balance on June 30, 2010 of \$134,368.67. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$277,549.16 on June 1st, 2010 and ending balance of \$290,822.04 on June 30th, 2010.

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

BILLS were presented for approval:

Motion by Fuehring, support by Wiegand to approve check numbers 13705 through 13744 totaling \$42,334.57. Roll call vote Fuehring-yes, Walsworth-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-absent, Cargill-Absent. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT: Report from Jake Whelpley.

1. Update:

-Update from Carnival of Chaos. The case was not thrown out of court, it was settled out of court. The Township was successful with everything we requested except a permanent injunction and reimbursement for attorney fees which totaled \$8,800.00. Judge Monton did not want to issue a permanent injunction against them because of the Constitutional right to gather. Whelpley recommended revising the Mass Gathering Ordinance to include attorney fees as a fine. Whelpley to send the Ordinance to the Township Attorney to make revisions.

-Lots of Master Plan Surveys have been sent back in. Lots of good points and some bad points. Surveys will be reviewed this winter.

-Historical Society has submitted a site plan for an addition to the transportation building and to move Ralph Fenton's trapper's cabin in to the site. This was approved by the Planning Commission last month. Whelpley requested waiving the permit fees for the project as the Historical Society and the Lathers family have made significant contributions to the Mears Community.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Wiegand to waive all permit fees for the Historical Society's addition to the new transportation building. All yes, motion carried.

-Permits are slowly coming in. Distributed #33 this month.

-August 4th at 6:30 pm at Hart Middle School there is a community meeting regarding the Wind Turbines. Scandia and the Power People will all be there presenting both sides of the issue. August 5th, the County Planning Commission will be voting whether to have the Wind Turbines her or not.

-Businessman from Silver Lake would be interested in pursuing the urban development project that was initiated by Mr. Castle. Whelpley was requesting permission for this business owner to continue to pursue the project where Mr. Castle left off. The Board continues to be interested in pursuing the project as long as there is no cost to the Township. In addition, the Board would be interested in contributing to establishing what the footprint of the project will look like. Whelpley will discuss the issue with the interested business owner.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT
As submitted

OLD BUSINESS

1. Truth in Taxation - requesting approval for established amounts.
-Motion by Fuehring, support by Wiegand to approve the 2010 Tax Rate Request for 1.2052 for Operations and 1.98 for Roads. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Land Bank
-Program formed by the Housing Commission. It is a Community Agency that is able to acquire, hold, manage and develop tax-foreclosed property. Townships are able to be involved for a fee. Connie is interested in being involved with the group as they need one representative to be a Township Treasurer. The Board will consider nominating her to the group.
2. Appointment of Election Officials
-The Election Committee recommended the following candidates as Election Inspectors:

Brenda Draper
Joanne Vanderweele
Melinda Whitney
Janet Redding
Tina Wiegand
Rachel Iteen

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3. Brining on Hunt St.
-Discussion with Gerald Rivard, Hunt St. resident. He stated that Hunt St. had in fact been brined this week and he thanked the Board. Walsworth stated that this is the second and final brining for the 2010 season.
-Further discussion involved regarding possibly paving this road. Walsworth recommended discussing the issue with other Hunt St. residents to see if they would be interested in sharing the cost with the township to pave the road sometime in the next couple of years. Rivard to talk to his neighbors and get back to the Board.
4. Candidate Introduction
-Dick Walsworth introduced himself as a candidate running for the Great Lakes Energy Board. The ballot to vote is on the cover of County Lines Magazine. He requested the support of residents to cast their ballots for him.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Dave Roseman
 - Discussed Wind Turbine issue. Hopes that it will not be passed. Stated there will be a bus tour to see a site up north that currently has the wind turbines.
 - Also questioned why holding the PUD for ValDu was not a valid penalty to prevent the Carnival of Chaos instead of spending lots of money on attorney fees. Whelpley explained that the law suit was against the Organizers of the event. The Township could have pulled the PUD if the event had actually happened. The Township was interested in preventing the event from ever happening in the first place.

2. Bill Ensign
 - Speaking on behalf of Tom Worth. Stated that the light at the corner of Hazel and 34th needs to be moved because of recent road construction. Because of road renovations, the light is no longer centered on the intersection. Walsworth to follow up on this issue with the Road Commission.

3. Upper Silver Lake Resident
 - Stated that there is confusion with where Ridge Road goes because of street sign confusion with Juniper Beach Road signs. Stated that Juniper Beach Rd and Ridge Rd should be on the sign. Walworth to contact Road Commission regarding this issue. Also to check on getting address numbers put on these signs.

4. Deb Busscher – 8802 Silver Lake Road
 - Stated that flooding in her house has been excessive since recent road and bike trail projects have been completed. She is asking for help in how to help her resolve this issue as the flooding was minimal before the roads were improved. Board recommended starting with the Drain Commissioner and following up with the Road Commission.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

