

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
May 10, 2011
Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
Golden Township Hall

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

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

MINUTES from the April 12th regular meeting were presented.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to accept the minutes from the April 12th meeting with the following corrections: 1. Under Old Business, a water source will be installed at the cemetery, not a sprinkling system. 2. For Clean Up Day, the Township will pay for use of the scrap metal box, not purchase it. All yes, motion carried.

MINUTES from the April 12th Hunt Street Public Hearing were presented.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to accept the minutes from the April 12th Hunt Street Public Hearing with the following correction: 1. Page 1 should read: "This payment plan will be interest free:" not "This payment plan will be tax free." All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Letter from Consumers Energy regarding the Township's decision on upgrading street lights. After discussion, the Board agreed to wait until the lights burn out or fail, as there is no charge for this option. Consumers Energy will replace the lights as they fail at no charge to the township. This is option one.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to alert Consumers Energy that Golden Township would like Option one from their contract for replacing mercury vapor lights. It is understood that there is no cost to the township for this option. All yes, Motion carried. Wiegand to send necessary paperwork to Consumers.

-Request from Silver Lake Sand Dunes Apple and BBQ Cook-Off Festival to approve the temporary installation of promotional banners across hazel Rd and 18th Avenue from May 20 through September 16, 2011. Also requested to close Silver Lake road between Silver Pointe General Store and Parkside Store for the purpose of hosting the Silver lake Sand dunes Apple and BBQ Cook-Off Festival on this section of silver Lake Road on September 10, 2011 from 6am until 9pm.

Motion by Cargill support by Ackley to submit paperwork to the Oceana County Road Commission requesting the above requested banner installation and road closure. All yes, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$202,522.76 on April 1st, 2011, ending balance on April 30th, 2011 of \$197,412.22. The Road Fund beginning

balance of \$273,459.12 on April 1st, 2011 and ending balance of \$261,163.35 on April 30th, 2011. Checks were written for the Silver Lake Corridor Payment and another for the Polk Road project easement.

-Cargill also reported on the following funds:

-Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund – Beginning balance on March 1, 2011, \$42,366.27 and ending balance on April 30th, 2011, \$24, 912.73. Cargill noted that a cemetery CD came due. Cargill left this money in cash for now as part of it can be used for the cemetery addition. Any amount of the CD that was interest can be used for cemetery upgrades, the remaining principal will be put back in to a CD.

-Tax Fund – Beginning Balance on April 1, 2011, \$6,527.45 and ending balance on April 30, 2011, \$8,774.79. Checks for collecting and disbursing delinquent personal property taxes are written out of this account. \$6,000 will be going in to the Township PTAF fund.

-Silver Lake Corridor – Beginning Balance on April 1, 2011, \$34,600.93 and ending balance on April 30, 2011, \$7,689.61. Checks were written for \$18,000 to West Shore Bank. \$9,000 was the Township portion of the project. The remaining amount will be used to pay future bills from the project which may still be coming in for years to come according to Lance Malburg.

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

BILLS were presented for approval:

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

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve check numbers 14105 through 14143 from the General Fund totaling \$42,242.02. \$22,000 was for the Hart Area Fire Department. Also check number 1122 from the Road Fund for \$3,400.00. Roll call vote Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

- 15 permits written in the last two months
- 72 people at the Zoning seminar in Elbridge. Plan to have more meetings like this in the future.
- Maps received for Master Plan, waiting on information from the census.
- PC did not meet in April.
- PC will meet this month regarding a Special Use Permit and a PUD Amendment.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT

As submitted

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cemetery addition work.
 - a. Property has been graded and planted. Cargill is working on contacting a Surveyor. Plan to put bids out soon.
 - b. Walsworth stated there is an interested resident who would like to pay for a fence on the south end of the cemetery along the tree line to block the brush piles there. Walsworth and Ackley to get prices on a fence and contact this resident about paying for the project.

2. Clean up Day – March 14th 9:00am – 1:00pm.
3. Roof on Township Hall
 - a. Butch Gale was checking the roof and noticed a few spots that should be re-tarred or repaired. Butch estimated \$1,000 for all the necessary repairs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Park Committee Report
 - Cargill reported about issues for the park that will be important this year.
 - Harvey Berens volunteered to do the mowing for the 2011 season.
 - The committee requested port-a-johns. Board decided to move the downtown port-a-john over to the park area. Wiegand to phone All-Seasons.
 - Environmental study and title search is back.
 - Still have not received the check from the DNR.
 - Grants are available through different sources for park development and planning. Board recommended finalizing the purchase of the park before any grants are written to improve the park.
 - The Park Committee requested having garbage bins put out at the park. After discussion, the Board decided to hire a garbage company to put three bins out and be collected on their regular route. Bins should be placed near the road so the garbage truck won't have to drive on the bike trail for collection. Cargill to research which company to use to place the bins.
2. Speed Limit Signs at Upper Silver Lake
 - 34 speed limit signs would cost \$1,911.01 plus labor. Board agreed this is too costly. Board to mark the map where they would like a minimal number of signs and get this information back to the Road Commission
 - Keith Adams also requested getting the small stop sign on the bike trail, at the end of Emerald Drive, put back up. Lance Malburg to research this issue.
3. Karnes Tree Issue
 - Request from Dick Karnes to trim some branches on a tree that is on the Township access that are hanging over his house. Mr. Karnes uses the Township access as his driveway. After discussion, the board decided against trimming the branches at this time.
 - In addition, Ron Loncore would like stumps removed from his property that the Road Commission cut down. Lance Malburg from the Road Commission stated they may be able to grind them up if they have other projects in the area that involve chipping other trees or stumps in the area.
4. Black Top at Silver Lake
 - Black top between the turn-around and the boat ramp near Ferwerda's Wave Club is in bad shape and could use some repairs. According to the estimate from the Road Commission the project would cost approximately \$5,000 to complete with the ultra thin overlay which is a new resurfacing technique that Lance highly recommends. To chip and seal the same area it would cost \$2,900, however, this would not last nearly as long as the ultra thin overlay. After discussion, the board decided on using the ultra thin overlay in this area as it is a high traffic area and it would be a good opportunity to try the new product in a small area.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to allow the Road Commission to request bids for the Hazel Road project at Silver Lake using Ultra Thin Overlay. All yes, motion carried.

5. Chip and Seal

-List of roads recommended for upgrades by the Road Commission was presented by Malburg. Estimates were given for chip and seal or the ultra thin overlay. Malburg is asking for direction from the board for what roads they would like done this year. It may be possible to chip and seal some roads and use the ultra thin overlay on other roads.

-Walsworth to work on prioritizing the list of roads and get the information to Malburg. Walsworth also requested getting a bid on the intersection near 64th and Taylor.

-Cargill requested from Malburg a history of when most of the roads in the township were made to help in decision making for improving the roads.

6. Electrical Estimate

-Estimate from Blackmer Electric for \$1395 to divide the electrical meter 2 ways so the Township bills can be separate from the renter's bills.

-Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve the estimate from Blackmer for \$1395 to divide the electrical meter to be able to separate the bills between the township and other renters accurately. Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes. Motion carried.

-Cargill and Fuehring will also be meeting with Telamon this week to discuss the options for the septic tank upgrades and which option they would prefer to help with.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Robert Fong, 1442 N. Wilson Rd., addressed the Board, expressing his serious concerns with the multiple concert events that were approved for Val Du this summer. Mr. Fong lives near Val Du and wants the business to be successful, however, he believes he will be unable to peacefully enjoy his own home every weekend of the summer. He stated a few concerts during the summer would be fine, but to have one every weekend of the summer was quite excessive.
2. Resident requesting signs at 34th and Hazel Road signs be put up. Also Taylor and B15. These signs were removed for the road project and the angle of the road was changed at the corner of 34th and Hazel. Walsworth to follow up on these issues.
3. Jean Henk thanked Supervisor Walsworth for plowing their Community Garden
4. Resident questioned whether 11:00 curfew would be required for the Val Du events. The Board stated that yes, it would be enforced for the Val Du events.
5. Keith Adams questioned why lights at the intersection of 34th and Hazel don't line up with the actual intersection. The Board stated this intersection changed with the road project and it would take \$3,300 to move them. The board decided against moving the lights. Adams also requested removing the unsightly snow fencing that was erected to prevent motorists from crossing where the old road used to be. Malburg stated he could remove the fence.

Meeting adjourned 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

