

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
August 9, 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, Cargill, Fuehring, Ackley, Absent-Wiegand.

MINUTES from the July 12th regular meeting were read by Cargill.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the minutes from the July 12th meeting with the above correction. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received letter from County Equalization Office regarding Maps in Deed website.
- E-mail from Jim Morgan, jmorgan@rjm-design.com, regarding the Silver Lake water quality.
- Received letter from Richard Karnes regarding dead tree branches on the township property which hang over their house.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$183,597.57 on July 1st, 2011, ending balance on July 31st, 2011 of \$107,385.37. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$148,404.30 on July 1st, 2011 and ending balance of \$150,023.81 on July 31st, 2011.
- Cargill also presented additional information regarding the T&A fund which had an ending balance of \$48,763.01. This fund is a holding account. Cargill also presented the Fire Fund which has an ending balance of \$54,800.68. This fund is also a special assessment fund which holds the Fire Millage money until it is paid to the Hart Area Fire Board.
- Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve 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 Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve check numbers 14232 through 14272 from the General Fund totaling \$33,440.44. Also check numbers 1133 from the Road Fund for \$4,433.00 for the second brining. Roll call vote Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-absent. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

- 8 permits issued this month.
- Most violations from last month have been resolved. Still working on the illegal land split.
- PC met.
- Held review meeting for Val Du.
- Val Du site plan request was reviewed and sent back requesting more information.
- Pre-application conference for Grace Adventures was also held at the PC meeting.
- Letter from Don Tucker from Silver Lake Resort and Campground was read regarding excessive noise from the Val Du concerts and the negative effects it is having on his business.
- Received Mass Gathering Permit request from the Apple Festival Committee along with the fee.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve the Mass Gathering permit request that was submitted by the Barbeque and Apple Festival Committee. All yes, motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT
As submitted

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution to withdraw the \$29,000 from the Silver Lake Park fund at the Community Foundation to assist in paying for the park property.

RESOLUTION TO OBTAIN FUNDS

WHEREAS the Township of Golden has been awarded a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the acquisition of a 6.1 acre parcel of property in Silver Lake to use as a Township Park.

AND WHEREAS the Oceana Community Foundation has set up a fund for donations for matching funds for this park acquisition.

AND WHEREAS donations of over \$29,000 have been received in the fund.

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Golden resolves to request

\$29,000 from the Oceana Community Foundation Fund to be used in the purchase of the property to be known as the Gold N Silver Township Park.

Motion by: Connie Cargill

Seconded by: Kevin Ackley

Ayes: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Donald Walsworth, Kevin Ackley

Nays: None

Absent: Tina Wiegand

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed by the Golden Township Board at its regular meeting August 9, 2011.

Tina Wiegand, Township Clerk

2. Agreement with Mr. Berens regarding finalizing the sale of the Park Property.
 - Township to pay prorated summer and winter taxes, recording fee for warranty deed, part of the revenue stamps and half of the closing costs.
 - Mr. Berens to pay for Title Insurance, part of the revenue stamps, prorated summer and winter taxes, recording fees and half of the closing costs.
 - Motion by Fuehring support by Ackley to approve the Closing Statement for the Gold N Silver Park Acquisition. Roll call vote: Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-absent. Motion carried.
3. Door Estimate
 - The east door locks are in need of repair. Estimate received from Architectural Hardware Company for \$825.00.
 - Fuehring to have Tony Collins look at the doors and give an additional estimate.
4. 18th Avenue traffic issues
 - Homeowner concerned that many people are slowing down to get a closer look at his property and his antiques and take pictures and it causes a traffic hazard. He welcomes travelers to pull in to his driveway, however, often they don't.
 - Township board doesn't believe there is anything they can do to resolve the situation at this time.
5. Cemetery Issue - Binder
 - James Binder Jr. presented information regarding the recent burial of his father, James Binder.
 - He would like a bench foundation to be placed at the east end of the grave space instead of the west end as is normally done at the cemetery.
 - Mr. Binder would like the foundation set soon as the bench will be completed in September. He has the specifications. He can be reached at his mother's residence for the next couple weeks.
6. Cable TV Reception
 - Jake stated a resident is concerned that reception is often less than desirable. He will submit a letter next month.
 - Another resident stated that internet speed is also a problem.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Ted Ferwerda questioning whether the Township will be moving forward with the Downtown Development Authority project area that Dan Castle had initiated 2 years ago. He is considering opening a restaurant and is wondering whether a liquor license would be

- available or not. Cargill explained that when Mr. Castle had presented the program he stated his lawyer would do all the research and there would be no cost to the township.
- The geographical footprint and costs of the program were discussed.
 - Whelpley stated a Downtown Development Authority would have to be created. Whelpley will follow up with Ted and make some phone calls.
2. Don Tucker questioning what the township plans to do in response to his letter of concern regarding Val Du.
 - Board discussed options with Mr. Lowing and Mr. Tucker.
 - Val Du will be putting in air conditioning soon to reduce some of the bar noise from having the windows and doors open.
 - Lowing stated the schedule for next year will have less scheduled concerts than this year.
 - Lowing continues to work with his sound crew to figure out how to reduce the excessive sound levels.
 - Board recommended having a sound engineer visit Mr. Tucker's campground to recommend a solution.
 3. Brian Klepper stated he believes that residents and visitors shouldn't have to listen to the vulgar language that some of the bands yell out during the concerts.
 4. Ted Ferwerda requesting whether the water quality reports are out for this year yet. Cargill does not have this year's report yet. Cargill stated some water testing was done over this past weekend. Ferwerda stated there have been a lot of dead fish on the lake lately.

Meeting adjourned 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

