

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
June 12, 2012
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: Wiegand, Cargill, Walsworth, Ackley, Fuehring.

MINUTES from the May 8th regular meeting were presented.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the minutes from the May 8th meeting. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Oceana County Road Commission regarding a road closure on Lake Road.
- Chris VanAntwerp regarding issues at the Township Park. Wiegand to get estimate for painting at the Township Beach Park and the Township Hall.
- White Lake Nursery regarding a bid for irrigation in the new area of the cemetery. Walsworth will research possible funding sources this month.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$239,234.74 on May 1st, 2012, ending balance on May 31st, 2012 of \$54,469.85. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$293,052.31 on May 1st, 2012 and ending balance of \$293,266.15 on May 31st, 2012.
- Also reported on the Hunt Street Special Assessment Roll. The current balance is \$21,452.79.
- Cargill also reported on Clean Up Day costs. Total cost to the township was \$3,043.01.
- Cargill also summarized the Gold-N-Silver Park Acquisition that was completed in May. Check #14597 was written for \$169,969.82. \$7,000.00 overpayment has been refunded to the township. Total purchase price of the park is \$582,000. Land donation was \$107,000. MNRTF Grant was \$322,272. Community Foundation was \$55,321. Additionally, after the process is completed, \$35,808.07 will be refunded to the township.

-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 14595 through 14617 from the General Fund totaling \$235,860.44. Also, check number 1139 from the Road Fund for Oceana County Treasurer totaling \$101.49. Roll call vote: Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-

yes, Wiegand-yes, Fuehring-yes. Motion carried. Cargill commented that check number 14558 from last month was related to Merle Begg's retirement pay-out.

ZONING REPORT:

- Wrote 11 permits.
 - Worked on several sign violations this month.
 - Several septic tank pump reports have come in and four of them have been failures.
 - Checking on a complaint at the 18th Avenue lake access near Mac Woods regarding property lines.
 - Will have a Public Hearing for the Zoning Ordinance Amendments in July.
 - Received digital maps with all lake accesses and parks in the township.
 - Master Plan was approved by the Planning Commission. Requesting approval by the Township Board.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve the 2012 Master Plan as presented.
- All yes, motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

- As presented.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Football Fundraiser – Steve Hlady
 - Requesting permission to increase public awareness for the Hart football program by passing out the fall football schedules at intersections in Golden Township on August 4, 2012. Donations will be voluntary and will go directly to the football program.
 - Motion by Cargill, support by Wiegand to allow representatives of the Hart Football Program to pass out schedules and solicit voluntary donations at any intersection in Golden Township on Saturday, August 4, 2012. All yes, motion carried.
 - Wiegand noted that Mr. Hlady has done an excellent job the last few years improving the football program at Hart.
2. Fire Board Agreement
 - Board reviewed the most recent Fire Board Agreement received June 11, 2012 from Dan Leimback, Secretary of the Fire Board.
 - The board also reviewed revisions that were suggested by Ed McNeely which included taking budget information out of the Agreement in Section 8, stating that it is illegal to have budget information in the contract.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve the Fire Board Agreement which includes revisions to Section 8 suggested by Ed McNeely which would remove specific budget information. All yes, motion carried.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve paying the Fire Board \$100,185.00 for 2012 if the agreement is approved by all four entities involved. Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, motion carried.
3. Art Fair Reminder

- Art Fair will be on Saturday, July 21, 2012
4. Tanner Bid
 - Fuehring presented a bid from Tanner for \$1500.00 to replace 5 roof drains in the building.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve \$1500.00 paid to Tanner to replace 5 roof drains at the township hall. Roll call vote: Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.
 5. Hart Area Rec Update
 - Wiegand presented information to the board as the Hart Area Rec Board Representative. Craig Cihak has volunteered time and resources to assist the Rec Board to make improvements to the program. There will be no charge for the time and services provided by Craig and all decisions will continue to go through the Rec Board.
 6. Schedule Truth and Taxation
 - Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to schedule the Truth and Taxation hearing for Tuesday, July 10th, 2012 at 7:30pm during the regular Golden Township Board Meeting. All yes, motion carried.
 7. Review Sexton Agreement
 - Wiegand reviewed the Sexton guidelines. The Sexton will be paid by the funeral homes for burials and foundations, but will receive direction from the township for where burials will be done.
 8. Gold-N-Silver Park purchase update
 - As presented in the Treasurer's Report.
 9. Silver Lake Community Group
 - Lake quality issues were presented by William DeJong representing the Silver Lake Action Committee.
 - The group believes it is critical to do an intensive study of Silver Lake to determine what exactly is compromising the quality of the lake water.
 - Silver Lake Action Committee is proposing a study of the lake, in cooperation with USGS and GVSU which would cost a total of \$531,380.00. USGS would cover \$183,600.00 of this cost.
 - The group is requesting \$30,000.00 from Golden Township over the next three years.
 - After discussion the board decided to table the issue until opinions from the county and local residents have been made public.
 10. Silver Lake Fireworks 2012
 - Request by Gary Dunham to have the fireworks display at Silver Lake on Wednesday, July 4, 2012. All necessary paperwork is in order, and copies of insurance have been submitted.
 - Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve the fireworks display on Wednesday, July 4, 2012. All yes, motion carried.
 11. Tax Foreclosure
 - Letter received from the County Treasurer regarding a lot in Lake Michigan Shores that will be available at the tax sale. The board is not interested at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Resident requested information regarding possibly dredging the channel. No action is planned at this time.

2. Keith Adams wondered who would be mowing the new park property. Harvey Berens will be doing the mowing.
3. Terry Way stated he had to call the police regarding noisy campers in the ValDu Campground over Memorial Day Weekend at 2:00 in the morning. Brian Lowing states he was in the process of evicting these campers when the call was made to the police.
4. Resident questioned whether the township had considered allowing ORV's on the side of the road. Whelpley stated the township will not be allowed to make a decision until July. Whelpley has requested information from Bumstead regarding this issue. The township would be able to designate certain roads where it would be allowed. Also, a Public Hearing must be held.
5. Larry Byl reported on county issues:
 - Animal Control remodeling project bids came in very high.
 - CMH will again be paying rent to the county.
 - Presented brief information regarding the ISD proposal.
 - Thanks to all the fire departments who assisted with the large fire downtown Shelby which destroyed 4 businesses and 6 apartments. They should all be commended for their efforts. Walsworth added that Golden Township supports the efforts of the firemen and has never had an issue with the work they do.
6. Joe Nameth commented that there was a small spark that blew in to a quarter mile fire last week near his home. He is afraid the new law regarding fireworks may become a problem. He requested that everyone be careful this summer, especially over the busy Fourth of July weekend.

Meeting adjourned 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

