

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
March 11, 2014
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by the Chairman, Don Walsworth, at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall.

Board present: Connie Cargill, Kevin Ackley, Don Walsworth, Carl Fuehring.

Also present: Jake Whelpley, Zoning administrator; Brenda Draper, Deputy Clerk and 25 guests.

Absent: Rachel Iteen

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the minutes of last month's regular and special board meeting, all yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence: Letter from State of Michigan/ Kelli Sobel – State Tax Commission concerning Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements, read by Brenda Draper.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report. The ending balance in the General Fund as of February 28, 2014 was \$299,795.64, and the ending balance for the Road fund was \$417,228.22.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, the Financial Report was accepted subject to Audit.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, Check numbers 15375 through 15387, EFT payment 46 approved and a roll call vote, all yes.

Zoning administrator, Jake Whelpley will be out of office April 1-10, 2014. Mr. Whelpley discussed a request for bus stop streetlight at corner of 7th St. and Mears St. in Mears.

Superintendent opens Public Hearing. Treasurer explains the General Fund budget and Road budget. No salaries have changed. General Fund: Revenue \$921,235. Appropriations : Township Board \$72,400, Supervisor \$13,437, Clerk \$25,422, Board of Review \$1,400, Treasurer \$35,192, Assessor \$47,158, Elections \$5,100, Building&Grounds \$20,700, Cemetery \$10,400, Police \$12,000, Fire Dept \$25,000, Street Lighting \$6,500, Zoning \$37,554, Parks and Rec. Dept. \$369,900, Library \$15,000, Debt Service \$16,431, Total Appropriations \$713,594. Road Fund: Revenues \$484,451, Appropriations \$484,451. Fire Fund: Revenues \$135,068, Appropriations \$135,068. Silver Lake Corridore Fund: Revenues \$37,704, Appropriations \$37,704. Superintendent asks for public comments, there were none. Budget amendment to increase zoning budget \$250.00. Motion to approve budget by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Cargill. Roll call vote, all yes.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring to amend the 2013-14 budget to increase Zoning Department by \$250. Motion carried.

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Golden Township resolves:

SECTION 1. This resolution shall be known as the Golden Township 2014 General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 2. Public Hearing on the Budget – pursuant to MCLA141.412 and .413, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on February 6, 2014 and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on March 11, 2014.

SECTION 3. The Golden Township Board adopts the 2014-2015 fiscal year budgets for the various funds by department.

SECTION 4. The Golden Township Board shall cause to be levied and collected the general property tax on all real and personal property within the Township upon the current tax roll and allocated mileage of 1.195 mill township operations; and voter authorized millage of 1.96 mills for road maintenance and repair, and .495 mills for fire protection.

SECTION 5. All claims against the Township shall be approved by the Golden Township Board prior to being paid, prepayment will be allowed for Card member Services, Larson's, Great Lakes Energy and Consumers energy, Frontier.

SECTION 6. Included in the budget are the following amounts of the salary, hourly and per diem rates for the officials and employees of the Township:

Per Diem – PC and ZBA - \$50; Trustees - \$125.

Supervisor - \$12,087.

Assessor - \$41,054.

Clerk - \$17,122

Deputy Clerk - \$12.25 per hour

Elections - \$11.00 per hour

Treasurer - \$21,942.

Deputy Treasurer - \$12.75 per hour

Zoning - \$23,454.

Cemetery - \$11.33 per hour

SECTION 7. Estimated revenues and expenditures for Golden Township for the funds are:

General – 921,235. Revenue \$921,235. Expense

Road - \$484,451. Revenue \$484,451. Expense

Fire Fund - \$135,068 Revenue \$135,068 Expense

Silver Lake Trail Fund - \$37,704 Revenue \$37,704 Expense

MOTION made by Mr. Fuehring, seconded by Mr. Ackley, to adopt the forgoing resolution and General Appropriations Act. Upon roll call vote the following voted: all yes (Rachel Iteen absent)

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted on the 11th day of March, 2014.

Signed: _____ Donald Walsworth, Supervisor

Superintendent closed Public Hearing and returned to regular meeting.

Gerry Rivard discussed going thru Harris Corp. to get Fire Dept. I.D. number with the state. We can still work with Hart Fire Dept. with the I.D. Motion to approve by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring to appoint Kevin Ackley and Gerry Rivard to continue negotiation with other three fire entities. Motion carried.

Steering Committee introduced Jim Gale (Gale's Ins.), explained ISO rates and how it affects property insurance premium. He also explained how the Fire Dept. would be covered by insurance.

Park Committee: Jeff Clark and Bob Henry presented architectural drawing showing the 1st phase for the Township Park's electricity. The Applefest has pledged \$10,000 toward total electric estimate of \$20,000. Committee is requesting Township pledge up to \$10,000. Township is applying for Community Foundation Grant of \$6,000.00 to help cover local match. Motion to pledge not to exceed \$10,000 to park electric whatever is not covered by Applefest and Community grants. Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring Roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring to request the Park Committee to develop Policy and Rules for Park, to be brought to Board for final approval. Motion carried.

Committee discussed future plans for Township park.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley to approve Mrs. Cargill to open an account at Lowe's for use on park project. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley to continue using White Trucking for Brine. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring to accept Telamon Lease if Telamon agrees to Township terms. Motion carried.

Benona Township request permission from Golden Township to abandon right of way, North of lot 48 in Beach Combers sub-division in Benona Township. Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring to put following renewal proposal on August Primary Ballot.
Golden Township Road Millage Proposal: Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Golden Township, Oceana County, Michigan be established at 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2015-2018 inclusive for the purpose of maintaining and/or improving streets and highways within Golden Township; and shall the Township levy such millage for said purpose, thereby, raising the first year an estimated \$330,000? This proposed millage is a renewal of the 2 mills approved by the electors of Golden Township for road maintenance and improvement which will expire in 2014. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Larry Byl talked about a new Michigan Works Building coming to Oceana County, the County will be hiring full-time IT person, also hiring new assistant administrator.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda Draper
Golden Township Deputy Clerk