

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP

June 10, 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, Rachel Iteen, Kevin Ackley, Don Walsworth, Carl Fuehring.

Also present: Jake Whelpley, Zoning Administrator and 21 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting and to amend last month's minutes to include a motion to grant the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes Committee permission to construct a 40'x 60' pavilion. All yes the motion carried.

Correspondence: 1. Malcolm Pete *Wood* Memorial Fund of Oceana County donated \$2400 towards the pavilion at the Golden Township Part at Silver Lake Sand Dunes; 2. MTA imploring all townships to become members; 3. Mrs. Cargill presented the board with copies of emails notifying all of the fire committee members (including Mr. Beggs) of the fire committee meetings.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring to approve up to \$5885.00 for the removal of 12 trees and stumps in the cemetery. All yes the motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report. The ending balance in the General Fund as of May 31, 2014 was \$225,324.92, and the ending balance for the Road fund was \$513,934.06.

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 15473 through 15514 and EFT payment 49 approved, Roll call vote, all yes.

Zoning Report: 4 zoning permits were issued. Two violations with one resolved. Mr. Whelpley attended the wild fire protection plan meeting and hopes to set up a meeting in October to inform all who attend ways to reduce the chance of wild fires. Mr. Whelpley, *along with the other members of the committee of the Oceana County planning commission*, submitted a grant application to fund a study of the fire departments emergency services in Oceana County.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill supported by Mr. Ackley to approve a permit for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. All yes the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley to: 1. Put an ad in the Oceana Herald Journal to begin accepting applications for a representative of Golden Township to the Hart Area Fire Board. 2. Appoint Mr. Ackley as lead representative from Golden Township to the Hart Area Fire Board as of tonight. 3. Mr. Fuehring will remain on the Hart Area Fire Board until a replacement is named at the July 2014 meeting. (The fire board will change from a five to a nine member board)

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve spending for the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes not to exceed \$8000.00 for new well, including permit of \$165.00, seed, and fertilizer. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Ackley to approve the Applefest BBQ mass gathering permit. All yes the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve a new roof on the lower area of the township hall (does not include the gym roof) for the amount of \$23,543.00. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Ackley to amend language in the fire millage proposal to \$82,500.00 instead of \$85,000.00 to correct the amount raised in the first year. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley to declare that we are not interested in any parcels in the tax foreclosure land disclosure. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Cargill to adopt the following Policy and Procedure for the Public Inspection and Copying of Public Records. All yes, the motion carried.

Pursuant to Michigan compiled laws or MCL 211.10a The General Property Tax Act and MCL 15.231 Freedom of Information Act: **Policy and Procedure for the Public Inspection and Copying of Public Records.**

1. Requests for public inspection and copying of public records may be made verbally and/or in writing.
2. Said requests may be directed to the township and/or authorized individual responsible for said public records.
3. Any requests made pursuant to Michigan's Freedom of Information Act, shall be made to the FOIA coordinator and shall be subject to the statutory requirements of FOIA.
4. If verbal request is made, the responding township official and/or authorized individual shall prepare a checklist of items/records requested to be copied and/or inspected. Said listing shall be presented to the requesting party on the date set for inspection or copying.
5. The responding township official and/or authorized individual may require the requesting party to counter sign the check list to indicate compliance with the verbal request.
6. The responding township official and/or authorized individual shall be responsible for the production of the requested copies.
7. The requesting party shall be billed for the copies and preparation time, if applicable, pursuant to the schedule of charges established by the Township Board.
8. If the request is for inspection of public record, the responding township official and/or authorized individual shall respond in a timely manner, not to exceed 5 business days, from the date of said request. Said response shall indicate the date, time and place when said public inspection of the requested public records shall take place.
9. The establishment of the date and time of the public inspection of the requested public records shall be in the discretion of the responding township official and/or authorized individual. The place designated for the requested inspection shall be the Township Hall.
10. The responding township official and/or authorized individual shall allow such inspection during the customary business hours or by appointment.

Golden Township adopts this policy on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

Donald Walsworth, Supervisor - yes  
Connie Cargill, Treasurer - yes  
Rachel Iteen, Clerk - yes  
Carl Fuehring, Trustee - yes  
Kevin Ackley, Trustee - yes

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring to approve the following millage: Operating 1.1955, Road 1.9641, and Fire .4960. All yes the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring to approve the 2014/2015 Hart Area Fire Board Purposed Budget based on 2013 taxable value at 0.65. Budget as follows: City of Hart \$34,195.00; Hart Township 37,773.00; Weare Township 24,008; Golden Township 104,768.00. All yes, the motion carried.

Public comments: A letter written by Mike Cook read by his wife, Patty was read stating that he was the one that filed the recall papers for Mr. Walsworth and Mr. Fuehring, and that the recall represented several people standing behind him in this recall. Mr. Dion questioned how many people knew anyone who would like to be a fireman for Golden Township, and stated that he supported Mr. Walsworth and Mr. Fuehring. Bob Henry asked to have road signs put up on Taylor: A sign for the curves and a PED Xing sign going both directions by Hunter creek. Allen Blohm announced that he was running for Oceana County Road commissioner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk

Corrections made at the July 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting are italicized.