

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by Chairman, Carl Fuehring, at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Richard Walsworth

Absent: Gary Beggs

Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Ed McNeely, Township Lawyer; and 18 guests.

Minutes - Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Iteen, to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence: Gary and Linda Stadler – Want action on short term rentals

The Treasurer read the Financial Report. The ending balance in the Fund as of September 10, 2018 was as follows: General Fund \$149,425.80; Road fund \$75,255.61; Fire Fund \$30,886.11; Park/Recreation Cash Fund \$2,719.54.

Bills: Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mr. Walsworth to pay check numbers 17545 through 17581, and EFT 103 in the general fund for the amount of \$31,942.44 and check #1185 from the road fund in the amount of \$146,356.08. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Silver Lake Dam Assessment: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve payment for the dam assessment with half of the money coming out of general fund and the other half coming out of the road fund. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Zoning Report: There were 78 permits this year of which 25 plus new are new homes.

Parks Report: Mrs. Cargill stated that they received paperwork back concerning the DNR Grants.

Four Park Signs: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve new 4'x8' signs three costing \$1605.00 and one costing \$535.00 for a total of \$2140.00. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Fire Report: Mr. Whelpley reported that the fire department had the opportunity to view a demonstrator fire truck and that they are looking to get a new one. Also one new firefighter was added making a total of 25 firefighters.

Road Report: Tar and chip was put down and fog coat finished. Lines are being painted now. 64th Ave still needs gravel and some work needs to be done by 64 and Taylor to eliminate the water problem at Darlene England's house.

Road Sign: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve another sign "Dune Access" with an arrow to direct traffic onto Ridge Road after passing Grace Adventures stables. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Lake Michigan Road Signs were assessed by Mr. Walsworth and he ordered new signs that the county will install.

Planning Commission: Did not meet because of a bad storm. Mike Cook informed us that the planning commission will have a booth at the Applefest from 10 am – 6 pm on Saturday the 15th with survey available for public feedback concerning the master plan.

Sewer Report: Dave Bluhm, from Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc., stated that Golden Township could qualify for nine million in grant monies.

Old Business: None

New Business:

MTA Conference: Board members to sign up by September 18.

Part Time Employee: Will review later as Doug Aprill also showed interest along with Bob Jones and Mark Austin.

Cedar Point Park Overnight Parking: Pete LundBorg spoke about Cedar Point Park and asked for our support to extend “no parking” form 11 pm - 6 am. People are comping overnight or leaving trailers there. Sherriff Craig Mast is in favor of this.

Overnight Parking Ban: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Walsworth to support the overnight parking ban if Pentwater Township will also support the parking ban. All yes, the motion carried.

Public discussion:

-Tom Hartman agreed with Linda Stadler’s correspondence letter.

-Linda Chapman asked about Great Lakes request for areas that want fiber optics. She also asked why Upper Silver Lake is paying for their street lights. The Association put in the lights.

-John Henderson questioned the rental fee and thought that people would not pay next year’s fees.

-Carl Kaat questioned the sewer and stated that 80% of the people in Silver Lake don’t know about the sewer project. Mr. Fuehring stated that it was in the newsletter send out with the taxes.

-A resident stated that he lives in Detroit and just heard about the sewer project.

-A resident stated that the majority of people at Silver Lake don’t know about the sewer.

Closed Session: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Walsworth to approve going into closed session to discuss land acquisition. All yes, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Mr. Fuehring called the meeting back to order at 9:20 pm.

Contacts will be made to Representative Huizenga and Senator Stabenow to please call Christine Maxwell and tell her we need grant money and that we qualify for up to nine million. This is an environmentally important project and also a low income area.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk