

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
September 8, 2009  
7:30 pm Golden Township Hall

Meeting Called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:35 pm. Present: Fuehring, Cargill, Wiegand, Walsworth. Ackley absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

MINUTES from the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Wiegand to accept the minutes from the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
All yes, motion carried.

MINUTES from the August 31<sup>st</sup> meeting were read by Wiegand

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to accept the minutes from the August 31<sup>st</sup> work session. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter received from Jim and Jo VanderWeele thanking the Board for the quality chip and seal job that was done on their road this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$98,553.40 on August 1, 2009 and ending balance of \$211,063.65 on August 31, 2009. Ending balance on September 8, 2009 of \$163,717.40. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$215,802.87 on August 1, 2009 and ending balance of \$186,741.74 on August 31, 2009. Ending balance of \$14,648.00 on September 8, 2009. Motion was made by Fuehring, support by Wiegand to accept the Treasurer's report. All yes, motion carried.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve check numbers 13297 through 13331 totaling \$40,210.03. Roll call vote Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-Absent, Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT presented by Jake Whelpley.

1. Permits are down this year
2. Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for a variance request.
3. Planning Commission met last month regarding Timberlake PUD amendment. The issue was tabled until next month
4. By-Laws have been distributed to PC members for their review.
5. Received no complaints over Labor Day weekend.

7:49 Ackley arrives.

## ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

-Request for mileage. Walsworth states Assessor should turn in a request for reimbursement to be approved by the board.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. None

## NEW BUSINESS

1. School property purchase approval request. Correspondence received from Ed McNeeley regarding an addendum to the Purchase Agreement. Addendum given to School representative, LouAnn Mitteer tonight. Wiegand to meet with school regarding finalizing the purchase of the property.
2. Reynolds Road abandonment – Tabled until October at the request of David Byrne.
3. Approve Planning Commission Ordinance – Identical Ordinance that was submitted in October 2008. Ordinance should be re-approved so it can be properly publicized in the local press.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Wiegand to approve Ordinance #41. All yes, motion carried.

4. Bike Trail Proposal – Request from the Upper Silver Lake Board to share the cost of a bike trail in their association with the Township. Bid from Hallack was received today and is considerably higher than was originally planned. Recommended talking to Hallack and the Road Commission to adjust the bid in order to reduce the cost of the project. Residents in the area are in favor of the project. Dick Walsworth and the Upper Silver Lake Board to meet with the Road Commission and Hallack and get information back to the Township Board.

5. Approve Invoices for the Silver Lake Road Project – Signs and Utilities

Business signs and electrical street lights need to be moved to alternate locations because of the bike path/road project. This will be included in the Township's portion of the Road Project and does not involve any additional/unplanned costs. Utilities checks were previously approved in the Treasurer's report.

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve paying the low bidder Amor Sign Studios, for the relocation of business signs at Silver Lake to make room for the Bike Trail. Roll Call vote: Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand yes. Motion Carried.

6. Internal Moves – Assessor and Board Meeting Room

-Details discussed at work session. Plan to move Assessor's office and Board room within the building. Building renovations to assist in this move also discussed at work session.

7. Discuss Complaints about people sitting on quads that are riding on trailers.

-Letter received from Jack Warfield re: concern over safety issues associated with people riding on quads that are being hauled on trailers. Board discussed the fact that Michigan State Law allows this. Consensus is that the Township doesn't want to override what Michigan State Law allows. Wiegand to contact Mr. Warfield.

8. Statement for Doug Kurzer – Board to OK business parking onto bike path.

-Mr. Kurzer would like a statement from the Board stating their support to allow parking in front of Silver Lake businesses after the new trail is in place, despite the fact that longer vehicles may overlap into the bike trail.

-Sample statement, "This present Golden Township Board agrees that businesses at Silver Lake should not be negatively affected by the Bike Trail/Road Project scheduled to begin September 2009. This Board agrees that it will be permissible for customers to park at all businesses, as they have in the past, even though this means the vehicle will overlap onto the bike trail."

-Board discussion involved possibly only making this permissible for the BubbaQ as some of the other businesses have other options for parking.

-Board also discussed replacing the word, "overlap."

-Wiegand to work on adjusting the statement. Cargill to check site plans for the other businesses.

-To put on October agenda.

9. Tom Burgess – Waste Management presentation.

-No state money available for grants this year. Up to 150 million available next year. Applications should be submitted soon to apply for grant money for next year. Up to 75% matches available from the grants.

-Cargill also spoke with a representative from Mr. Tooma's office. Stated financing can be for up to 40 years, Golden Township is under the poverty level and interest rates may be going down. Must do several studies (Social, environmental, etc.) and a representative from their office would be willing to help with these details at no cost. This representative recommended submitting a preliminary application to the state. A letter from the Health Department is also required.

-Discussed including Upper Silver Lake, or just requesting money for Silver Lake. Mr. Boss and Mr. Burgess recommended requesting money for the larger area as some tests have shown that Upper Silver Lake may be contributing to the

pollution in Silver Lake. Grant funders would approve of correcting the source of the problem, not just fixing the area where the pollution ends up.

-Discussion regarding what monthly sewer costs may be for residents compared to other areas.

-No permanent commitment on behalf of the Board to just submit the grant application. There is no financial commitment at this point.

-Business owners in the audience are cautiously optimistic about the project depending on the final costs.

-Resident suggested being cautious because sometimes the long term costs of a sewer system are more than initially planned.

-Walsworth stated it is important to him that the sewer project be something the residents are requesting and not just something that the board wants. It is also a requirement for the project.

-Motion by Fuehring support by Ackley to submit an application to Rural Development to apply for funding toward a sewer project in the Silver Lake area with the understanding that there is no financial commitment to the Township at this time. Amount of funding requested will be determined later as recommended by the engineers. All yes, motion carried. Cargill to meet with Mr. Vogt, Mr. Burgess and Mr. Boss.

#### 10. Barrier Free Bathroom bid

-Fuehring met with Tony Collins this week regarding making the bathroom in the hallway barrier free to meet ADA requirements. This includes taking out blocks, purchasing the larger door and installing it and installing necessary rails. Mr. Collins believes this would cost approximately \$2,000.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Wiegand to allow Tony Collins to bring the bathroom hallway up to ADA specifications for the bid of approximately \$2,000.

-Discussion regarding prioritizing building projects and their cost. Discussed that ADA specifications are required in government buildings, so this would be a priority as we have no ADA accessible bathrooms at this time.

-Roof drains are also an issue as it is a possibility they may freeze. Estimate from Tanner stated they could fix all six drains for \$2,700.00. Walsworth recommended only fixing the two drains that are leaking at this time.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to approve renovations to the hallway bathroom to bring it up to ADA specifications for approximately

\$2000 and to fix 2 of the 6 roof drains. (Pam's office and the gym.) Roll call vote: Cargill-yes, Walsorth-yes, Fuehring-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried. Fuehring to contact Tanner and Collins.

11. Christian High School request – Cindy Lohman

-Requesting classroom space for a Christian High School beginning next fall. School hours would be Monday through Friday during normal school hours.

-Discussion regarding the fact that Telamon is also requesting classroom space.

-Recommended working on more details as far as number of students, hours of use, rent possibilities, furniture, heat, etc.

-Wiegand to follow up with Cindy Lohman.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Resident Joe Nameth commented that the amount of fireworks on the beach this year was down considerably. The one time he did call the police, they responded quickly and handled the situation efficiently.

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand  
Golden Township Clerk

