

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 11, 2016

The meeting of the Golden Township Election Commission was called to order by the Clerk, Rachel Iteen at 7:18 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall.

Commission present: Rachel Iteen, clerk; Connie Cargill, treasurer; Don Walsworth, supervisor.

The clerk read the names of the **election inspectors** to be appointed for the **November 8, 2016, election**.

Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mr. Walsworth to appoint: Brenda Draper, Deputy Clerk, Chairman; Melinda Whitney, Republican; Nancy Peters, Democrat; Pam Tingley, Democrat; JoEllyn Rickard, Republican, as election inspectors for the November 8, 2016, election. All yes, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

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

Board Members Present: Don Walsworth, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Carl Fuehring, Kevin Ackley. Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; and 18 guests.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, to approve the **minutes** of last month's regular board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. James Morgan - Wrote to see if the **winter storage of docks** is allowed in front yards of Resort Residential Zoning District.

-Linda Kotzian spoke to the board about putting a survey on high speed internet for rural areas in with the Golden Township tax bills. This was already approved in the August 9, 2016 board meeting.

**The Treasurer read the Financial Report.** The ending balance in the Fund as of September 30, 2016 was as follows: General Fund \$273,488.47; Road fund \$164,736.33; Fire Fund \$2,118.59; Capital Project Fund \$17,237.24; General Park/Recreation Fund \$5,786.09; Silver Lake Park \$32,438.50; Johnson Square \$55,165.50.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, the **Financial Report** was accepted subject to Audit. Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, to pay check numbers 16576 through 16615 in the general fund for the amount of \$94,756.87. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

**Zoning Report:** There were 14 permits for the month of September with a total of 65 for the year. Mr. Draper mentioned that: He talked to Ben Varney at Pyramid concerning the cell tower to go up in the township; A letter was sent to Ms. King concerning the disposal of two mobile home on the 1007 N.

52<sup>nd</sup> Ave in Mears; Letters from DEQ and Health Department # 10 concerning Mr. Goyings unlicensed campground.

**Park Report:** Mrs. Cargill stated that the driveway, parking, and walk areas will be black topped next week at the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Campground.

**Fire Report:** Gary Beggs was elected as Chairman of the fire Board. They are working on job descriptions, etc. that need to be in place by end of the year.

**Assessing Report:** Barbara VanGelderens reports that there are 3049 residential parcels (2207 are in subdivisions, 842 are in sections). 2191 parcels have been completed to date. The subdivisions are being finished and the sections will be started. There are also 154 in Agricultural, 120 in Commercial, and three in Industrial.

Mr. Fuehring mentioned that the broken “**Welcome to Mears**” sign that used to be south of Mears on 56<sup>th</sup> has been refurbished and has been re-established on Riley’s Orchard land East of Mears on Fox Road.

New Business-

-Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve a resolution to **appoint Mr. Edward J. McNeely as Township Prosecutor**. All yes, the motion carried. Resolution follows:

## **RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP PROSECUTOR**

At a regular meeting of the board of the Township of Golden, County of Oceana, State of Michigan, held on October 11, 2016, at the Golden Township Hall in Mears, MI at 7:30 p.m.

Upon motion made by Mr. Ackley and seconded by Mrs. Cargill, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS: The Township of Golden in the County of Oceana (the “Township”) has engaged the services of the McNeely Law Office to represent its legal interests for the last eighteen years;

WHEREAS: During the above-mentioned eighteen years, the McNeely Law Office, and Edward J. McNeely in particular, has prosecuted, and continues to prosecute, the criminal violations of the Townships Ordinances;

WHEREAS: In criminal prosecutions, it is advantageous to the Township to have access to information contained on the Law Enforcement Information Network (“LEIN”);

WHEREAS: The Township wishes to publicly memorialize and formalize its contractual relationship with Edward J. McNeely and the McNeely Law Office by setting forth such appointment as the Township Prosecutor in Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Township of Golden, in the County of Oceana, State of Michigan, hereby formally appoints, contracts with, and declares Edward J. McNeely and the McNeely Law Office as its Prosecutor to represent its interest in all matters for criminal violations of its ordinances.

Ayes: Don Walsworth, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Carl Fuehring, Kevin Ackley  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

This is to certify the above resolution was adopted by the Township of Golden at a regular meeting held October 11, 2016.

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Donald Walsworth, Golden Township Supervisor

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Rachel Iteen, Golden Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and an original copy of the resolution adopted by the Golden Township Board at the Board meeting thereof held on the 11th day of October, 2016.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Rachel Iteen  
Position: Golden Township Clerk

-Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to accept **Hallack Contracting bid for snow plowing** as follows for each plow job: Township Hall \$42, Township Parking Lot \$28, Township Street Edge \$42  
Roll call all yes, the motion carried.

-Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring, to approve **to vacate the alley in lot 23, Charles Street to Mears Street in the Village of Mears**. All yes, the motion carried. This will now go to the Oceana County Road Commission for approval.

**Public discussion:**

-Ted McKissick spoke about invasive species Russian and Autumn Olive. He mentioned that state wide grants are available.

-Mrs. Cargill mentioned that the 700 John Deere tractor was taken out to Silver Lake for use at the Golden Township Park.

-Larry Liebert mentioned that 24<sup>th</sup> Ave, a seasonal road, was washed out after the five inches of rain. Mr. Walsworth mentioned that he had talked to Mike Seibert of the road commission about it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk