

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
April 13, 2010  
7:30 pm Golden Township Hall

Meeting Called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:30 pm. Present: Fuehring, Cargill, Walsworth, Ackley. Wiegand absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

MINUTES from the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented by Cargill.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the minutes from the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with corrections. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$218,877.69 on March 1<sup>st</sup>, ending balance on March 31, 2010 of \$175,415.17. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$272,297.65 on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and ending balance of \$270,793.85 on March 31, 2010.

Motion was made by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the Treasurer's report. All yes, motion carried.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve check numbers 13589 through 13607 totaling \$42,067.67. Roll call vote Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-absent, Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT: Report from Jake Whelpley.

1. Two permits given out this month. Plans to go to Citizen Planner's School and the insurance company will pay for this. Working with MSU and MTA to bring Citizen Planner trainings brought to Oceana County. Wind Turbine issue to be handled at the Township level.
  - Concerns with parking at a public access/Boat launch to Silver Lake at the end of 24<sup>th</sup> avenue. Difficult to put up No Parking signs as the resident would like, because it is a public access. Board recommended monitoring the situation for the summer and take action if a serious problem persists.
  - Discovered a new law as a result of the new Public Health Code. As of 2009 new drainfields have to be at least 100 feet from a body of water. The old Code stated only 50 feet. This could cause problems at Silver Lake where drainfields are close to the water. When these drainfields fail, they will have to be redesigned by an engineer and could cost anywhere from \$12,000 up to \$25,000. Jake and Connie will work together to

get this information to residents in the summer tax bills.

7:44 Wiegand arrives.

2. Cihak ReZoning

-Has passed through the Planning Commission. Is near the Sierra Sands Motel.

-Request to re-zone both parcels to resort/commercial.

-Master Plan designates all land on this side of the road to be resort/commercial. This would complete this designation.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to rezone property numbers 006-029-200-09 and 006-029-200-05 belonging to Cihak Enterprises to Resort/Commercial. All yes, Motion carried.

3. Riley Orchards Land Division

-Parcel #64-006-025-100-01

-Request to create a 2 acre parcel to build a house on the Riley property at 56<sup>th</sup> and Taylor. This size parcel meets the minimum requirements and will remain agricultural.

-Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve the Riley Land Division as presented. All yes, motion carried.

4. Breakaway Bay Land Division

-Created a 5-acre parcel for a building site which is outside of the Timberlake area and outside of the Timber Terrace area. This size parcel meets all size requirements including 5 acre minimum and 300 foot minimum and is recommended for approval.

-Motion by Fuehring support by Cargill to approve the Breakaway Bay land division as presented. All yes, motion carried.

## ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Budget Hearing: 8:00 pm.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Wiegand to begin the budget hearing. All yes, motion carried.

-Cargill presented paperwork showing corrections to the budget that were recommended by the auditor to ensure that all accounts were balanced by the end of the fiscal year.

-Motion by Ackley support by Cargill to approve budget amendments recommended by the auditor for fiscal year 2009-2010 as presented. 4 yes, 1 opposed. Motion carried.

-Cargill presented 2010-2011 budget after making adjustments for current information from after the Board of Review and the Assessor. Equalization recommended using numbers from last year for creating budgets. Revenues for the coming year are expected to be similar to last year.

Public Comment: None

8:08pm Budget hearing closed.

2. Approve Budget/General Appropriations Resolution

# **GOLDEN TOWNSHIP GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

Golden Township resolves:

SECTION 1. This resolution shall be known as the Golden Township 2010 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 March 4, 2010 and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on March 11, 2010.

SECTION 3. The Golden Township Board adopts the 2010-2011 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 1.2 mill township operations; and voter authorized millage of 1.98 mills for road maintenance and repair.

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, Larsons, and any utilities.

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 and Chair \$60; Trustees - \$125.

Supervisor - \$11033

Clerk - \$16,068

Deputy Clerk - \$11.50 per hour

Elections - \$11.00 per hour

Treasurer - \$20,888

Deputy Treasurer - \$12.00 per hour

Zoning - \$22,400

Cemetery - \$11.33 per hour

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

General - \$439,229 revenue \$439,229 expense

Road - \$311,655 revenue \$311,655 expense

MOTION made by Fuehring, seconded by Ackley, to adopt the forgoing resolution and General Appropriations Act. Upon roll call vote the following voted: Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Wiegand-yes.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Donald Walsworth, Supervisor

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve the 2010-2011 budget as presented during the Budget Hearing. All yes, motion carried.

### 3. Road Project Bid

-Dick Walsworth discussed project. The project has been amended to include a wide shoulder on each side of the road to make more space available for pedestrians and bike traffic. It was noted that Wadel was not the lowest bidder, but they have been known to do quality work in the past and are very good to work with. The total bid is \$153,833.00. \$17,471.00 is available as a match from the Road Commission.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve Wadel's bid of \$153,833.00 as presented for the 56<sup>th</sup> ave and Polk Rd. project including extra shoulder for pedestrians and bike traffic. Roll call vote: Ackley-yes, Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

-Also presented project requested by the Historical Society and Dale Lathers. They would like sidewalks removed, trees removed and new sidewalks installed to make safer walkways through Mears. Wadel's bid \$12,566 for tree removal, sidewalk removal and restoration. TNT bid \$14,268.96 for installing the concrete. Dale Lathers stated he would commit to paying for everything except the tree removal and the concrete through the Bill Lathers Trust Fund. The request is for the Township to cover the cost of the Tree removal and the concrete which is \$12,438.96.

-Motion by Fuehring support by Cargill to approve the Township paying for tree removal out of the Road Fund (\$5850.00) and concrete out of the General Fund(\$6588.96), pending approval of Dale Lathers, representing Bill Lathers Trust Fund, to pay for the remainder of the Mears sidewalk project. Roll Call vote: Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

-Bid presented from the Road Commission with estimates for recommended chipping and sealing for 2010. The listed locations have been prioritized.

-Motion by Ackley support by Fuehring to approve expenditures for chip and seal starting at the beginning of the list and continuing on as money is available. Roll call

vote: Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

-Bids presented for Brining for 2010. Road Commission presented qualified bidders and requested the Townships respond with their choice for who they would like to do the brining for the year. Walsworth recommended White Truck Lines as their reputation is good, and their bid is reasonable and should be a quality job at a reasonable price. Cargill requested that we leave the option open to only have one application of brining if necessary.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve White Truck Lines to do Brining for Golden Township for 2010. Roll call vote: Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, motion carried.

4. Telamon Update

-No update at this time. Meeting planned for tomorrow.

5. Mears Signs

-Jake stated the signs are ready and are just waiting for installation pending the sidewalk/road projects and deciding on locations.

6. Clean Up Day Reminder – Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Cargill, Walsworth, and Ackley to be available.

-Wiegand to verify that Tim Tariske will bring containers.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Approve Auditor's Letter

-Cargill presented bid from Hendon and Slate. They requested getting information from our books ahead of time in order to speed up the audit process.

-Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to approve Hendon and Slate doing the 2009 audit for Golden Township for the rate of no more than \$5,000.00. Roll call vote: Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, motion carried.

2. Computer Policies

-Treasurer's office and Clerk's office are both in need of computers.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve up to \$750.00 for Cargill and Wiegand to purchase computers as they see fit for their specific offices. Roll call vote: Ackley-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Walsworth-yes, Wiegand-yes, motion carried.

-Wiegand presented information regarding security related to computers. Recommended that each employee submit password information for their computers to Ackley for protective storage. Board agreed.

-Also presented information regarding a new Computer Policy for the Township. Board requested sample computer policies from other agencies and will work on creating one for our Township at a later meeting. Wiegand to send out sample policies.

### 3. Brining Bids

-As discussed above.

### 4. All Seasons Contract

-Swihart's and All Seasons both submitted bids.

-Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to contract with All Seasons for the 2010 season. Roll call vote: Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

### 5. Tim White-City of Hart-Main St. Letter of Support

-Presentation by Tim White regarding improvement program that the City of Hart will be participating in. Tim is seeking written support of the program. There is no financial obligation on behalf of the Township.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Wiegand to approve a letter of support from Golden Township for the Michigan Main Street Program for the City of Hart. 4-yes, 1-no, motion carried.

### 6. Approve Park Matching Funds

-Grant being submitted again this year to acquire the park property from Harvey Berens at Silver Lake. Grant requires matching funds. Second appraisal came in at around \$660,000. Available grant money could be up to \$396,000.00. \$180,000 to be donated by Berens, still need an additional \$79,000. Gary Robinson, Gary Dunham and Bob Henry committed to \$29,000 of their own money toward the balance if the Township could commit to \$50,000.00. They are requesting the Township use this as their match, or their contribution toward the project as the property will actually be owned by the Township. Having a Township match for the project will help increase the points for the project in the competitive grant process at the state level.

-Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve paying \$50,000 over the next two years toward the purchase of the park property at Silver Lake, pending grant approval. Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes. Motion carried.

## 7. Hart Public Schools-Road Issue

-Presentation by Joe Primozich regarding access to Morris Lake across the school property.

1. Hart Public School will develop a public road access to Morris Lake on the school property with only one access route. Also will help clear 800' of undeveloped road way for the new access. Also will close off with gates the walking and school educational areas roads to traffic.

2. Golden Township would support the creation of the new road and blocking off of the other access areas. Also would be responsible for trash pick up at the Morris Lake access. Also work cooperatively with Hart Schools, DNR and the Sheriff Office to ensure security of the area. Also assist in informing public of the new access road to Morris Lake.

3. Road Commission would be asked to abandon the seasonal road that currently runs through the school property and the Lipski's to the North. Then a portion of this road could be turned in to part of the new access road to the lake.

-Motion by Wiegand, support by Ackley to support The Proposed Morris Lake Access Plan as presented. All yes, motion carried.

## PUBLIC INPUT

1. Jane Drake-Public Office Candidate
2. Jon Bumstead-Public Office Candidate
3. Larry Byl, County Commissioner, presented update from the County
  - Recommended a Township resolution regarding wind turbines before September 1, 2010. Would like to continue working together. 10% renewable energy is required.
  - Working on animal control issues.
  - Equalization preparing for Jim Whitaker's retirement. Also moving toward putting more information on the computer.
4. Keith Adams discussed parking problems on Emerald Drive.

5. Leo Terryn requested a member of the Board come out to his property to discuss the parking issue at his business related to the road project.

Meeting adjourned 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand  
Golden Township Clerk



