

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 8, 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 May 11th meeting were read by Cargill.

Motion by Walsworth, support by Fuehring to accept the minutes from the May 11th meeting with corrections as follows: 1. Enter exact amounts from the Road Bids, 2. BS&A.net training will be here at the Township. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-None presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$155,301.12 on May 1st, ending balance on May 31st, 2010 of \$117,410.39. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$276,695.64 on May 1st, 2010 and ending balance of \$277,432.29 on May 31st, 2010. Cargill noted that this includes the \$15,000 donated by the Foundation from the Bill Lather's Fund for the sidewalks in Mears.

Motion was made by Walsworth, 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 13649 through 13700 totaling \$42,334.57. Roll call vote Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-absent, Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT: Report from Jake Whelpley.

1. Update:

- Several permits this month. 1 for a new house.
- Researching information at the state level re: wind turbines and local vs. State responsibility.
- Cook's Marine presented a site plan to the Planning Commission regarding a new business they had planned at Silver Lake. The Site plan for the new business was approved with little opposition.
- Flower pots at Parkside Store have been placed in the bike trail. After visiting the site, determined the pots are to prevent parking in front of the store which would also be a problem for bikers. Recommended monitoring the situation for the summer.

- Fielded a complaint re: noisy neighbors at Silver Lake. Recommended they call the Sheriff Office.
- Fielded a request regarding establishing an ordinance for what type of vehicles should be allowed in the Bike Path. Recommended monitoring the situation for the summer to determine if there is a problem.
- Township has filed a lawsuit regarding not allowing the Carnival of Chaos to be held at Val Du Lakes because they did not file their Mass Gathering Permit with the Township. Other Townships have banned the group from coming because of the trouble they had with them. The Carnival's plan also includes camping on property that has not been approved for this purpose. A permit for camping would take more than 30 days to get approved through the Planning Commission. The Carnival organizers will be served with paperwork by June 11th and will be requested to appear for a hearing on June 28th to appeal the suit.

2. Hendrie Land Division

- Parcel #64-006-028-300-03
- Hazel Rd. East of 34th Avenue.
- Requesting 6 acres be divided in to 2 pieces for her children. (2 acres and 4 acres)
- Meets lot size requirements from Zoning Ordinance. At least 300' deep and has access to the road.
- Meets requirements of the Land Division Act.
- Recommended approval.

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mears Signs – RuthAnn Hackett

- Sign on 56th near Brubaker's to be put near the one that is there now.
- Fox Rd. near cemetery will be put where the old sign was.
- 3rd sign will be across from Whelpley's on 56th Avenue.
- Need current signs removed. Ruthann to contact Dwight Fuehring to help.
- Permits are ready, Miss Dig has been called.
- Should be installed by July 4th.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Schedule Truth and Taxation Meeting

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to schedule the Truth and Taxation meeting for July 13, 2010 at 7:15pm. All yes, Wiegand-absent, motion carried.

2. ZBA member approval

-After the Township publicized the position Steve Prudhomme applied for the vacant ZBA position. Jake Whelpley, Zoning Administrator recommended him and encouraged the Board to appoint him to the position.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to appoint Steve Prudhomme to the vacant position on the Golden Township Board of Review. All yes, Wiegand-absent, motion carried.

-Whelpley to contact Prudhomme and get him necessary information.

3. Parking on Edgewood St.

-Whelpley received complaints regarding parking near Lake Marie and Jack Warfield's buggy rental business. Jack complained that there is a new business back there and the places the customers were parking was blocking the road. Whelpley recommended Warfield attend a Board Meeting and request that a No Parking Zone be established. Warfield is not in attendance at this meeting.

4. Trailer for cemetery

-Trailer was stolen last month from the cemetery. The trailer value is \$830 and the insurance deductible is \$1,000. Walsworth recommended purchasing a new trailer.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to purchase a new trailer for the cemetery to replace the one that was stolen. Roll call vote: Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-absent. Motion carried.

5. Section 218 Social Security

-Cargill presented information from Richard Pennington at Social Security. Mr. Pennington requested that the Board adopt the Resolution he sent in order to initiate the process to research whether Golden Township employees would be in favor of contributing to Social Security. Cargill explained that this resolution was simply the beginning of the process and did not hold the Township liable to contributing to Social Security until after all the employees had been educated and all employees were allowed to vote on the issue.

SOCIAL SECURITY RESOLUTION

(Old Age and Survivors, Disability, and Hospital Insurance)

WHEREAS, the Social Security Act has been so amended by the Congress of the United States as to permit political subdivisions of the states to extend to their employees and officers the benefits of social security coverage and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature in regular session enacted Public Act 205, P.A. 1951, as amended, to enable the State of Michigan or political subdivisions thereof to secure coverage for the employees under the provisions of section 218 of the Social Security Act as amended, and

WHEREAS, an agreement has been entered into between the State of Michigan and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to extend the benefits of the federal social security system to employees of the state or any political subdivision thereof.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of Golden Township

(Name of Entity)

Michigan, hereby elects social security coverage as provided by Act 205, P.A. 1951, as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Connie Cargill

(Name of Officer)

is authorized and directed on behalf of Golden Township Treasurer

(Official Title)

to enter Golden Township into an agreement with the State

(Political Subdivision)

Employees' Retirement Board for the extension of the Benefits under section 218 of the Social Security Act subject to the provisions of section 8 of Act 205, P.A. 1951, as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper fiscal officers are hereby authorized to make all required payments and to establish a system of payroll deductions from the salaries of employees and officers as may be necessary for their coverage under social security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper officials of the state or of the political subdivision do all things necessary for the continued implementation of said system.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that any funds payable to the Golden Township

(Political Subdivision)

from any department of the State of Michigan may be withheld by said and transferred to the State Employees' Retirement Board to be used in the payment of any default on the part of

Golden Township

(Political Subdivision)

The following categories of positions are hereby designated as those which are to be excluded (if "part-time" positions are excluded, you must list your part-time definition)

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 218 of the federal Social Security Act, and amendments thereof, the agreement entered into between the State of Michigan, with the approval of the Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services is made a part of this resolution and shall be termed as an agreement between this political subdivision and the State of Michigan, and shall become a part of the agreement or modification of the agreement between the State of Michigan and the Secretary of Health and Human Services. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and approval, for all intents and purposes, except that active coverage shall begin on the 1st day of

January April July October 20__

I, Connie Cargill, the duly elected clerk or secretary of the
(Name of Official)

governing body of Golden Township Michigan, do hereby certify
(Political Subdivision)

that the foregoing was adopted and spread on the record the 8th day of
June, 2010.

Signed: _____

Official Title: Golden Township Treasurer

Please supply the following information:

1. Legal name of Political Subdivision: Golden Township, Oceana County
(if township, please list county also)
2. Name and title of officer responsible for reporting: Connie Cargill, Golden Township Treasurer
3. Address of reporting officer: PO Box 26, Mears, MI 49436
4. Telephone number where reporting officer may be reached: 231-873-4413
5. Approximate number to be covered: 15
6. IRS withholding employer identification number(s) 38
7. How often do you pay your employees: Weekly Bi-monthly Monthly
Quarterly Other

Specify day or date paid Second Tuesday of each month _____

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to adopt the Social Security Resolution as presented. All yes, Wiegand absent. Motion carried.

6. Asset Test – Not enough information

6. Tax sale Proposition

-Three parcels available from the County because owners failed to pay taxes. Township is able to purchase the property for public use, but would not be allowed to sell the property

for profit in the future. There are 6 parcels available in Lake Michigan Shores and Upper Silver Lake. After discussion the Board believes it would not be beneficial to purchase the properties at this time.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to not purchase the properties at this time and revert it back to the County for public sale in July. All yes, Wiegand absent. Motion carried.

8. Request for Banner and road closure – Bob Henry

-Bob Henry presented proposal for the Township to submit a request to the Road Commission to allow promotional banners across Hazel Rd. and 18th Avenue from May 18th until September 20th, 2010. Also requested submitting a road closure request to the Road Commission for Silver Lake Road between Silver Point General Store and Parkside Store on September 11, 2010 from 6am until 9pm for the purpose of the Apple Festival.

-Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to send written request to the Road Commission to allow promotional banners across Hazel Rd. and 18th Avenue from May 18th until September 20th, 2010. In addition to send written request to the Road Commission to allow a road closure for Silver Lake Rd. between Silver Pointe General Store and Parkside Store on September 11th, 2010 for the purpose of the Apple Festival. All yes, Wiegand absent. Motion carried.

-It was noted by the Board that things are looking very nice at Silver Lake both from the Road Project and from neighbors who have been fixing up their yards since the road project. Also noted that there have been no complaints regarding the new round-about.

9. Picnic Tables

-Kathy Carlson requesting the Township purchase tables to be available at Johnson Square for the Art Fair and other events. Board discussed the possibility of vandalism and theft. Agreed that it would be really nice to have them there, but the risks are too great.

-Whelpley volunteered to bring tables to the park for the Art Fair from his bike shop.

10. Telamon Update

-Phone lines, done.

-Electric, done.

-Telamon custodians to strip and wax floors from the doorway back. They will do all of floors. There will be 7 layers of wax.

-They are in need of office desks.

11. Walsworth recognized Vern Chancellor and thanked him for his service on the Fire Board representing Golden Township.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Ted Beattie

-Questioned why brining had not been done yet. Stated it had always been done before Memorial Day. Walsworth stated that the brining process is new this year and the process was delayed because of miscommunications between the Road Commission, the brining company and the Township. Cargill stated that it had already been done as the Township had already received a bill. Beattie stated that his road (Hazel) had not been done yet.

2. Joe Nameth
 - Stated that over Memorial Day Weekend at 12:30am and 1:00am there were fireworks at the campground and on the beach. It is a concern because of noise, but especially because of the threat of fire damage to homes on the beach. Requested that if the campground is going to expand that they don't allow fireworks on the beach. The Sheriff's Office cannot be depended on to respond to situations like this as they are always busy on Holiday weekends.
3. Bob Elenbas
 - Lives on Holiday Court. Has concerns that people are parking vehicles on a curve there long term and they don't live there. It is causing problems for him getting in to his driveway. Interested resident stated that the owners park their vehicles there all year and also rent the cottage out. There is no parking available for the renters. Also stated that the property they are parking on is Township property. Requested a No Parking sign be erected by the Township. Board questioned whether the property belonged to the County. Elenbas stated it did not. Pictures were presented to the Board.
 - Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to erect 3 No Parking signs on Holiday Court to allow residents ample access to their own property, only after investigation to determine that it is the road right of way and after approval from the Sheriff's Office. All yes, Wiegand absent. Motion carried.
4. Keith Adams – Emerald Drive
 - Requested to be included in the resolution to establish No Parking on Emerald Drive as well as Holiday Court.
 - Walsworth stated the Holiday Court is a different issue and he has already mailed a letter to the owners on Emerald Drive and also spoke to them on the phone.
 - Walsworth also visited the site and doesn't feel it is necessary to erect the signs.
5. Jean Henk
 - Requested the possibility of the Township having a back-up plan if the organizers try to host the Carnival of Chaos even though it hasn't been approved by the Township. Board stated that the Township, and the Zoning Administrator will have authority to establish a permanent injunction against the organizers for future events if they attempt to host it without approval.
6. Dave Roseman
 - Stated that Val Du would be violating their PUD by hosting the event.
 - Whelpley stated they have hosted concerts, but they have been small. Whelpley also stated that Val Du has no approval to have any camping there.
 - GIS process is moving along well. Meeting to discuss it this Friday.
 - Recommended reading "Power Hungry" by Robert Brice regarding wind turbines. Book is a good analysis of wind turbines and does not support the theory.
 - Also read from the Val Du Lakes PUD which states that even though they have a PUD, they still are required to get necessary permits from the Township.
7. Brian Klepper – Parkside Store

-Stated that he spoke with Lance Malberg this morning and they both agreed that they were in a good place to prevent people from parking in front of the store. Brian is very willing to move the planters if they present a problem in the future.

8. Leo Terryn

-Questioned if something can be done with trees near Open Hearth. He believes it is a safety issue because you can't see around them. Walsworth stated he will see if he can have the trees taken out while the road crews are still here.

-Questioned the parking situation at his business at Silver Lake. Stated that he needs to redo his go cart track or his train in order to allow ample parking that does not cross the bike path. Stated he may need some help with some of the expenses, but he hasn't decided what he is going to do yet.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

