

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 10, 2010
7:30 pm Golden Township Hall

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

MINUTES from the July 13th meeting were read by Redding.

Change in check numbers from 13649-13700 to 13705-13744.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the minutes from the July 13th meeting with corrections as follows: 1. Change the check numbers from 13649-13700 to 13705-13744 and check that the dollar amounts are correct . All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Bob Henry presented a Silver Lake Campground Campaign Fund request. Stated that the Township plans to purchase the property as long as funding from the DNR is approved. Even with this funding, we are still short \$30,000.00. Mr. Henry is requesting a fund to be set up between the Township and the Foundation so that interested parties could donate tax deductible money to the Foundation in support of the Silver Lake Campground Campaign. This would be a temporary fund established for this project only. Pledges will be requested toward the fund until final notice is received that the Township has been funded. After this, the fund will officially be set up and able to accept donations. The fee to establish the account is \$250 per year and is only payable if the grant is funded and the donations are actually being received.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve establishing a Silver Lake Campground Campaign Fund through the Oceana County Community Foundation to request donations toward the purchase of property at Silver Lake if the DNR Grant is funded. All yes, Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$134,368.67 on July 1st, ending balance on July 31, 2010 of \$109,008.59. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$290,822.04 on July 1st, 2010 and ending balance of \$78,708.00 on July 31th, 2010.

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

BILLS were presented for approval:

Cargill stated that some of the totals are from Telamon. They will be able to pay up to \$6,000 to help with building repairs and upgrades and have been efficient at paying rent and monthly bills so far.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve check numbers 13745 through 13789 totaling \$27,100.85. Also check #1110 from the Road Fund for the Polk Rd and 56th Ave. project totaling \$212,056.74. Roll call vote Ackley-yes, Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Wiegand-Absent. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT: Report from Jake Whelpley.

1. Update:

-320 Master Plan Surveys have been sent back in. This is about 10% and is a good response. The surveys that discussed parks were all very positive about having more parks, so he believes the DNR grant idea to purchase the property at Silver Lake will be well received. Also received positive comments regarding recent projects the Township has done including the bike trail and the round-about. A subcommittee from the Planning Commission will be reviewing these surveys in the next few months and will be using the information to revise the Master Plan.

-County Planning Commission has recommended to the County Board of Commissioners not to approve the Wind Turbine Project. This vote will be put before the County Board at their next meeting.

-Permits are slowly coming in. One new house permit.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

OLD BUSINESS

1. Appoint Land Bank Representative

-Cargill stated she would be interested in representing Township Treasurers on the County Land Bank Board and requested approval from Golden Township to be considered for this appointment.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to nominate Connie Cargill to the Township Treasurer position on the County Land Bank Board and to submit a letter stating the same. All yes, motion carried.

2. Playground-close signs 9:00pm

-Request by Janet Redding to put up signs at the playground establishing appropriate hours for playground use. There is also a significant amount of inappropriate graffiti on the playground equipment.

-Discussed painting over the graffiti.

-Dr. Roseman recommended using graffiti resistant paint.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to put up 3 signs regarding playground hours Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Wiegand-absent.

-It was recommended that "Dark" be established as the closing time for playground use.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Art Fair Report – Submitted by Kathy Carlson, read by Cargill.
 - 73 vendors this year.
 - \$2400 received
 - \$310 expenses
 - \$2090 profit
 - Request from Carlson to receive a raise for her services this year. She recommended \$5 per vendor at the fair be used for her wages.
 - Motion by Cargill support by Ackley to pay Kathy Carlson \$5 per vendor for her services in organizing the Art Fair. All yes, Motion carried. Redding to draft a letter stating this.

2. No Parking signs at Silver Sands
 - Silver Sands owner, Dave Swartz, requesting signs to be put up by the Township regarding No Parking in his driveways. He stated people park along the road near his business, which is OK, but their RVs often extend in to his driveways and often make them impassable. The Sheriff Office seems unable to write tickets for this, however, it is permissible to call a tow truck and have the vehicles towed. Mr. Swartz stated he considered this, but by the time the wrecker gets there, the RV would be gone. His request is to try and prevent the parking that blocks his driveways before it happens.
 - Redding to check with Wiegand regarding ordering signs and contacting the Road Commission.

3. Board of Review Vacancy
 - Gary Gibson has resigned which leaves a position open. Walsworth requested volunteers submit their names this fall so the Board can choose a qualified candidate before December.

4. Amend L4029
 - Cargill explained that the L4029 needs to be updated to include the Fire Millage so it can officially be added to the tax roll. This addition would be .5 mil for Fire Prevention.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to submit an addendum to the L4029 for Golden Township to include .5 mil for Fire Prevention as the Golden Township voters voted in favor of this at the August 3, 2010 election. All yes, motion carried.

5. Wind Turbine Issue
 - Fuehring requested that the Golden Township Board submit a letter to the Oceana County Board of Commissioners requesting that they turn down the request by Sandia to install wind turbines in Lake Michigan. Fuehring states there has been an overwhelming disapproval from our residents regarding the turbines and feels the Board should respect that opinion and make it known to the County Board.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to submit a letter to the Oceana County Board stating that the Golden Township Board is against installing wind turbines in Lake Michigan. Redding and Cargill to draft a letter.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. John questioning whether the amount paid for fire protection will be increased because of the Fire Millage. Cargill explained that the .5 mil will cover approximately \$70,000 and the remaining \$18,000 will still come from the Golden Township General Fund. Fire Protection prices are rising and this millage will help ensure that Golden Township continues to have quality fire protection.
2. Dr. Roseman
 - Happy with the Board's decision to submit a letter opposing the wind turbines.
 - Questioning when the meeting was where the Board approved putting the Fire Millage on the ballot. Members of the board stated there was a special meeting regarding the millage this spring. Also stated that the meeting was posted on the front of the building and thought it had been on the website. Dr. Roseman didn't remember seeing it posted and is disappointed that more people didn't know that the meeting was happening. He would have liked to have law enforcement included in this same millage and could have stated his opinion had he been at the meeting.
3. Resident attended a meeting in Pentwater where they discussed installing an internet backbone along the bike trail. Stimulus money is being used to fund this project. It is for government entities and there are a few for profit lines available, perhaps for Golden Communications?" Will probably be in our area in the fall of 2011. This is a Fiber Optic Line that will hook up non-profit entities including schools, hospitals, government entities, etc.
 - Dr. Roseman questioned whether the bike trail had an easement for a fiber optic line that had already been installed? No one was sure.
4. Resident apologizing for his comment last month regarding street signs. He stated after further research the County is, actually, putting addresses on the street signs as they are replaced.

Meeting adjourned 8:23 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

