

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
October 11, 2011  
Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm  
Golden Township Hall

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Present: Wiegand, Cargill, Fuehring, Ackley, Absent-Walsworth.

MINUTES from the September 13th regular meeting were presented by Wiegand.

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to accept the minutes from the September 13th meeting.  
All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from Oceana County Equalization Department regarding Oceana County Geographical Information System (GIS) requesting a signature and confirmation of payment of \$2,027.00 for parcel map upgrades for the BS&A.Net programs.
  - Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve spending \$2,027.00 to the County of Oceana for parcel map upgrades for the BS&A.Net program. Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, motion carried.
- Letter from the Friends of Silver Lake regarding the poor water quality.
  - Cargill mentioned that there will be a Silver Lake Improvement Board Meeting regarding this issue on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the township hall.
- Letter from Merle (Sonny) Beggs regarding his resignation.
- Letter from Ralph Beggs regarding his resignation.
- Letter from John Bumstead regarding Michigan State Government issues.
- Letter from Robert Bricker regarding applying for the sexton position that may be available next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$108,117.11 on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, ending balance on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 of \$85,454.11. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$145,686.65 on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and ending balance of \$14,456.60 on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Checks from the Road Fund were written for chip and seal throughout the township and the ultra thin section at Silver Lake.
  - Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.  
All yes, motion carried.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Cargill summarized bills for the month as presented on the report.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve check numbers 14302 through 14328 from the General Fund totaling \$18,113.07. Roll call vote Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes. Motion carried.

#### ZONING REPORT:

- 8 permits issued this month.
- Organizing a training through MSU Extension for Planning Commission members for early November. The meeting will be held in Elbridge.
- PC did not meet last month.

#### ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. None

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. PA116
  - Ronald and Karen Loncore are requesting PA116 status for some property they have in Golden Township in Section 22. The Oceana County Planning Commission has approved the request and noted that the portion remaining out of the PA116 is only  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre. Jake stated that this is a tax issue only, and does not affect zoning. Wiegand will verify this with the Assessor.
    - Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve the PA116 request from Ronald and Karen Loncore pending approval by the Assessor and the Oceana County Soil and Conservation. All yes, motion carried.
2. Cemetery Help
  - Discussion regarding work that the cemetery sexton/maintenance man would be doing.
  - Board discussed areas that would have to be mowed and maintained. Also discussed the garbage pick up and how to get it done.
  - Fuehring to talk to a professional landscaper and get his opinion on the list that we have and how to divide it up.
  - Fuehring discussed bidding out the garbage pick up as a package.
  - Walsworth discussed possibly separating the cemetery maintenance and mowing from the remainder of the township maintenance and mowing.
  - To discuss more in November and hire a sexton/maintenance man, and/or a professional landscaper before spring.

-Wiegand requesting additional help with researching cemetery records and getting them ready to put in the computer so the project can be finished in the next few months.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to pay \$40 per page (Block) for help with cemetery research, not to exceed \$599.00. Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes. Motion carried.

3. Adopt Budgets

-Cargill stated that the Fire Budget and the Silver Lake Corridor Budget should be officially adopted by the board.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to adopt the 2011-2012 Fire Budget of \$77,502.00. All yes, motion carried.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to adopt the 2011-2012 Silver Lake Corridor Construction Fund Budget of \$15,752.00. All yes, motion carried.

4. Road Issues

-Cargill and Dick Walsworth attended the Road Commission meeting this month MDOT representatives were in attendance.

-Cargill reported that Walsworth requested the Road Commission improve Polk Road soon.

-Road Commission requested our road projects for next year be submitted soon so they can begin their schedule for next year.

-Discussed the fog seal that was done at Silver Lake this year. It seems to be a good product.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Resident questioned what the latest news was on the ORV's being allowed on the roadways. Whelpley believes the townships will be able to decide themselves.

Meeting adjourned 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand  
Golden Township Clerk

