

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
February 8, 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: Fuehring, Walsworth, Ackley, Cargill, Wiegand.

MINUTES from the June 10, 2010 Regular Board Meeting were presented as needing a spelling correction.

It was noted that on number 11 under New Business, Vern Chancellor should be corrected to read: "Vern Counsellor."

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the above noted spelling correction to the June 10, 2010 Regular Township Board Meeting. All yes, motion carried.

MINUTES from the January 11th meeting were presented.

Cargill noted one correction on page 3, Number 1 regarding Hart Fire Department. It should read as follows: "Haynor explained that previously there was a 7 mil formula that was followed up until 5 years ago."

Wiegand noted that she was missing some information in the Zoning Report. It should read as follows: "Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to award Land Matters \$2000 for an Environmental Impact Study which will include a Title Search for the proposed new park at Silver Lake."

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the minutes from the January 11th meeting with the above corrections. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter received from 3 Hunt Street residents, opposing the project, as follows:
 1. Mindy Host, representing the Gordon E. Knox Trust, Hunt St., m.host@live.com
 2. Gary Despaltro, sandsurfer1@msn.com, owns 2 parcels
 3. Jerry Despaltro, newmanx59@yahoo.com, co-owner with Gary Despaltro

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Cargill presented the proposed General Appropriations Act.
- Cargill presented the proposed Golden Township Budget Report for 2011-2012.
- Cargill estimated 1.2 Operating Millage, 1.975 Road and .498 Fire Millage. These figures are based on the 155 million Taxable Value estimate from the Assessor.
- Cargill noted that the budget may seem skewed because of the \$400,000 that is being received from the DNR for the park property at Silver Lake.

-Cargill noted that there is Capital Improvement money in the cemetery fund in case improvements are ready to be made this year.

-Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$153,043.14 on January 1st, 2011, ending balance on January 31st, 2011 of \$140,222.05. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$116,172.06 on January 1st, 2011 and ending balance of \$158,947.54 on January 31st, 2011.

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

BILLS were presented for approval:

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

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve check numbers 13987 through 14030 from the General Fund totaling \$22, 926.59. Roll call vote Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

-Master Plan language is basically done.

-Waiting for information from the Census.

-Working on an Ordinance Amendment to ensure that work that is promised on a Site Plan is actually completed before the business is allowed to open.

- WMRSDC is working on maps for the Master Plan.

-PC met.

-ZBA met.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

OLD BUSINESS

1. Correction to June 2010 Minutes

-Corrected above.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance Revisions

-Whelpley working with Ed McNeeley to revise the Noise Ordinance to make it more enforceable. Ed recommends taking out the requirement for the decibal meter.

-Whelpley working with Ed McNeeley to revise the Mass Gathering Ordinance. Revising the amount of the Bond and the number of people there needs to be to be considered a Mass Gathering and pull a permit.

-Cargill submitted the Noise Ordinance recommendations to the Sheriff for his consideration.

-Whelpley requested the Board consider the new language and the revisions and act on them at a future meeting after feedback is received from the Sheriff.

2. Schedule Budget Hearing
 - Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to schedule the Budget Hearing on Tuesday, March 8th, 2011 at 7:15pm. All yes, motion carried.

3. Thank you note for Eric Johnson
 - Cargill requested the Township Board submit a Thank You letter to Eric Johnson for putting up Christmas Decorations at the Township Hall for the last 2 years. It is greatly appreciated.
 - Wiegand to create a letter.

4. Proposed Park Committee
 - Bob Henry, Gary Robinson and Gary Dunham have requested the Township Board create a Park Committee to oversee planning for Golden Township Parks, specifically the new park at Silver Lake.
 - Cargill recommended creating an advisory group only. Not a group that is able to make final decisions. Cargill also recommended giving the group a short life to begin with. If things are going well, the group could continue, but if not, then the group could be disbanded.
 - Park Advisory Group will be presented at the March meeting.

5. Hunt Street
 - Coordinators are in the process of requesting residents to sign petitions.
 - 54 ½ % residents are verbally in favor of the project.
 - 8 ½ % of these have not returned their signature yet.
 - Confident that these remaining signatures will be received soon.
 - Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to schedule the first Public Hearing on any objections to the petitions for the improvement of Hunt, Shirley and Vachon Streets. The estimate of costs for the special assessment district proposed will be established for the assessment of the cost of such improvement shall be presented on Tuesday, March 8th, 2011 at 7:00pm at a meeting of the township board at Golden Township Hall in Mears, MI commencing at 7:00pm. All yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Hunt Street resident spoke in favor of the project.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

