

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
April 10, 2012
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, Walsworth, Ackley, Fuehring.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs regarding the application process for the Michigan Liquor Control commission.
- Letter received from the Friends of Silver Lake. Cargill stated she has a copy if anyone is interested.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$224,403.10 on March 1st, 2012, ending balance on March 31st, 2012 of \$246,230.40. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$232,143.94 on March 1st, 2012 and ending balance of \$292,923.36 on March 31st, 2012.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All yes, motion carried.

-Cargill also requested approval for Budget Amendments from fiscal year 2011-2012 to balance the budget. Cargill explained that this will move money from accounts that had an excess of funds to accounts that were lacking funds.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve the Budget Amendments from fiscal year 2011-2012 as presented by Cargill. 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 14522 through 14545 from the General Fund totaling \$24,644.50. Roll call vote: Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

- Will be receiving a monthly report from Swiharts regarding septic systems that are pumped in the township.
 - Plan to discuss issues related to the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments related to septic systems at the Friends of Silver Lake Meeting.
 - Maps have been completed for the future land use plan with the new zoning districts.
 - May be ready for a Public Hearing for the Master Plan May 29th at the Planning Commission Meeting.
 - PC met this month regarding a Special Use Permit for a private wind generator. The issue was tabled until the decibels/wind speed could be verified and so the issue could be presented to the Neighborhood Association before requesting approval at the township level.
 - Presented proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments to PC. Hopes to have a Public Hearing for these in June and may be looking for approval from the Township Board in July.
 - Will be attending another training in Elbridge Thursday. Ten townships are represented so far.
 - Nothing on the PC agenda for the end of the month yet. May be meeting anyway to continue discussing the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments.
 - No word back from Val Du as of yet.
- Whelpley presented a lot split for Timothy Stob and Kevin Stob on Lot #326 of Upper Silver Lake Association Plat #4. The request is for Lot #325 and the east half of lot #326 to be combined and Lot #327 and west half of lot #326 to be combined. This would create two lots where there presently are three.
- Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve the lot split for Timothy Stob and Kevin Stob on Lot #326 of Upper Silver Lake Association Plat #4 as presented. All yes, motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

- As presented.
- Walker requested permission to attend an Assessing.NET class put on by BS&A entitled Assessing Level III. The cost is \$195.
 - Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to approve sending Pam to the Assessing Level III class for the cost of \$195. Roll call vote: Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cemetery Maintenance/Sexton
 - Board reviewed all bids that were submitted for landscaping services.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to award the 2012 landscaping bid to Malda. Roll call vote: Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, motion carried.
 - Board reviewed all bids that were submitted for cemetery sexton.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to award the sexton position to Lance VanSickle. Roll call vote: Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, motion carried.

- Walsworth to discuss rate with Lance and negotiate a price for use of the township backhoe. Lance will be paid for his services from the funeral homes.
- Walsworth presented the possibility of using one of the sexton applicants as a maintenance person for small jobs around the township and also as a back-up sexton. Robert Bricker has done some small jobs for the township in the past and has always been dependable and done quality work.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve hiring Robert Bricker as the Township Maintenance Person and the back-up sexton. Roll call vote: Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes. Motion carried.
 - Mr. Bricker should bill the township monthly for the jobs he has completed.
- Wiegand requested that one person from the board be the contact person for each of these companies. Wiegand requested that the clerk be the contact person for the sexton.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hall Rental
 - Wiegand is requesting confirmation on a policy for charging groups and individuals for use of the hall.
 - After discussion the board decided the following:
 - \$100 donation for use of the hall for groups who will be earning money.
 - \$50 donation for private groups who are not earning money.
 - Free usage for any Oceana County Government agencies.
2. Telamon Contract
 - After discussion, the board agreed to add the following to the Telamon Contract for the upcoming 2 years:
 - \$1150 per month for the first year and \$1250 per month for the second year.
 - Rooms they actually use will be itemized out on the contract.
 - Wiegand to email Cargill information from her email regarding the contract.
 - Cargill to follow up with Telamon.
 - Will review contract at May board meeting.
3. Budget Amendments from Last Year
 - As presented in the Treasurer's Report
4. Summer Porta-johns
 - Bid from All Seasons was discussed.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the bid from All Seasons as presented for the 2012 season. Roll call vote: Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes. Motion carried.
5. Auditor Contract
 - Wiegand requested the auditor review the clerk's books more in depth this year as she will not be running for re-election. She requested journal entries from the auditor that are specific for her office. The auditor believes this would be an additional cost of approximately \$1,000 as they will be bringing an additional person to do this.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve spending approximately \$1,000 extra for the auditor to bring an additional person to the audit this year. Roll call vote: Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

6. Mears Signs

- Ruthann Hackett was unable to be at the meeting tonight, but Whelpley had an update.
- Early this Spring, the signs were leaning from being pushed over from the ground shifting with the frost, or from large snow drifts being pushed in front of them. Ms. Hackett told Whelpley that someone has already re-set the signs this year. She recommended having someone look at the signs to prevent it from happening next year. She will try and make another meeting this summer.

7. MTA Meeting in Big Rapids

- Cargill questioned whether anyone would be interested in going to the regional MTA Meeting. Cargill stated she will be attending as she was elected to the State MTA Board.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Beattie's stated the South end of Hazel Road could use some grading and possibly some extra gravel to fill the many holes. Walsworth to follow up on this.
2. Adams questioned what was happening with the Fire Board issue. Fuehring stated that he thought they were having another meeting on April 19th at Hart Township. He also stated that Hart Township had been talking to the Hart City Manager and was also getting a third party opinion from an MTA Lawyer. Walsworth stated that Golden Township currently has withheld two quarterly payments.

Meeting adjourned 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

