

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
March 12, 2013
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by the Supervisor Don Walsworth, at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Board Room.

Board present: Kevin Ackley, Don Walsworth, Connie Cargill, Carl Fuehring, Rachel Iteen
Also present: Jake Whelpley, ZA and several guests

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The supervisor opened the public hearing on the 2013-14 budget. The budget was reviewed, there was no public comment; the hearing was closed.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill supported by Mr. Fuehring to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2012 special board meeting, and the February 12, 2013 board meeting, all yes the minutes were approved.

Correspondence: Motion by Mr. Fuehring supported by Mr. Ackley to send letters of support for the Hart-Montague Rail Trail Reconstruction Grant, all yes, the motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report. The ending balance in the General Fund as of February 28, 2013 was \$298,277.61; the ending balance in the Road Fund was \$325,138.56. The Financial Report was accepted subject to Audit.

Check numbers 14964 through 14985 were approved in the amount of \$19,421.76; on a motion by Mr. Ackley supported by Mr. Fuehring and roll call vote all yes.

Budget Adjustments journal entry numbers 1676, 1677 1680, and 1682 were approved by Mr. Fuehring supported by Mr. Ackley.

Mr. Whepley gave the Zoning Report.

Things have been pretty quite. Remember to call 811, Miss Dig, before digging, and a Fracking Forum is being planned for June 2013.

Motion by Mr. Ackley supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the 2013-14 budget, all yes, the motion carried.

Total Revenues for General Fund	\$440,950
Appropriations:	
Township Board	\$66,900
Supervisor	\$14,337
Clerk	\$28,322
Board of Review	\$2,000
Treasurer	\$46,212
Assessor	\$50,474
Elections	\$5,400
Building & Grounds	\$70,680
Cemetery	\$20,699
Police	\$12,000

Fire Department	\$25,000
Street Lighting	\$7,500
Zoning	\$37,154
Parks & Recreation Depart.	\$22,660
Library	\$15,000
Debt Service	\$16,612
Total Appropriations	\$440,950

Total Revenues for Road Fund	\$325,110
Total Appropriations	\$325,110

Total Revenues for Fire Fund	\$80,020
Total Appropriations	\$80,020

Total revenues Silver Lake Corridor Construction Fund	\$31,712
Total Appropriation	\$26,612

Revenues - All Funds	\$877,792
Appropriations – All Funds	\$872,692

Motion by Mr. Ackley supported by Mr. Fuehring to approve the Golden Township 2013 General Appropriations Act. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Golden Township resolves:

SECTION 1. This resolution shall be known as the Golden Township 2013 General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 2. Public Hearing on the Budget – pursuant to MCLA141.412 and .413, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on March 7, 2013 and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on March 12, 2013.

SECTION 3. The Golden Township Board adopts the 2013-2014 fiscal year budgets for the various funds by department.

SECTION 4. The Golden Township Board shall cause to be levied and collected the general property tax on all real and personal property within the Township upon the current tax roll and allocated mileage of 1.2 mill township operations; and voter authorized millage of 1.96 mills for road maintenance and repair, and .5 mills for fire protection.

SECTION 5. All claims against the Township shall be approved by the Golden Township Board prior to being paid, prepayment will be allowed for Card member Services, Larsons, Great Lakes Energy and Consumers energy.

SECTION 6. Included in the budget are the following amounts of the salary, hourly and per diem rates for the officials and employees of the Township:

- Per Diem – PC and ZBA - \$50; Trustees - \$125.
- Supervisor - \$12,087.
- Assessor - \$41,054.
- Clerk - \$17,122
- Deputy Clerk - \$12.25 per hour
- Elections - \$11.00 per hour
- Treasurer - \$21,942.
- Deputy Treasurer - \$12.75 per hour
- Zoning - \$23,454.
- Cemetery - \$11.33 per hour

SECTION 7. Estimated revenues and expenditures for Golden Township for the funds are:

General – 440,950. Revenue	\$440,950 Expense
Road - \$325,110 Revenue	\$325,110 Expense
Fire Fund - \$80,020 Revenue	\$80,020 Expense
Silver Lake Trail Fund - \$31,712 Revenue	\$26612 Expense

MOTION made by Mr. Ackley, seconded by Mr. Fuehring, to adopt the forgoing resolution and General Appropriations Act. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Ayes: Mr. Fuehring, Mrs. Cargill, Mr. Walsworth, Mr. Ackley, Mrs. Iteen

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted on the 12th day of March, 2013.

Signed: _____ Donald Walsworth, Supervisor

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Ackley to approve the 2013 March Board of Review Alternate Dates Resolution.

**RESOLUTION
2013 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW ALTERNATE DATES**

WHEREAS, Public Act 194, 2003 allows the township board by resolution to select an alternative starting date in March when the board of review shall initially meet,

WHEREAS, MCL 211.30 provides the alternative starting dates shall be the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March.

WHEREAS, The township assessor will be available to assist the board of review on Wednesday March 16th 2013.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Golden Township board has approved the following Board of Review dates for 2013.
March 5th, 11th, 15th & 16th.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Connie Cargill.
Second, offered by Board Member Kevin Ackley the motion passed.
The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Golden Township Board on March 12, 2013.

Clerk

Motion by Mr. Ackley supported by Mr. Fuehring to approve the Federal Poverty Income Standards for 2013 assessments Golden Township Resolution.

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GOLDEN TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION
FEDERAL POVERTY INCOME STANDARDS FOR 2013 ASSESSMENTS

The following are the federal poverty income standards which the United States Office of Management and Budget recommends that federal departments and agencies use. The standards are actually compiled and published by the Bureau of the Census which refers to them as "poverty thresholds."

The governing body of the local assessing unit has the option of considering the age of the resident(s) when establishing their guidelines. This provision applies only when one or two persons reside in the homestead, because there are no age-related thresholds for three or more persons in the homestead.

The following are the federal poverty income standards as of November 6, 2012, for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2013 assessments.

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$11,170
2	\$15,130
3	\$19,090
4	\$23,050
5	\$27,010
6	\$30,970
7	\$34,940
8	\$38,890

For each additional person, add:	\$3,960
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WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the township board; and

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390, 1994 Golden Township, Oceana County adopts the following guidelines for the supervisor and board of review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the supervisor or board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- 5) Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
- 6) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of board of review.
- 7) Any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the township board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the board of review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the board of review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Ackley and supported by Board Member Fuehring. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

I, Rachel Iteen, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Golden Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on March 12, 2013, at which meeting a quorum was present of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Clerk

Motion by Mrs. Cargill supported by Mr. Ackley to approve bank depositories for the following banks: West Shore, Shelby State, Huntington, and Fifth Third. All yes, the motion passed.

Gold-N-Silver Park dedication Sunday, May 5th. We will need to consider guidelines for the rent and use of this park.

Keith Adams mentioned that four lights are out in the Silver Lake Area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk