

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
JUNE 11, 2013
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by the trustee, Carl Fuehring, at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Township Gym.

Board present: Connie Cargill, Carl Fuehring, Rachel Iteen

Absent: Kevin Ackley, Don Walsworth

Also present: Ed McNeely, Township attorney; Jake Whelpley, Zoning administrator; and approx. 70 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2013 board meeting.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report. The ending balance in the General Fund as of May 31, 2013 was \$222,796.22; The Financial Report was accepted subject to Audit.

Check numbers 15077 through 15088 were approved in the amount of \$63,515.50; on a motion by Mrs. Iteen supported by Mrs. Cargill and roll call vote all yes. A down payment of \$16,000 was made to Tanner's Plumbing and Heating towards our new boiler heating system, and Klotz Excavation was paid \$17,378.38, for new cemetery roads and clean up day.

Zoning issued 6 permits, and there were two violation notices.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve a permit for Silver Lake fireworks all yes, the motion carried.

Public comment:

The following made comments concerning the fire agreement issue:

Carl Kaat, David Roseman, Dave Schwarz, Patty Cook, Frank Hilborn, Jim Kett, Tom Hartman, Jean Adams, Dick Formsma, Jerry Rivard, Craig Cihak, Mark Rippee, Debra Borst, Craig Nykamp, Fred Tubbs, Dale Lathers, Dean Berens, Mike Cook, Bill Kolenda, and Gary Beggs. The greatest concern was that Golden Township would still have fire coverage after June 30, 2013. Some thought that we should be able to work out an agreement with the other entities. One asked Golden Township to count the cost before creating its own fire department; another asked to take off the table a new fire barn in Golden Township. One stated that Hart Fire Department was the best. Several stated that Golden Township should get its own fire department. One said to be assured that the fire department would show up, and another suggested asking other fire departments for coverage. Dale Lathers stated that a satellite station is long overdue and that \$100,000.00 is available for Golden Township new fire barn. One stated that Hart Area Fire Board should be concerned about losing 50% of its revenue. One questioned response time for fire protection from Hart. Another asked about community volunteers.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill supported by Mr. Fuehring to notify the Hart Area Fire Board that Golden Township will be withdrawing as of July 2014 and to authorize Ed McNeely to do what is necessary to protect the interest of the township and to ensure fire protection, all yes the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk