

SOLON TOWNSHIP STAFF MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2015

Solon Township Hall
15185 Algoma Avenue
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
616-696-1718

CALL TO ORDER by Supervisor Ellick 10:00 a.m.

Present: Ellick, Gunnell, Gerhardt, Rideout, Poulsen, Doane, Drake (answered fire call prior to meeting adjournment).

Topics of Discussion:

- Assessor reports Board of Review is next week with 8 appointments so far. Also, tax exemption request may lead to tax tribunal case.
- Fire Chief reports busy month with several major structure fires. One applicant for MFR recommended. Motion made by Mr. Ellick to approve hiring of Samuel Zachow for MFR, seconded by Mr. Rideout, motion carried 5-0.
- Discussed proposals received for FD shared services feasibility study. Chief Drake spoke on possible scenarios of what information the study may provide.
- Trustee Rideout requested Chief Drake check on costs for suspension/drive train, etc so request for funds for those services can be combined with current request for funds for new tires on the Ford Excursion, if they are found to be necessary when truck is at the service shop.
- Motion by Mr. Rideout to modify February Board meeting minutes to retain J. Putnam as Fire Department Chaplain per recommendation of Fire Chief, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt, motion carried 5-0. Original motion accepted resignation as firefighter as Mr. Putnam is moving out of Solon Township.
- Supervisor Ellick explained a title issue regarding the township's White Creek property. Mr. Gunnell made a motion to authorize funds to clear the title of a strip of land along the border of the township's White Creek property, seconded by Mr. Rideout, motion carried 5 – 0.
- Supervisor Ellick reported the brick work on the face of the Fire Department will begin next week weather permitting.
- Supervisor Ellick reports a zoning issue on Wiersma, with resident not abiding by court order. Zoning letter to be sent this week with followup plan.
- Trustee Gunnell reported on PC officer elections: Ellen Moore elected Chairperson; Mark Hoskins as Vice-chair; Rick Sevey as Secretary. Township Attorney advised members to read township Master Plan especially in areas of Commercial/Industrial information. Moving forward on 2nd Chance School plan.
- Supervisor led budget workshop.

Motion by Mr. Rideout to adjourn, second by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried.
Adjourned at 11:51pm.

Next Meeting: April 1, 2015

Submitted by Mary Lou Poulsen, Clerk