

SOLON TOWNSHIP STAFF MEETING MINUTES September 7, 2016

Solon Township Hall
15185 Algoma Avenue
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
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CALL TO ORDER by Supervisor Ellick at 10:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Ellick, Gunnell, Hoskins, Gerhardt, Poulsen, Austin, Doane, Drake

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES:

- **Assessing:** Wrapping up re-appraisals & a couple of splits, permits ready for field work. Assessor gave notice of ending work for the township at end of September.
- **Building Dept:** 50 lines on the log for August. Lots of Decks and Pole Barns.
- **Zoning** – enforcement officer attending court for informal hearing. Resident has gained compliance and will have 30 days to complete cleanup. Fine was set aside, but if not cleaned up in allotted time, the fine will increase. Formal hearing on separate issue will be scheduled for September.
- **Fire Department:** Motion by Ellick to approve up to \$700 for Fire Personnel Appreciation Dinner, second by Gunnell, motion carried 5-0. New candidate for firefighter – Nicholas Grady. If hired, he and firefighter Nielsen are interested in attending the academy starting October. FD officers met and discussed denial of \$40,000 grant application for 5 rescue tools they would still like to purchase with township funds (hydraulic spreaders, cutters, ram, misc). Would replace old equipment that has gas engine, pump & hoses with new battery operated equipment. Discussed use of funds from FD Capital Fund (balance \$268,089.45). Chief Drake will present purchase request for September Board Meeting agenda.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- Sidewalk at fire department needs engineering information.
- Motion by Poulsen to approve placement of 2nd headstone on one cemetery space as requested by Phil Heiss, second by Gunnell, motion carried 5-0.
- Change date of October regular Board meeting from October 11th to October 18th.

ITEMS FOR THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

- * Resolution for Park grant application to DNR
- * Zoning Ordinance amendment recommendation of Planning Commission
- * New fire fighter candidate
- * Use of Fire Capital Fund for tool purchases
- * Fire Academy registrations

Next Meeting: October 5, 2016

Submitted by Clerk Poulsen