

# SOLON TOWNSHIP

## Monthly Staff Meeting

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

### Minutes August 5, 2020

#### **CALL TO ORDER 10:06 A.M.**

**Present:** Ellick, Gerhardt, Gunnell, Hoskins, Willoughby, Drake

**Public:** None

#### Departmental Activities

- Assessing – Real Estate is booming, sales are big, not much inventory. Looking at possible 5%-6% increase for revenue for next year. Working on several splits. Software has some glitches that are being worked out. Will need a new Board of Review member as Stout will be a new Board member come November.
- Zoning – Still very busy, with number of ongoing issues. Have more pics of King property. Still trying to get Fosburg straightened out. August 4 was supposed to be zoom meeting with judge. Requested to be in front of judge to present lots of physical evidence including video Jerry made traveling down the road. Hearing was rescheduled for September 15.
- Building – Has remained steady.
- Fire Department – 800 MHz radio system signal testing still need to happen. If everything passes, will be switching over on November 1, 2020. Will cost the Township money to maintain. Need to start thinking about budgeting for that in next year's budget. When they are ours, need to look into getting them insured.

#### Business/Topics of Discussion:

- **Paige Resignation:** FT FF Paige was offered a job with excavating company. He's dedicated to Solon, working PT and filling other days as needed. Was a financial decision. Chief Drake spoke about how no one internally is interested due to the low pay with little benefits, and highly doubts we will find outside interest for the same reason. Schievink showed some interest but not for current pay. Ellick encouraged him to apply as pay rate is negotiable. Chief will see if there is still interest, and if so set up a time to interview and follow up with an interview time with the Board. Some discussion was made regarding if the FT position should also be the Deputy Chief. Chief Drake strongly suggested keeping the two positions separate.
- **FD Stand-by Duty:** Chief will have discussion with CS City manager about City possibly taking medical calls East of 131. Hoskins will also discuss possibilities with Kevin at Algoma. Stand-by duty is all about scheduling on a calendar who answers calls. Concerns include, only having one person respond to calls, people not signing up for slots, and cost. Stand-by duty and Feasibility study will be revisited once we've hired a FT FF.
- **Revenue Sharing:** Looking at possible loss of \$60,000-\$70,000 this year. Budget will have to be amended.

Other Discussion: 21 mile Rd is about 2 weeks from being ready to pave. MDOT provided no info or warning regarding work on 17 mile.

Items for the Regular Township Board Meeting:

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Public Comment: None

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Ellick, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion Carried 5-0

NEXT MEETING - September 2, 2020