

SOLON TOWNSHIP
STAFF MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2019

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

CALL TO ORDER at 10:00 am by Supervisor.

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

Absent: none

Guests: Decker Agency personnel

Departmental Activities

- Assessing – working on new construction entry, done with year end permit updates, wrapping up splits. Commercial sales index increase = 6.3%, Industrial increase = 7.7%.
- Building – dropped to 26 lines in the log for December.
- Zoning - Working on several complaints.
- Fire Department – suggested Board review township drug rules in regard to employees with change to recreational marijuana use laws. SCBA – Avon selected as vendor, Cedar Springs will likely be looking for our matching grant funds. January 15th is the new tender expected delivery date. PPE matching funds need to be added to budget – cost of \$9900 will be reimbursed up to \$5000. Submitted pay rate increase request for all FD personnel of 10% over 4 years. We currently do not respond to Med 3 calls.

Topics of Discussion

- REM Ventures, seller, CS Hospitality, buyer, have come across road block with city unwilling to split parcel.
- Decker agents presented township's new Property & Casualty insurance plan – Michigan Township Participating Plan.
- Community Room was rented for December 1, 2019, more than 12 months in advance. This caused problem with another resident who waited for office to open on January 2 to rent the room on December 1, 2019. Second resident insisted on completing the agreement and leaving a check for the rental even after being told it was not available. Clerk and deputy clerk have searched for options to satisfy both parties - notified the 1st renter and found the number of people expected are more than the Fire Station can hold. If the Library's community room is available, that is another option. Board advised that if those options don't work out and the 2 residents cannot come to an agreement to share the room on December 1, 2019, there will be no rental allowed on that date.
- Discussion on request of Park Committee to give them more authority - Board disagrees that is needed.
- Discussion on needed budget amendment – Supervisor to prepare proposal for Tuesday's Board Meeting.
- Discussion on pay rate increase requested by the Fire Dept – will take more deliberation and need more up-to-date information for wage comparisons.
- Discussion on CSA P&R agreement and bylaws and one possibility of a resident's appointment to board.

Public comment

- none.

Items for the next regular Township Board Meeting:

- * DNR results for proposed "no-wake" regulation for Middle Lake
- * Olin Lakes request for DNR participation in "no-wake" regulations
- * Budget adjustments for amendment
- * Cedar Springs Parks & Rec agreement and bylaws
- * Community Action Grant 2019

Adjourned 1:35 pm.

NEXT MEETING February 6, 2019