

SOLON TOWNSHIP STAFF MEETING MINUTES May 4, 2016

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

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

Staff Present: Ellick, Gerhardt, Gunnell, Hoskins, Poulsen, Doane, Austin, Drake
Also present: Firefighter Candidate Jordan Nielsen

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES:

- **Assessing:** AutoZone appeal has been resolved.
- **Building Dept:** 20 line report, 1 new home, 3 pole barns, 2 decks, 4 upgrades.
- **Zoning** – enforcement officer dealing with several issues, including noise/traffic problems associated with 4-wheeler & mud run events – attorney recommends addition to ordinance.
- **Fire Department:**
Motion by Gunnell to hire Jordan Nielsen as firefighter, seconded by Gerhardt, motion carried 5-0. He will begin MFR training next week in Walker.
Firefighter Sam Zachow turned in resignation. Had just gotten through academy. Discussed what volunteer departments can do to tie training expense reimbursement to time worked.
Chief Drake explained items submitted for regular township Board Meeting, which included razing of house planned for demolition - owner may make agreement to allow use for training purposes if township agrees to cover \$500 (approx. half) of the cost of asbestos inspection.
Trustee Hoskins asked if fire dept has future equipment needs that could be planned for in the medical response area - Chief described Lucas tool for automatic CPR compression, EPI pen & glucose monitor. Hoskins asked if grant possibility – FD will check into it.
Chief will send recent incident reports for cost recovery purposes to Clerk.
Discussed feasibility study recommendations such as commercial inspections and presurveys – inspectors need certification, surveys do not require it. Rental inspections need ordinance and may be under building department rather than fire department.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- Hayfield renter and Park Committee need to communicate re:walking path. Seed dirt area to hay also?
- Library updates and possible need for new Library Agreement in November.
- Gunnell spoke with owner of company that would move barns to optimal locations of the township park. Need to get quotes.
- Ellick is talking with Algoma Township and KC Road Commission regarding 16 Mile Road upgrade.
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ITEMS FOR THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

- * SCBA flow testing
- * Nozzle purchase
- * House razing
- * Notice to terminate contract with Library
- * Appoint members to Park Committee and Market Committee
- * Transfers from General Fund to Street & Fire Funds per budget
- * Disbursements from General Fund to CSAP&R, Historical Society and Township Park per budget
- * MFR license course
- * Deputy Chief Position
- * Hayfield rental
- * Enforcement & Rewriting of Noise Ordinance

Next Meeting: June 1, 2016

Submitted by Clerk Poulsen