

SOLON TOWNSHIP STAFF MEETING MINUTES November 2, 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:** Working from home but township's server isn't set up for that yet. Contact Betsy for webmail.
- **Building Dept:** 28 lines on the log for October. Administrator leaving for the season on November 30.
- **Zoning** – Wood burner court case found in favor of the township. Working on issues at Marduk & 17 Mile.
- **Fire Department:** Waiting to hear from Kent County Purchasing on bid requests for rescue tools due 11/10/16. Plans for Trunk or Treating at White Creek Estates. Turfed medical call October 30. We have 8 qualified for medical, turfing adds 5 minutes to response time. Readdressed Standby Duty – Chief Drake will send information. Discussed other options such as contracting with Cedar Springs for certain areas, but Chief explained difficulties involved for Dispatching. Asked Chief Drake to poll medical responders for reasons they couldn't respond to the October 30th call for board to understand issue better. Member Gerhardt presented proposal to pay a bonus to Fire Department personnel in lieu of training costs. Member Hoskins presented proposal to pay a participation bonus. Both will be on November Board Meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS AND TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- Motion by Poulsen to approve up to \$1,900 to KCI for Mailing Tax bills and newsletter. Second by Hoskins, motion carried 5 – 0.
- Art & Fred shared information from MTA meeting on sign ordinances, new medical marijuana laws, costs of moving utilities in right of ways.
- Life insurance on employees.
- Plans to hire extra custodian for holiday season.
- Supervisor asked for suggestions for representative on Library Board.

ITEMS FOR THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

- * Policy for Training Costs
- * Policy for Participation based Bonus

Motion by Ellick to adjourn, second by Gunnell, motion carried 5-0.

Next Meeting: December 7, 2016

Submitted by Clerk Poulsen