

SOLON TOWNSHIP

Monthly Staff Meeting

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

Minutes December 4, 2019

CALL TO ORDER 10:05 A.M.

Present: Gunnell, Hoskins, Ellick, Gerhardt, Poulsen, J. Austin, Doane, Paige

Absent: Drake

Guest: Dustin Drabek, Decker Insurance Company

Departmental Activities

- Assessing – Ag up 2.5%, Commercial flat, Industrial up 13% - at county discussing studies December 12-3-19. December 10th is Board of Review – PRE's now need to sign statement for BoR. Have to receive by meeting date or attend meeting. Sent notices – have received 1 of 4 so far.
- Building – written report.
- Zoning – Still very busy. Many complaints on 22Mile & Algoma property – may be heading before judge in formal hearing soon. Burned out house on Solon now has electrical service and may be living behind house even though owner had indicated would be tearing it down. Several other complaints and out of compliance situations.
- Fire Department – Tender still out of commission. Hope to have back on 12-5-19. Attempted to recycle old copy machine but may have to trash. Chief and Trustee Hoskins had conversation with firefighter who had indicated he would resign but is now reconsidering. Discussed question of whether Target Solution programs are adequate for training – had heard they were too simple – Dpty Chief indicated the officers are adapting its use to be more beneficial – Are helpful in MIOSHA and drug and alcohol parts of the job requirements. Evening trainings don't work out for 3rd shift workers, so have offered daytime training also. Trustees questioned whether requirements for hands-on training are met – Dpty Chief indicated the FD officers are monitoring more closely now and suspending response until made up. Discussed large bill for generator repair and whether a bulk tank may be useful. Discussed reimbursement for Dpty Chief registration/certification for fire investigation and how or if it may affect liability of the township with township P&L insurance agent, Dustin Drabek. Dpty Chief needs to make it clear his investigation work is not under the auspices of the township and completely on his own – no township badges, clothing, equipment to be used, or verbal indication that he is there on direction of the township, and all investigation work for other areas is done on his own time.

Business/Topics of Discussion:

- P&L Insurance renewal January 15, 2020. Dustin Drabek, Decker Insurance agent, on hand to go over renewal proposal and suggestions for areas to increase Non-monetary coverage and Cyber Liability coverage.

Items for the Regular Township Board Meeting:

- Appointment of Committee members – ZBA, PC, Library
- Renewal of P&L insurance policy
- Holiday and Meeting schedules for 2020
- Payment to Bldg Inspector for Bldg Administrator work while he's absent

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Poulsen, seconded by Gunnell. Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING January 8, 2020