

SOLON TOWNSHIP

Monthly Staff Meeting

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

Minutes February 3, 2021

CALL TO ORDER 10:02 A.M.

Present: Ellick, Gerhardt, Stout, Hoskins, Willoughby, Drake

Public:

Departmental Activities

- Assessing – no update
- Zoning – back in court March 9 with Fosburg, ZBA meeting for variance February 17th
- Building – slowing down from summer. Meijer getting started on their addition.
- Fire Department – Memo sent out for stand-by duty. If agency doesn't respond to call in total of five minutes it's transferred to closest agency. Had four calls in December and January which were transferred. Two of those calls involved our FT FF being in quarantine and vacation. No one was willing/able to cover the FT hours. Majority of our firefighters work during the day. Hoskins asked if there is another issue with personnel not wanting to respond to calls? Chief stated it is not exclusive to Solon. We hired five and lost five in 2020 which is similar to previous years. Trustee Hoskins has spoken to three current firefighters and believes there is a morale issue. Issues included masks, PPE requirements, being criticized for things when do respond to a call, not feeling like there is an open-door policy, lack of leadership from officers. We need to find a way to find compassion, boost moral and find a compromise. February will begin in-person trainings. 2007 Truck coming up on 18 year in 4 years. Need to start thinking about future budgeting. Auxiliary building in need of repair but due to it being an engineered building no one will touch it. It will need to be replaced.

Business/Topics of Discussion:

- City Impact Workcamps

Individuals and youth will spend one week in our community performing hands-on home-repair projects for elderly, low-income and disabled families. Applications due by end of March. Please pass along information and contact City Impact with any questions.

- FD 2020 Volunteer Fire Assistance Project Agreement

A motion was made by Ellick to approve acceptance into grant, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0

- Generator Estimates: Tabled to Board Meeting

- FD Resignations: Paige/Hays/Bobo

A motion was made by Stout to accept resignations from Paige, Hays and Bobo, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- FD Chief Credit Card: Tabled to Board Meeting

- FD Stand By Duty

Issued with moral and personnel need to be addressed before considering standby by duty further.

- Stormwater Maintenance Agreement Changes

A motion was made by Hoskins to accept Stormwater maintenance agreement changes as written, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

- KC Road Commission Work Order for 16 Mile

A motion was made by Stout to approve work order in amount of \$678,150 for 16 Mile Road, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- Insurance Cyber Coverage

It was recommended by Betsy from Addorio that we add Cyber coverage to our insurance. Tabled to Board Meeting.

- ZBA appointments

A motion was made by Ellick to appoint Matthew Batchelder as representative and Joel Vandenburg as alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

- Library Board Appointment

A motion was made by Ellick to appoint Shelly Hilbert as a representative of Solon Township to the Cedar Springs Library Board, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

- Township Pavilion

A motion was made by Stout to order a stamped set of plans, seconded by Willoughby.
Motion carried 5-0.

Other Discussion – Budget hearing scheduled for March 29th at 7:30. A public notice will be posted once copies of the budget are available.

Items for the Regular Township Board Meeting:

- Generator Estimates
- FD Credit Card
- Cyber Coverage
- Dispatch Agreement

Public Comment: none

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Ellick, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETING - March 3, 2021