

SOLON TOWNSHIP

Monthly Staff Meeting

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

Minutes September 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER 10:00 A.M.

Present: Robert Ellick, A.J. Anielski, Dorothy Willoughby, Mark Hoskins, Jon Stout, Rich Hays, Rodney Ellick

Absent: none

Public: Terry Morehead

Departmental Activities

- Assessing: No update.
- Building: About twice as busy as last month.
- Zoning: busy as usual. Working on property on Wiersma and 19 Mile.
- Fire Department: Had 14 runs so far this month. The new software is installed. Working out the kinks with the software support. Three members continue to not show up for trainings or runs despite talks with the Chief.

Business/Topics of Discussion:

- FD UTV Vehicle: Yamaha has a program where you can get one for free for fire department use only. A motion was made by Willoughby to authorize applying for the UTV through Yamaha, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.
- Firetruck budget: According to ballpark figures, it looks like it may end up being close to 750K, with the County providing \$208K. Chief Hays will continue to provide feedback, and the Board will look at budgeting numbers. Tabled to October staff meeting.
- KCRC Invoice: Tabled to Board Meeting.
- Administrative Assistant Wages: A motion was made by Hoskins to raise the Administrative Wages from \$17.10/hr to \$18.50/hr, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- Cemetery Stone Approval: A motion was made by Anielski to approve the natural stone the Chaney family provided pictures of, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- Cemetery Footings: It has come to the Clerk and Sexton's attention that some footings were ordered and paid to the previous Sexton in April which have not been installed yet. The new Sexton will install the footings, and a bill will be sent to the previous sexton.

- Clerk Printer: The Clerk's printer stopped working as soon as the new computer was installed by Addorio. Addorio stated it was time for a new printer. The Clerk will be ordering a monochrome laser-jet similar to what she had previously.
- Chapter 2 Policy Review: The Board reviewed the policy and made some changes. The updated Policy with edits will be presented at the October staff meeting.

Other Discussion –

Utility bill: A utility bill from Consumer's Energy was received yesterday for \$4800. After investigating, it appears this particular account has not been billed since December of 2020 at the error of Consumer's Energy. The other six accounts are current. The Treasurer will call to discuss the error on Consumer's end, after which the Clerk will pay the amount due.

Middle Lake: Problems with property owners next to Echo Lake continue to be a problem, including residents there parking and blocking the boat ramp, and parking in a way it would be difficult for the public to access the park, as well as yelling at township residents who try and visit the park. The Board discussed options and will think it over. Tabled to October staff meeting.

Items for the Regular Township Board Meeting:

- FD Resignations
- KCRC Invoice

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Stout to adjourn, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETING - October 5, 2022