

SOLON TOWNSHIP STAFF MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2014

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

CALL TO ORDER by Supervisor Ellick 10:00 am.

Present: Ellick, Zenker, Gunnell, Drake, Rideout, Poulsen, Doane.

Absent: Kruithoff, Austin

Guests: Gerald Skelonc, Sally Howland, 2 others.

Staff Reports:

Assessor: Handled 5 appointments at Board of Review. Gearing up for Spring field work.

Zoning Administrator: absent.

Fire Department: Fire station phone and data systems need to be reworked – on agenda for board meeting. Applying for funds from Michigan Fireworks Safety Grant to purchase training equipment. Renovations are going along. March was a slow month – no major incidents.

Trustees: **Gunnell:** shared framed Solon historical photo for display.

Rideout: Add ZBA training and MTA conference to agenda for board meeting,

Treasurer: nothing.

Clerk: website changes, shared agenda for board meeting.

Supervisor: Shared millage language received from attorney. Discussed possibility of language that would ensure funds would increase fire budget, not replace what the General Fund contributes to it. Supervisor to check with attorney and also request addition of “staffing” to wording for purpose of millage. Will get engineer report on structural problems at fire station. Questioned fire department requirement for all Medical First Responders to be cross-trained as fire fighters. Chief Drake mentioned considering a change to allow for a specified number of medical personnel.

Public Comment:

Sally Howland requested Solon Township Board to consider allowing Cedar Springs Chamber of Commerce to hold a Renaissance Festival on the property behind the Solon Township Hall June 20-22, 2014. Will have vendors and demonstrations – no alcohol – no nighttime use. Discussion included traffic control, parking issues with regard to community room rentals, agricultural consideration. Asked to add to the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Gerald Skelonc asked board to consider: all ZBA board members training needs, compliance of site condos pumping requirements. Questions about need for security system at fire station, fire protection at manufactured home parks.

Motion to adjourn at 11:10 carried 5 – 0.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2014.