

SOLON TOWNSHIP STAFF MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2014

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

CALL TO ORDER by Supervisor Ellick 10:00 a.m.

Present: Ellick, Austin, Gunnell, Gerhardt, Rideout, Poulsen, Doane, Drake

Absent: none

Assessor: State cap for increases to taxable value set at 1.6 to residential values. Finishing permit inspections for fall. 16 Mile House razed by Fire Dept. McPhail house removal – told to call for permits. Church requested meeting with Board of Review in December was told Board of Review cannot address classification issues.

Zoning: nothing reported.

Building Department: Report submitted. Building has slowed down – 2 weeks behind previous year's projects.

Fire Department: discussed CGAP grant – if other communities join in the study, additional cost of \$8,000 each. Would like to add hours to daytime firefighter position beginning January 1 to bring to 50 hours per week. Razing of building on 16 Mile was completed successfully with 4 area Fire Departments joining in, provided good training opportunity. Repairs on trucks and saws needed. Shared information from Kent Fire Chiefs meeting regarding changes and concerns from Ebola crisis. Will contact electrical contractor used to update Fire Station for inspection information.

Trustees: Rideout: Asked when snow/ice stops were planned to be installed on Township Hall roof – can daytime firefighter install? Requested addition to Board Meeting agenda for MTA conference funding.

Gunnell: Asked about Engineer's report on stable and community concern regarding CGAP study findings.

Treasurer: Preparing information for December tax bills to go to printer. Can add newsletter (i.e. CGAP or millage info) at approximate additional cost of \$250.

Clerk: Requested decision on Park design proposals per last month's board meeting. Trustees requested postpone until next board meeting.

Supervisor: Submitted 3rd proposal for repair on southern exterior of Fire Station. Requested addition to board meeting agenda to increase Executive Township Board budgeted purchase limit from \$150 to \$300.

Solon Market: Vicky Babcock requested addition to board meeting agenda for approval of \$500 for 2 sided 4x6 or 4x8' seasonal sign. Supervisor will check on zoning issues.

Motion to Adjourn, supported, carried 5 – 0. Adjourned 11:48.

Next Meeting: December 3, 2014

Submitted by Mary Lou Poulsen, Clerk