

SOLON TOWNSHIP STAFF MEETING MINUTES April 4, 2018

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

CALL TO ORDER at 10:00 am by Supervisor.

Present: Gunnell, Gerhardt, Hoskins, Poulsen, Ellick, Drake

Absent: J. Austin, Doane

Guest: J. Bitely

Departmental Activities

- Assessing – no report.
- Building – Permits picking up. Additional section on Quarterhorse.
- Zoning – Busy. In court last week where township received favorable ruling ordering cleanup with 4/24/18 deadline and payment of fines/costs.
- Fire Department – Discussed cost recovery ordinance enforcement, breathing air compressor, jump bags, Fire yard lighting, 2 firefighters close to completing FF Academy, 2 firefighters completing MFR training before starting on academy training, March had 51 alarms with none turfed. Incentive program, plans to budget for bathroom remodel including asbestos abatement in 2019/2020, Easter Egg hunt Safety event at Solon Wesleyan Church went well, State Fire Marshall is looking into extent of foam use in FD history – approx. 25 years.

Topics of Discussion

- Supervisor to look into outside electrical outlet with lock.
- KCRC and Community Action have not come to agreement for new Work Order on Albrecht/21 M.
- Supervisor and Treasurer to check further into Safety glass window purchase.
- Ask for bids on Hayfield/Park Maintenance.
- Fire Committee will hold meeting April 9th at 7:00pm.
- Township Spring Cleanup will be held May 5th and possible again in Sept depending on need.
- Treasurer reported on P.C. meeting comments regarding AR1/AR2 zoning map.

Public Comment

- Mr. Bitely made points regarding AR-1/AR-2 map:
 - Does not understand why Planning Commission anxious to change zoning to 2 acre minimum when Master Plan survey showed that 66% of respondents did not want to change zoning.
 - Concerned that no areas are left for 1 acre developments. Disagrees that is the cause of more complaints.
 - Asked about changing 17 Mile commercial corridor zoned Highway Commercial and need to embrace zoning plan with water/sewer plans.

Items for the December Regular Township Board Meeting:

- * Radar Speed sign purchase – old business. Supervisor getting more information
- * AR-1, AR-2 ordinance amendment
- * Agritourism ordinance amendment
- * Breathing Air Compressor Start-up & P.M. expenditures
- * Medical Jump Bag purchase
- * 2018 Spring Cleanup (including Park fundraiser Pancake breakfast)
- * 2018 lawncare bids

Adjourned 11:55 pm.

NEXT MEETING May 2, 2018