

SOLON TOWNSHIP

Monthly Staff Meeting

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

Minutes
July 3, 2019

CALL TO ORDER 10:05 A.M.

Present: Gunnell, Gerhardt, Hoskins, Ellick, Poulsen, Drake, J. Austin

Absent: Doane

Guest: Patrick Sweeney, Attorney for Sable Developing

Departmental Activities

- Assessing – Working on re-assessments.
- Building – written report. Going great guns. Several pole buildings.
- Zoning – Very busy. Working on several projects, including trucking company on Woodlawn Hills, vehicle repair company on Long Lake, more complaints on property at corner of 22 Mile & Algoma.
- Fire Department – Engine 1, county owned truck, failed pump testing so repairs were done (paid for by county); Roster has 20 people and 1 new applicant looks promising; Lowell asks to trade position for county truck through Fire Commission – Chief Drake will let them know we will not be able to move our plan up 2 years; Motion by Poulsen to authorize additional \$390.99 for Target Solutions contract, second by Gerhardt, carried 5-0. Motion by Gunnell to authorize funds for Firefighter Appreciation Dinner Sept 29 at Garden Patch in Sparta up to \$1379/100 attendees, second by Hoskins, motion carried 5-0.

Business/Topics of Discussion:

- Nothing new on Construction Board of Appeals or Zoning Board bylaws, but will address again in August staff meeting.
- Delinquent Escrow Accounts – letters have gone out to the 3 accounts. No response so Supervisor will now involve attorney.
- Ellick met with concerned residents last Friday regarding Ashton Meadows displeasure. Road Commission added limestone on Division, but still to be graded. Hoskins suggested Supervisor also discuss inadequate job on 19 Mile especially in front of Fire Station.
- Report of poor attendance at Thursday night Fire meeting and possible need to reorganize those training meetings. Also, air system testing needs and non-working lights. Why hasn't old truck been advertised for sale? Will get with Fire Chief.
- Roadside sign replacement quote of \$22,000. Will get more quotes.

- Electric service for park restroom of \$5,235. Hoskins working on 2nd quote.
- Motion by Poulsen to appoint Vicky Babcock to Park Committee, second by Gerhardt, carried 5-0.
- Grounds/upkeep: need replacement of dead tree in front of Hall – with pine stump? Brushhog Algoma property at least in front. Supervisor to address.

Items for the Regular Township Board Meeting:

- Velzy Bylaws
- Budget adjustments
- Adjust asking price for Algoma property
- Computer upgrades or purchases before Windows 7 not supported.
- Wifi at Township Hall.
- Hose and Ladder testing - \$2,850
- Electric Service for park restroom
- Generator maintenance contract renewal

Supervisor asked if any public comment – Mr. Sweeney said no.

ADJOURNMENT –11:52p.m Motion made by Gunnell, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING August 7, 2019