

SOLON TOWNSHIP

Monthly Staff Meeting

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

Minutes January 7, 2026

CALL TO ORDER 10:00 A.M.

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

Absent: none

Public: Gerald Skelonc, Matt Schievink, Joe VandenBerg, Rick Sevey, Lauren, Al Bacon, and Nate.

Departmental Activities

- **Assessing:** Finished end of year field work, wrapping up land values, and sent out personal property statements.
- **Building:** Down from previous month. Had 117 permits for 2025. Brought to the planning commission members present that they may want to look at what our ordinances say about offices in agricultural buildings in relation to size.
- **Zoning:** nothing to report.
- **Code Enforcement:** Went to court with Bradley who was found in contempt of court and criminally charged. The township was given permission to remove cars which were removed within a couple days of the court's ruling. Photo evidence shows more cars are back on the property. Emmorey property moved his travel trailer to brothers' property. Jerry has been in touch with the property across from Hucks. Auto place next to Hucks will be looked into. Middle Lake, it appears all the docks have been removed except for one really far down which he doesn't believe is in Echo Park.
- **Fire Department:** Had 614 calls for the year with 56 calls in December. The old medic truck will be picked up later this week.

Business/Topics of Discussion:

- **Consumer's Energy:** Representatives from Consumers Energy spoke about high energy usage and what that would look like for the township in the event a potential data center were proposed here in the future.
- **Authorization for Supervisor to Sign 2003 Excursion Title:** A motion was made by Anielski to approve the Supervisor to sign the title for the fire department's 2003 Ford Excursion, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **FD SCBA Preventative Maintenance Quote:** Tabled to Board Meeting.

- **FD Payroll & Budget Proposal:** Tabled to February Staff meeting.
- **Cathy Austin Training Payrate:** A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the Administrative Assistant training payrate for Cathy Austin at \$50.00 per hour, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Outdoor Assembly & Anti-Noise Ordinance:** A motion was made by Ellick to table to February staff meeting, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

Other Discussion:

Lighting complaints from the neighboring subdivision were discussed. A motion was made by Willoughby to have the West light on the red Precinct 3 building changed to a motion light and the south light on the building disconnected, along with the East, South and West lights on the public restroom in the park disconnected, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Ellick informed the Board of threatening emails from the car scene people. They've been forwarded to the Sheriff's Office.

Discussed two possible systems a potential data center could have: open loop and closed loop.

Public Comment: none.

Items for the Regular Township Board Meeting:

- FD Preventative Maintenance SCBA Quote
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ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Hoskins to adjourn, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
NEXT MEETING – February 4, 2026