

OLON TOWNSHIP

Monthly Staff Meeting

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

Minutes

April 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER 10:00 A.M.

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

Absent: none

Public: Calvin Brinks, Joni Laming

Departmental Activities

- Assessing: no update.
- Building: pretty slow this month.
- Zoning: A stop work order was placed yesterday. County has been informed of 19 Mile property concerns. Edgerton property was sent a letter but no progress has been made. Ron will follow up. 22 Mile property needs cleaning up. Has numerous vehicles parked there.
- Fire Department: Brandon Puckett put in his resignation. He's moved out of the area and his response time is now too long. Ran 40 calls this month. Received aid from Algoma, Cedar Springs, Kent City and gave aid to Cedar Springs. Two calls were turfed. SCBA compressor is here. Will contact a electrician to get that wired in. Contacted Jody with the company who implements the advertising for the fire dept recruitment. Would be \$500 to start.

Business/Topics of Discussion:

- Calvin Brinks Kent County: Had a review committee meeting two weeks ago which included experienced Chiefs from the County to review Solon's truck blueprint. They all agreed they thought the truck would come in at \$800K and agreed there was nothing they could cut from it. The County's portion is \$208K leaving the Township's portion of \$592K with approximately \$350K coming from ARPA funds, and \$250K from the Fire Capital Fund. Plan for truck includes 1 medical cabinet for accessibility reasons, seats 4, large diameter hose, 1000-gallon tank, pump 1500 gal/min, 34 feet long. Discussed SAM system, but did not want to put in plans because it would limit bids. Will have the truck 17 years or longer.

A motion was made by Anielski to authorize the County to release the bid for the firetruck, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- Chief Hays Payrate: Tabled to Board Meeting.

- Great Lakes Energy Proposed Franchise Ordinance Notice: A motion was made by Willoughby to publish the Great Lakes Energy Proposed Franchise Ordinance Notice, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- CDBG Application: A motion was made by Ellick to submit a Community Development Building Grant application for paving of the park/multipurpose building parking lot in the amount \$100,000 with a 25% contribution from the township in the event it's approved, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- Lawncare Bids: Tabled to Board Meeting.
- Assessor Payrate: Tabled to Board Meeting.
- Kore Hi Com Computer Quote: Tabled to Board Meeting.
- Kore Hi Com Server Quote: Tabled to Board Meeting.
- Election Source Quote: Tabled to Board Meeting.
- Discount Door Quotes: Tabled to Board Meeting.
- DTE Installation of Gas Service Quote: A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the DTE quote for installation of gas service to the new multipurpose building in the amount of \$4402.00, seconded by Ellick. Motion carried 5-0.
- MML Workers' Comp Invoice: Tabled to Board Meeting.
- J. Leitz Construction Invoice: A motion was made by Anielski to approve the third installment of \$77907.25 to J. Leitz Construction for the multipurpose building, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

Other Discussion –

Shelly Hilbert resigned from the library board.

Have a resident, John Lehmoine, that is interested in becoming a Library Board Member.

Discussed transferring some of the general fund money to another bank to collect a substantial amount of more interest.

Public Comment: none.

Items for the Regular Township Board Meeting:

- Puckett Resignation
- Shelly Hilbert Resignation
- Library Appointment
- General Fund Transfer
- Chief Hays Payrate
- Lawncare Bids

- Assessor Payrate
- Kore Hi Com Computer Quote
- Kore Hi Com Server Quote
- Election Source Quote
- Discount Door Quote
- MML Workers' Comp Invoice

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Hoskins to adjourn, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETING – May 3, 2023