

# SOLON TOWNSHIP

## Monthly Staff Meeting

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

### Minutes November 1, 2023

#### **CALL TO ORDER 10:00 A.M.**

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

**Absent:** none.

**Public:** Rose Powell

#### Departmental Activities

- **Assessing:** Received the preliminary studies for Agricultural, Commercial & Industrial. Starting ratios are as follows: Agricultural 46.66 7.1% increase; Commercial 45.77 9.2% increase; Industrial 51.99 4% decrease. There are usually meetings later in November or early December to discuss the appraisal studies before final ratios are determined. Done with reappraisal work except for a few site visits to wrap up. Finished first pass at building permits and will do another run-in early December then a final check in either late December or early January. Over the next couple of months, I will be entering new permit information and wrapping up the roll for another year. December Board of Review is December 12.
- **Building:** Did over 10K last month, of that 4K for building
- **Zoning:** Jerry is busy. Sent letter out to CS Management. 19 Mile property has a legal well and septic. Next is plumbing, electrical, building. Will send out letter giving them 30 days to remove shed a stop work order was put on, and keep up on their progress.

**Enforcement:** have some issues and complaints on Lime Lake he's working on. Hydrovac was sent registered letter regarding dumping. Questions on Sempski pole barn.

- **Fire Department:** Ran 57 calls last month. On target for over 600 for the year. Weekend shifts going well until last weekend. Had Halloween celebration on the 29<sup>th</sup> with over 1300 people attending. Suggests holding at the new building next year to accommodate parking.

#### Business/Topics of Discussion:

- **2024 Meeting Schedule:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve the 2024 Meeting Schedule as presented, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **2024 Holiday Office and FT Fire Schedule:** A motion was made by Stout to approve the 2024 Holiday Office Schedule as presented, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the 2024 Holiday FT Fire Schedule as presented, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

- Kore Hi Com Building Insp Computer Quote: A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the desktop computer for the Building Inspector in the amount of \$1050.00, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.
- BS&A Invoice: Tabled to Board Meeting.
- KCRC Wiersma Invoice: Tabled to Board Meeting
- KCRC Brining Invoice: Tabled to Board Meeting
- Landscape Renovations Quote: A motion was made by Ellick to approve the quote for landscaping at the new building in the amount of \$9941.00, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.
- Frost Church Fireworks Permit Application: A motion was made by Hoskins to approve the fireworks permit from Frost Church for December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.
- Resolution Opposing State Authority over Utility Scale Renewable Projects: A motion was made by Anielski to approve the Resolution Opposing State Authority over Utility Scale Renewable Projects, seconded by Hoskins.

Roll Call Vote: Stout-Y; Anielski-Y; Ellick-Y; Willoughby-Y; Hoskins-Y.

Resolution declared adopted.

- Multipurpose Building Insurance Premium Options: Tabled to Board Meeting.
- J-Star: They want to put in a light at the intersection of Woodlawn and 17 Mile. They were supposed to be here today but are not.
- Library Services Agreement from City of C.S.: A motion was made by Anielski to approve the resolution approving the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Library Services Agreement dated October 12, 2023 signed by the City of Cedar Springs, seconded by Stout.

Roll Call Vote: Stout-Y; Anielski-Y; Ellick-N; Willoughby-Y; Hoskins-N.

Resolution declared adopted.

Ellick wanted the reason for his Nay vote included the minutes. His no vote is not about not wanting a library but rather the City's inability to negotiate and that the contract is not equitable in any sense for Solon residents.

Other Discussion – The Village of Sand Lake sent over a proposal for joint Sheriff services in the amount of \$182,000 annually.

Anielski thanked the Board and the staff for the kindness shown after his father's passing.

Willoughby stated we need to appoint new library board members. Tabled to Board meeting.

Public Comment:

Rodney Ellick: I think the smart thing for the Township to do is figure out a way to get our own library as well as our own sewer and water. We need to let Solon run Solon and not let the City run Solon.

Items for the Regular Township Board Meeting:

- BS&A Invoice
- Library Board Member Appointments
- KCRC Wiersma Invoice
- KCRC Brining Invoice
- Multipurpose Building Insurance Premium Options

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

NEXT MEETING – December 6, 2023