

OLON TOWNSHIP

Monthly Staff Meeting

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

Minutes

December 6, 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: Dustin Drabek, Mark w/J-Star.

Departmental Activities

- Assessing: December Board of Review scheduled for next Tuesday. Finishing up permits this month. The Consumer Price Index for this upcoming tax year is 5%. Taxable value increases for 2024 will be capped at 5% unless there was a transfer of ownership or a building permit. Assessor's can now process disable veteran paperwork, which used to be done by the Board of Review.
- Building: Permitting is up a little this month, and up quite a bit from last November. A stop work order was done on 19 Mile for a build with no permit.
- Zoning: Brennan was on the agenda for the ZBA which has now been tabled for 120 days.
- Fire Department: Only had 33 calls in November. Weekend shift duty isn't going well. They have a meeting tomorrow to address the issue.

Business/Topics of Discussion:

- J-Star Street Lighting: Discussed putting up a light at 17 Mile and Woodlawn Hills. The \$100 includes the engineering and installation. J-Star is willing to take on the bill, but direct billing to them isn't an option. The township has to take on the bill or ask for reimbursement from J-Star for billing.
- FD New Hire Stout: Tabled to Board Meeting
- KC Fire Commission 2023 Assessment: Tabled to Board Meeting
- Kore Hi Com Invoice: A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the invoice from Kore Hi Com for \$946.86, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- KC Road Commission Wiersma Pt 2 Work Order: Tabled to Board Meeting

- KCI Winter Tax Postage Invoices: A motion was made by Anielski to approve the Winter Tax Postage Invoice for \$1422.28 and \$1417.31, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.
- KCI Printing Invoice: A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the printing invoice in the amount of \$1461.07, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- General Fund Transfers:

A motion was made by Willoughby to transfer \$20,000 from the general fund to the multipurpose building fund, seconded by Ellick. Motion carried 5-0.
- PC Committee Appointments; Myers, Hoskins, Sevey: Tabled to Board Meeting
- ZBA Committee Appointments; Powell, Skelonc, Stout: Tabled to Board Meeting
- BOR Appointments; Sevey, Vandenburg, Myers: Tabled to Board Meeting
- Resolution to Establish Early Voting Polling Location: Tabled to Board Meeting
- Non-Discrimination Policy Draft: Tabled to Board Meeting
- Regulation of Noise Ordinance: Tabled to Board Meeting
- PC recommendation on Moratorium: A motion was made by Ellick to enact a moratorium on Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the zoning map on all residential building for six months, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- Dustin Drabek: Decker Agency: Discussed our insurance policy and premium.

Other Discussion –

- A 45-day requirement for paperwork for ZBA and PC was discussed and tabled to Board Meeting
- The library secretary emailed inquiring about our fiscal year contribution. The current fiscal year contribution will be approximately \$118,165.
- Discussed how Holton Township became a sanctuary township and formed a militia and how our 2nd Amendment of the Constitution protects our rights to bear arms.
- Trustee Hoskins went to a meeting where Axe MI Tax which will be put on the November 2024 ballot was discussed.
- Trustee Stout stated he believes he will do a good job for the Fire Department and brings a lot of knowledge to the table which may help.

Public Comment: none.

Items for the Regular Township Board Meeting:

- J-Star Street Lighting
- FD New Hire Stout
- KCFC Assessment
- KCRC Wiersma Work Order
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ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Stout to adjourn, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETING – January 3, 2023