

SOLON TOWNSHIP STAFF MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2014

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

CALL TO ORDER by Supervisor Ellick 10:00 a.m.

Present: Ellick, Austin, Gunnell, Gerhardt, Rideout, Poulsen, Doane

Absent: Drake

Assessor: State projects cap for increases to taxable value of 1.7 and average increase to residential values of 7 ½ % based on studies from sales information. Removed an exemption for vacant property owned by a church. An attorney is working on their behalf, so may hear more.

Zoning: Olin Lakes issues have had no action towards compliance without writing citations so will begin that process. Could use Dangerous Building Act in the future if necessary, but is long drawn-out and expensive process.

Building Department: Report submitted. Building has picked up this month – catching up with previous year's projects.

Fire Department: absent.

Trustees: Rideout: Asked for thoughts on logic of paying per diem for Library Board members.

Gunnell: MTA executive committee may move from quarterly meetings to calling special meetings when necessary. Asked if Chief had sent any updates to proposals for daytime firefighter. No one had any further information on those.

Treasurer: BS&A website link to property lookup can go live next week. Tom and Art are narrowing down what information is included in search options.

Clerk: Getting ready for the November election. Received requests for Barn storage rental to go on agenda of next board meeting.

Supervisor: Submitted 2nd proposal for brickwork on southern exterior of Fire Station. His opinion on Library Board – doesn't feel need to be paid positions. Shared engineer will charge \$1,000 to draw up and explain drawbacks/possibilities for use of stable. Will go ahead to schedule it.

Solon Market: Vicky Babcock reported market will be closed October 4th during Red Flannel Days and reopen for the 11th and 18th before closing down for the year. Has lined up produce vendors for those last 2 Saturdays. The market would like to use the parking spots on the northern border of the parking lot to increase market visibility and have the rest of the vendors down the hill by the stable.

Discussion: new asphalt on cemetery driveway looks good, but will see how it holds up after a heavy rain. Will also need to warn sexton to use caution during winter's plowing. Some discussion on using steel siding on the fire station instead of brick to save money on repairs.

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Rideout, supported by Mr. Ellick, carried 5 – 0. Adjourned 11:20.

Next Meeting: November 5, 2014

Submitted by Mary Lou Poulsen, Clerk