

SOLON TOWNSHIP
STAFF MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2019

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

CALL TO ORDER at 10:00 am by Clerk.

Motion, second, carried to appoint Gunnell moderator.

Present: Gunnell, Gerhardt, Hoskins, Poulsen, Drake

Absent: Ellick, Doane

Guests: John Bitely

Departmental Activities

- Assessing –Board of Review meets March 11 & 13 for review.
- Building – shared February permit fees report.
- Zoning - Working on several complaints.
- CSA P&R – Hoskins attended meeting 11-5-19 and shared info: Name change and website should both be up and running in April. Long term goals are changing. Shared information on national budgets – Dewitt spends \$90,000 on nice program, is it something we can work with? School is not appearing to be supportive of the new CSAP&R agreement. They believe their cost now for office space and fields to be around \$70,000! They will be discussing at their monthly meeting March 11. There was discussion concerning millage, opening up to other townships, totally reconstructing the organization.
Discussion on making the programs each pay for themselves – per director: some classes cannot charge, such as nutrition and boater safety.
- Fire Department – Recommend cover for gas regulator and air conditions at Hall, smell comes from nat gas not burning and coming back in to hall-removed snow buildup and replaced part. FEMA has grant for stand-by generators – chief will get more info to share. PPEs from Grant should be here next week. Hoskins asked how often firefighters have to deal with suicide, OD or other trauma – chief answered couple times a year. There are training programs, also on-call assistance included with our insurance coverage.

Topics of Discussion

- Payroll Policy revision – back to the drawing board. Possibly pay all employees once per month?
- FEMA grant opportunity – FD generators – Chief getting more info.
- FD candidate McDonald – Chief Drake gave more info.
- P&L insurance appraisal – shared recommendations from Decker I
- 2019-2020 Budget proposal

Public comment

Complaint from resident to Clerk that the PC meetings are hard to follow – shortcuts taken that ‘audience’ doesn’t have information on – such as referring to handout without reading what it contains, not specifically stating the motion.

Resident asked for a more officially run meeting.

Mr. Bitely added that he was surprised the public hearing only allowed comments, but no questions and answers.

Items for the next regular Township Board Meeting:

- SCBA fit testing equipment - \$1200
- 3 ordinance amendments recommend by PC
- FD candidate McDonald
- P&L insurance recommendation
- MFR course – Nix & McDonald - \$1060
- Set Spring cleanup date – May 11

Adjourned 11:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING April 3, 2019