

SOLON TOWNSHIP

Monthly Staff Meeting

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

Minutes October 4, 2023

CALL TO ORDER 10:00 A.M.

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

Absent:

Public:

Departmental Activities

- **Assessing:** Received the final residential study after my contentions and for the 2024 assessments the ratio shows a 13.1% increase. This study represents sales from April 2021 to March 2023. Almost done finishing work up on annual reappraisals for the year. Finished first pass of field inspections for building permits. The IFT report was filed with the State.
- **Building:** Going well. Aldis is starting to pour walls and floors.
- **Zoning:** Enforcement has received a few complaints including Lime Lake.
- **Fire Department:** 54 calls last month. Weekend shifts are going well with just a couple gaps here and there. For the most part it is working well.

Business/Topics of Discussion:

- **FD T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Order:** Bob made a motion to approve up to \$1500 for the department for shirts/sweatshirts, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **FF Academy Invoice:** Tabled to Board Meeting.
- **Fire Millage Amount for Ballot:** Tabled to Board Meeting.
- **KCRC Wiersma Invoice:** Tabled to Board Meeting.
- **Zoning Ordinance Pet Crematoriums:** Tabled to Board Meeting.
- **Zoning Ordinance Utility Grid Solar Energy Systems:** Tabled to Board Meeting.
- **ARPA Transfer:** Anielski made a motion to approve the transfer of the remaining ARPA money to the building fund, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Extension Counteroffer for Library from City of C.S.:** The City declined the Township's request for a 90-day extension of the current library contract, and instead offered a 30-day

extension. A motion was made by Ellick to approve the 30-day extension of the current library contract, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- Draft Library Agreement from City of C.S. with changes: Tabled to Board Meeting. We still have not received guidance from the attorney on the draft agreement due to his time overseas on vacation. We expect it very soon.

Other Discussion –

Anielski stated that the Supervisor has been getting hit at home with vandalism due to his part in code enforcement with a certain individual. He believes the Board should brainstorm to see if we can come up with something to help. He also stated he believes we need to increase the deposit and/or the rental fee for the community room due to problems with people not cleaning afterwards properly.

Stout informed the board that NKCE has received a message that they should hear back on the grant application for pickleball courts in the next couple of weeks. He also handed out information on the fire department. He learned at his training that MIOSHA has 74 new requirements.

Perrin asked about website, hosting and name. Was told that Kore Hi will be overseeing everything again. We do not need a new website at this time.

Public Comment:

Rose Powell said she was sorry to hear about Bob's vandalism. She thanked us for working with the City on the library, and also wished us all a good Red Flannel Days.

Items for the Regular Township Board Meeting:

- FF Academy Invoice
- Fire Millage Amount/Wording for Ballot
- KCRC Wiersma Invoice
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- Zoning Ordinance Utility Grid Solar Energy Systems
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ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Ellick to adjourn, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETING – November 1, 2023