

Solon Township Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 9, 2021 7:00 P.M
Solon Township Hall
9191 S. Kasson St., Cedar, MI 49621

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Jim Lautner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor Jim Lautner, Clerk Shirley Mikowski, Trustee Steve Yoder and Trustee Pat Deering.

Board members absent: Treasurer Joan Gauthier (excused)

Guests present: Trudy Galla, Mary O'Neill, Melinda Lautner, Andrew Gale, Brian Rowley, Mary Taylor and Kelly Claar.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Pat Deering and seconded by Steve Yoder to approve the agenda with removing one item under Unfinished Business: A. Township Hall 1. Rental. Motion carried 4-0.

Jim Lautner explained Joan Gauthier was absent because she recently had back surgery.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Steve Yoder and seconded by Shirley Mikowski to approve the November 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Public Comment

Kelly Claar gave Jim Lautner an application for the Township Hall Custodian position that she received and was postmarked before the deadline of 5:00 P.M. today.

6. Correspondence

There was none.

7. Treasurer's Report/Authorization for Payment of Vouchers:

TCF Checking \$65,036.27, TCF Bank General Savings \$102,769.78, Total Funds Available: \$167,806.05, TCF Bank Road Improvement Fund \$5,344.32, TCF Fire Fund CD \$42,679.30, TCF Fire Fund Savings \$513.15, Total Fire Sinking \$43,192.45, TCF Sidewalk Fund \$8,870.99, TCF Oleson Foundation Grant/Playground Equipment \$10,101.14, TCF Cedar River Marina Project \$29,187.26, Total other Township Funds Available: \$96,696.16 - Total Current Assets: \$264,502.21, Parks and Recreation \$7,683.80. Voucher #'s 14286-14315 were submitted for payment. Motion by Steve Yoder and seconded by Shirley Mikowski to accept the Treasurer's report and pay vouchers as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Committee Reports:

Steve Yoder reported there was no Planning Commission meeting in December because there were no agenda items. Their meeting schedule for the 2022-2023 fiscal year has been updated and will be forwarded to the clerk for her to publish.

Kelly Claar reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Solon Township Hall. All members and three associates from Fleis&Vandenbrink were present.

- They reviewed the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2022-2026.
- Fleis&Vandenbrink gave input regarding the boat wash stations, and Ron Novak is making the concrete bases for them. The Parks Committee needs a consensus from the township board of where the boat wash stations should be placed.
- The next meeting will be a zoom meeting hosted by Fleis&Vandenbrink on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Kelly will forward the information to Shirley Mikowski.

Zoning Administrator Written Report is attached.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Township Hall/Repairs

There was nothing to report.

B. Parks

Steve Yoder received a phone call from Warren Fuller that there are several broken windows in the Solon Schoolhouse. Jim Lautner said he will take care of them.

1. Recycling Site

a. Recycling Agreement

The township's recycling contract with the county ends December, 2021. The Solid Waste Council wants to extend the original contract for an additional year. The Solid Waste Council is working on installing cameras, but there has been a delay in installing the cameras. The Solid Waste Council has also approved to increase the lease rate from \$1,250.00 to \$3,600.00 annually. Joan Gauthier could not be present because of her recent surgery, so she sent a letter (see attached) that was read by Shirley Mikowski. Shirley Mikowski agrees with Joan and explained that when Solon Township finally received some money for the recycling site, the township pretty much had to beg for it. Then we found out other sites had been receiving payment for some time. The recycling site has become a pigsty and a dumpsite. It needs to be raked up once a week. Shirley does not believe the cameras will work and does not understand why it took the county so long to install them. She is done with the township paying all the money to maintain the site, and it is time for the recycling site to go to another township. Jim Lautner said the cameras need to be installed before the contract will be signed because he does not trust the county to put them up after the contract has been signed. Trudy Galla said the cameras cannot be installed without the contract being approved, and the company is just waiting for the go ahead. Pat Deering asked if the installation of the cameras could be included in the agreement before it is signed, and Jim said it could. Trudy Galla said the Sheriff's Department and the Prosecuting Attorney are on board to prosecute with the fine being up to \$2,500.00 plus the disposal costs. The Solid Waste Council has received funding to educate the residents in recycling. Shirley said the cameras may deter people from dropping stuff off, but will not keep the site clean. It is not only the stuff that is left outside the bins, but the accumulation left on the ground; the papers, egg cartons, whatever drops on the ground does not get cleaned up and should every week. Jim Lautner said that people are dropping their garbage in the bins. Andrew Gale, who is with the Solid Waste Council said he would volunteer to clean up the ground and monitor the site on a weekly basis. Steve Yoder said he does not have a problem trying it out for a year with the cameras and does not care what goes in the bins. What bothers him is everything that blows into the swamp and he doesn't see that changing. Steve agrees to keep the recycling site there for at least a year until it is relocated to another site. Motion by Steve Yoder and seconded by Pat Deering to approve the Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between Leelanau County and Solon Township for a County Recycling Program Recycling Site to extend the contract for one year from January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022 contingent of a camera being installed. Motion carried 3-1. Mikowski opposed.

2. Solon Beach Park

a. Trees

Pat Deering reported that the four trees have been cut down at the Solon Beach Park and have been removed. It was not part of the agreement to grind the stumps. Pat will still be following up with the tree on Sullivan St. with Consumer's.

b. Pavilion Roofs

Jim Lautner will call Corey Flaska again to remind him to clean up the building materials that were left behind and patch the roof.

c. Boat Wash Stations

See under Committee Reports.

C. Fire Department

Chris Comeaux/Fire Board Representative was not present, but contacted Steve Yoder prior to the meeting. They had one fire and there was no update to give because the fire board had not met yet. The fire board is working on changing their meetings to the first Tuesday or the first Thursday of the month. That way the township board will be updated before the minutes are out.

D. Cedar River Project

There was nothing to report.

E. Fleis&Vandenbrink/Park Survey

There was nothing to report.

F. M-72 Light

Jim Lautner said the Leelanau Enterprise incorrectly reported that M-DOT was putting in a caution light on the crossroads of M-72 and County Road 651 instead of the full stop light as originally stated. Jim Lautner talked to Jessica at M-Dot and there will be a full light with turn lanes. The soonest a round-about can be put in is the Fall of 2026.

G. Appointments

Motion by Jim Lautner and seconded by Steve Yoder to appoint Steve Morgan, Todd Yeomans and Lisa Rossi to the Planning Commission for a three year term ending 12/31/2024. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Jim Lautner and seconded by Steve Yoder to appoint Todd Yeomans as the Planning Commission Representative to the Board of Appeals for a three year term ending 12/31/2024. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Jim Lautner and seconded by Shirley Mikowski to appoint Kelly Claar, Ron Novak, Mary Taylor, Kathleen Hughes, Brett McDowell and Zach Baker to the Parks and Recreation Committee for a one year term ending 12/31/2022. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Jim Lautner and seconded by Shirley Mikowski to appoint Rich Nachazel as Sexton for one year. Motion carried 4-0.

Jim Lautner just received an application for the Township Hall Custodian, so he will make that appointment at the January meeting.

H. Snowplowing

Shirley Mikowski has not received a call back from Schaub Outdoor Service if they will continue to do the snowplowing for the recycling site and the township hall. Shirley will continue to contact them, and Jim Lautner also requested that they make sure the township hall parking lot is plowed for the board meetings.

10. New Business

A. Sewer Committee

Steve Yoder was given several names to be on the Sewer Committee. Steve will represent the township board. Motion by Steve Yoder and seconded by Shirley Mikowski to appoint Andrew Gale, Rolf VonWalthausen, Scott Collins, Corey Flaska and Steve Yoder to the Sewer Committee in coordination with Fleis&Vandenbrink. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Public Comment

Brian Rowley from Fleis&Vandenbrink said that Chet Janik would like him to attend the county board meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. to present and discuss the ARPA funds requests made by Solon Township. Brian would like someone from the township to attend as well. Steve Yoder will attend.

Mary Taylor noted the new sign at the Solon Park does not read Solon Beach Park and is looking for consistency.

12. Announcements

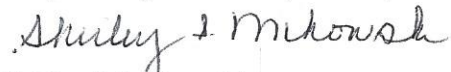
There was none.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Pat Deering to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley I. Mikowski
Solon Township Clerk

SOLON TOWNSHIP ZA'S MONTHLY PERMIT SUMMARY

PERIOD: NOVEMBER 2021

DATE	PERMIT #	NAME	USE	RECEIPT CK.#	AMOUNT
11/11/2021 010-005-007-65	LUP 21-25 3357 WINBERIE LANE	FRED	LAND USE	202125	12176 \$ 90.00 744 S.F.
11/11/2021 010-023-011-00	LUP 21-26 6100 E. LINCOLN RD.	DENDRINOS	LAND USE	202126	SENT TO TREAS. \$ 100.00 16,875 S.F.
11/23/2021 010-031-020-10	LUP 21-27 13997 S. CEDAR VALLEY	HOLDEN	LAND USE	202127	5733 \$50.00 4,080 S.F.
11/24/2021 010-019-007-16	LUP 21-28 2013 E. KASSON ROAD	JOHNSON/GROVES	LAND USE	202128	246 \$165.00 2,200 S.F.
11/29/2021 010-018-012-00	LUP 21-29 S. CEDAR ROAD	FARLEY & MACDONALD	LAND USE	202129	1148 \$50.00 1,800 S.F.
11/29/2021 010-029-008-10	LUP 21-30 12991 S. PARTRIDGE RUN	HODGES		202130	SENT TO TREAS \$50.00 900 S.F.

TOTAL \$ 505.00

SIGNED:

Timothy A. Cypher

DATE: 12/5/2021

TIMOTHY A. CYPHER
SOLON TOWNSHIP ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
231-360-2557
TIM@ALLPERMITS.COM

December 9, 2021

To Board Members and property owners of Solon Township:

I'm sorry I am unable to attend this meeting tonight.

I would like to talk to you about the recycling center that has been in Solon Township for many years. As many of you recall, a recycling site has been used in Solon Township since back in the 1980s. It first started by the US Postal Service. It was moved many years ago to where it is located today. Since 2014, we have had a contract with the Leelanau County Solid Waste Council. They agreed to pay Solon Township \$312.50 p/quarter. The board members at one time were not thrilled about continuing the recycling center, but did sign the contract because of a petition. The board only asked those who signed the petition to please keep an eye on the recycling site.

I am very disappointed that our recycling site has looked pretty much like a dump since that time. The \$312.50 compensation the township receives from the county isn't even close to covering the cost of fixing the circle drive; repairing holes, buying and spreading gravel, and plowing.

The Council came back this year to have us sign a one year contract, and decided they would pay us \$900.00 p/quarter. Even though they are finally giving us a "raise," I don't feel it is enough. If they want us to have a recycling site, they need to divvy up the money that is collected just in our township for recycling which is over \$20,000. We can't lose money on this every year, and being able to use the money from our collection of recycling would help tremendously to hire someone to keep the place cleaned up.

I'm not sure why the county spent so much money on cameras, and why it took them so long, but the question is, "Do you really think they're going to work?" Being an optimist, I would say yes, but, in reality, I don't see any changes in the future.

I'm a recycler too, but I think it has come to the point that it needs to go elsewhere if they can't give us what we really need. I want Cedar to be a BEAUTIFUL community, not a place where people leave off their garbage.

Thank you for your time!

Joan C Gauthier
Solon Township Treasurer

AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEELANAU COUNTY AND
SOLON TOWNSHIP
FOR A COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM RECYCLING SITE

This Amendment No. 1, made and entered into by and between Leelanau County ("County") and Solon Township ("Site Host"), amends the Agreement entered into by the parties on August 4, 2016 for the use and operation of a Leelanau County Recycling Program recycling site on the Site Host's property ("Agreement") as follows:

1. Section 4, COMPENSATION, page 2, of the above-stated Agreement, shall be amended to read as follows:

"4. COMPENSATION:

The County shall pay the Site Host in accordance with the following:

- a) July 1, 2016-December 31, 2021: the total annual rental payment amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$1,250.00), payable in equal installments on a quarterly basis. The County shall not be responsible for any additional costs incurred by the Site Host for repairs or improvements to the recycling site. In no event shall the total compensation paid under this Agreement during this term exceed the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five and No/100 Dollars (\$6,875.00).
- b) January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022: the total annual rental payment amount of Three Thousand Six Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$3,600.00), payable in equal installments on a quarterly basis. The County shall not be responsible for any additional costs incurred by the Site Host for repairs or improvements to the recycling site. In no event shall the total compensation paid under this Agreement during this term exceed the sum of Three Thousand Six Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$3,600.00)."

2. Section 5, EFFECTIVE DATE, page 2, of the above-stated Agreement, shall be amended to read as follows:

"5. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Agreement is effective on July 1, 2016 and shall continue for a term of six and one-half (6 ½) years thereafter, through December 31, 2022, unless terminated earlier."

3. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect, except as modified by this Amendment No. 1. This Amendment No. 1 shall become effective on January 1, 2022.

4. The people signing this Amendment No. 1 on behalf of the parties to the above-stated Agreement certify by their signatures that they are duly authorized to sign this Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement on behalf of the parties and that this Amendment No. 1 has been authorized by the parties.

COUNTY OF LEELANAU

By: William J. Burek
William J. Burek, Chairman
County Board of Commissioners

Date: 10-12-2021

SOLON TOWNSHIP

By: James C. Lautner
(Signature)

Name: James C. Lautner
(Print or Type)

Title: Supervisor
(Print or Type)

Date: 12-9-21

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR COUNTY OF LEELANAU:

COHL, STOKER & TOSKEY, P.C.

By: COURTNEY A. GABBARA

On: October 12, 2021

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