

Solon Township Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2022 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, Treasurer Joan Gauthier, Clerk Shirley Mikowski, Trustee Steve Yoder and Trustee Pat Deering.

Guests present: Kelly Claar, Chris Comeaux, Jackie Baase, Judy Janosik, Charlie Smith, Karen Smith, Mary Taylor, and Dale Gauthier,

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Shirley Mikowski to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Steve Yoder and seconded by Joan Gauthier to approve the January 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Public Comment

There was none.

6. Correspondence

- The FOIA request received from Nicole R. Graf, Esq. has been completed.
- Jim Lautner said the Board of Review will be held on Monday, March 14, 2022, 9:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. and Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 3:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. at the Solon Township Hall. The taxables are increasing by 3.3%. Judy Janosik asked what the Board of Review does, and it is for the taxpayers to appeal their taxes.

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

Joan Gauthier reported that the Fire allocation in the amount of \$149,799.26 was put into the General Checking Account and the Oleson Foundation Grant/Playground Equipment account has been closed. Huntington Bank Checking \$220,734.91, Huntington Bank General Savings \$102,772.37, Total Funds Available: \$323,507.28, Huntington Bank Road Improvement Fund \$5,314.46, Huntington Bank Fire Fund CD \$42,711.90, Huntington Bank Fire Fund Savings \$483.16, Total Fire Sinking \$43,195.06, Huntington Bank Sidewalk Fund \$8,841.22, Huntington Bank Oleson Foundation Grant/Playground Equipment CLOSED ACCT, Huntington Bank Cedar River Marina Project \$29,188.00, Total other Township Funds Available: \$86,538.74 - Total Current Assets: \$410,046.02, Parks and Recreation \$7,683.80. Voucher #'s 14353-14385 were submitted for payment. Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Steve Yoder to accept the Treasurer's report and pay vouchers as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Committee Reports:

Steve Yoder reported on the Planning Commission meeting held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Six members were present and no guests. Lisa Rossi was absent.

- Reviewed the report from Leelanau County on the Zoning Ordinance
- Changed PRD's (Planned Residential Development) that they will be allowed anywhere in the township so that will have to be amended in the Zoning Ordinance

- The applicant for the nursery has been put it on hold for the time being; it will only be a farm stand.

Kelly Claar reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. There were two members absent.

- One of the committee members is unable to attend the meetings due to a work schedule conflict. Jim Lautner said there is not a set number of members that can be on the committee, and anyone is welcomed to be on the committee.
- The committee is working on intended projects for the parks. They would still like to apply for a DNR Grant that would be due April 1, 2022.
- Trying to partner with the Leelanau Conservancy to put in a pollinator garden at the boat launch area by Cedar River
- There is a boundary issue at the Solon Beach Park with a neighbor who has dug a trench on the property because of flooding on his property. James Lautner said Tim Cypher/ZA is the enforcement officer and to check with him. Shirley Mikowski said Mr. Cypher did look at it this past summer.
- Working on budget recommendations; it needs to be submitted to the clerk by Monday, March 14, 2022.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Solon Township Hall.

Kelly Claar thanked everyone for getting the Parks Plan submitted on time. Kelly and Mary Taylor offered to assist, but, Shirley explained that she would still have to get all the paperwork together.

Zoning Administrator Written Report is attached.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Township Hall/Repairs

There was nothing to report.

B. Parks

1. Recycling Site

a. Cameras

Jim Lautner said the cameras have been installed and are working. However, a member of the Solid Waste Council still has to come to Cedar to view the pictures. Joan Gauthier thought they were going to have the capability of hooking the cameras up to their phones. They are also working on getting recycling ambassadors.

Jackie Baase asked how they are going to identify the person and what the repercussions are. Jim Lautner said the picture should be good enough to see the car and the license and they may put their picture on the website. The Leelanau County Prosecutor Joe Hubbell, is on board to prosecute and may fine them up to \$2,500.00.

2. Boat Wash Station Locations

Kelly Claar said the Parks Committee has several recommendations on where to place the boat wash stations. Jim Lautner asked the committee to let the board know when and where the stations have been placed.

C. Fire Department

Chris Comeaux/Fire Board Representative reported the following:

- The Fire Board hired Bill Featherstone part-time firefighter/paramedic.
- There was a fire on Darga Road on February 2, 2022 which had extensive smoke and water damage. The house was gutted. Chris encouraged everyone to be neighborly and reach out to the family.

1. Joint Financial Responsibility for Capital

The supervisors from the four townships recently met to discuss going to a Fire Authority and the responsibility of the capital expenses. The current Interlocal Agreement is very similar to a Fire Authority so there was no support at this time to go to an Authority. The supervisors were all in agreement that the capital expenses should be equally shared by all four townships, and in the future, equally sharing the cost of building a new station that would be

owned by all four townships. Solon and Centerville will still maintain ownership of the original building. Joan Gauthier shared her concerns about Solon and Centerville paying for a new building in Kasson Township because Kasson and Cleveland did not contribute anything to the addition to this building. The four townships are being asked to approve moving forward with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This will address and amend the current Interlocal Agreement. Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Steve Yoder to approve to support a Memorandum of Understanding to address and amend the current four townships Interlocal Agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Cedar River Project

There was no update.

E. Sullivan St. Tree

Pat Deering has not been able to contact Consumer's Energy about the tree on Sullivan St.

F. 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, but they are still continuing to plow.

10. New Business

A. Property Use Agreement(s)

1. Cedar Chamber of Commerce

Lisa Rossi from the Cedar Chamber of Commerce submitted two applications for Property Use Agreements to be used for the Polka Fest. Some of the dates were not correct on the applications, so the board was unable to approve them at this time. Shirley Mikowski will have Lisa correct the applications and this will be on the March agenda.

2. Rich Nachazel

Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Steve Yoder to approve the Property Use Agreement for Sports League Activities for the Brian's Memorial Tournament with Rich Nachazel being the applicant for the use of the ball fields on February 18, 2022 and February 19, 2022. Motion carried 5-0

B. Salary Resolution

The salary resolutions for 2022-2023 are as follows:

Moved by Shirley Mikowski and supported by Joan Gauthier to adopt by resolution for the Supervisor's annual salary to remain at \$10,000.00. Upon a roll call vote; Deering-yea, Yoder-yea, Lautner-yea, Gauthier-yea, Mikowski-yea 5 "yeas", 0 "nays". Resolution dully adopted.

Moved by Jim Lautner and supported by Steve Yoder to adopt by resolution for the Treasurer's annual salary to remain at \$16,000.00. Upon a roll call vote; Deering-yea, Yoder-yea, Lautner-yea, Gauthier-yea, Mikowski-yea 5 "yeas", 0 "nays". Resolution dully adopted.

Jim Lautner noted that he is aware that the clerk's duties have increased significantly since he has been supervisor and especially in the last five years. In 2020 the board approved to pay the clerk a \$500.00 stipend for up to three elections, because over the past several years, the requirements and duties of the clerk for elections have also increased. Jim Lautner said MTA recommended eliminating paying extra for elections and include that in the salary.

Moved by Steve Yoder and supported by Joan Gauthier to adopt by resolution for the Clerk's annual salary to increase by \$2,500.00 bringing it to \$18,500.00. Upon a roll call vote; Deering-yea, Yoder-yea, Lautner-yea, Gauthier-yea, Mikowski-yea 5 "yeas", 0 "nays". Resolution dully adopted.

Moved by Jim Lautner and supported by Shirley Mikowski to adopt by resolution for the Trustee's per diem to remain at \$105.00 per diem. Upon a roll call vote; Deering-nay, Yoder-nay, Lautner-yea, Gauthier-yea, Mikowski-yea 5 "yeas", 0 "nays". Resolution dully adopted.

Upon approval at the Annual Meeting the salaries will be as follows: Supervisor-\$10,000.00, Treasurer-\$16,000.00, Clerk-\$18,500.00 and Trustees-\$105.00 per diem.

C. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday March 26, 2022 at 10:00 A.M at the Solon Township Hall.

D. Budget Meeting

Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Jim Lautner to hold the budget workshop meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Solon Township Hall. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Fiscal Year Schedule of Meetings

Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Joan Gauthier to approve the following meeting schedule for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for the Solon Township Board as follows: The Solon Township Board will meet at 7:00 P.M. on the second Thursday of every month (unless noted) at the Solon Township Hall on the following dates: April 21, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8, 2022 and January 12, February 9, March 9, 2023 and Annual Meeting Saturday, March 25, 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Public Comment

Kelly Claar asked if the township heard back if they received any of the ARPA Funds that Leelanau County was allocated from the State of Michigan. Jim Lautner said the township has not heard back at this time. Kelly put a request in to have donuts at the Annual meeting.

Judy Janosik asked about the DeMoulied trial. Jim Lautner said a Settlement Conference is scheduled for March 14, 2022 and the trial date is scheduled for April 5, 2022.

12. Announcements

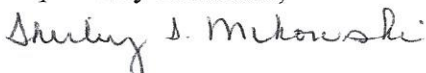
There was none.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Shirley Mikowski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley I. Mikowski
Solon Township Clerk

SOLON TOWNSHIP ZA'S MONTHLY PERMIT SUMMARY

PERIOD: JANUARY 2022

| DATE | PERMIT # | NAME | USE | RECEIPT CK.# | AMOUNT |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1/11/2022 010-020-022-00 | LUP 22-01 3408 E. ALPINE ROAD | MAULE NEW DWELLING ATT.GARAGE COVERED DECKS/PATIO | LAND USE | 202201 4,228 S.F. | 5134 \$ 180.00 |

TOTAL \$ 180.00

SIGNED:

Timothy A. Cypher

DATE: 1/31/2022

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

Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary
Resolution No. 2022-02-10-1
Township of Solon

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 41.95 authorizes the Township Board of Solon Township to determine the salaries for the offices of Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustee for the fiscal year 2022-2023 by adopting a resolution for each office at least 30 days prior to the Township Annual Meeting of the electors, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of (Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer or Trustee) is warranted in consideration of the increase in the cost of living and/or additional responsibilities undertaken by the (Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer or Trustee) since the Township Board members' salaries were last adjusted, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2022, the salary of the office of (Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer or Trustee) shall be as follows:

Supervisor: \$10,000.00

Treasurer:

Clerk:

Trustee:

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the Annual Meeting to be held on March 26, 2022, at which time the electors may modify these amounts. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification(s) that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, accordance with the state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted on February 10, 2022 is properly adopted by the Solon Township Board at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, as required by law.

This resolution offered by board member Shirley Mikowski

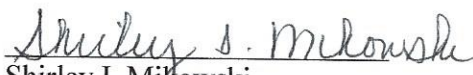
Supported by board member Joan Gauthier

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Pat Deering-aye, Steve Yoder-aye, James Lautner-aye, Joan Gauthier-aye, Shirley Mikowski-aye,
5-ayes and 0-nays

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2022 the Township Board adopted a resolution to hold the Township Annual meeting on March 26, 2022, and

The Supervisor, James C. Lautner declared the resolution adopted.


Shirley I. Mikowski
Solon Township Clerk

Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary
Resolution No. 2022-02-10-2
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Treasurer: \$16,000.00

Clerk:

Trustee:

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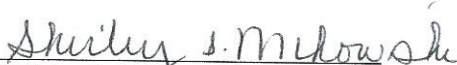
Supported by board member Steve Yoder

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Pat Deering-aye, Steve Yoder-aye, James Lautner-aye, Joan Gauthier-aye, Shirley Mikowski-aye,
5-ayes and 0-nays

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Shirley I. Mikowski
Solon Township Clerk

Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary
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Treasurer:

Clerk: \$18,500.00

Trustee:

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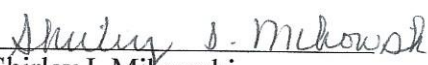
Supported by board member Joan Gauthier

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Pat Deering-aye, Steve Yoder-aye, James Lautner-aye, Joan Gauthier-aye, Shirley Mikowski-aye,
5-ayes and 0-nays

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Shirley I. Mikowski
Solon Township Clerk

Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary
Resolution No. 2022-02-10-4
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Treasurer:

Clerk:

Trustee: \$105.00 per diem

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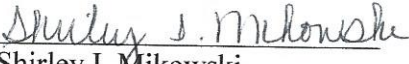
Supported by board member Shirley Mikowski

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