

Solon Township Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:00 P.M
ELECTRONICALLY

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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 by electronic remote access: Supervisor Jim Lautner, Clerk Shirley Mikowski, Treasurer Joan Gauthier, Trustee Steve Yoder and Trustee Pat Deering.

Guests present by electronic remote access: Mary Taylor, Kelly Claar, Ron Novak, Mary O'Neill, Julie Kradel, Dan Leach, Doug Fierberg, Tony Ansorge, Lisa Rossi and one by phone.

Supervisor James Lautner read the agenda as required when a meeting is held by electronic remote access.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Steve Yoder to approve the agenda with an addition under Unfinished Business: E. M-72/651 Corner. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Steve Yoder and seconded by Joan Gauthier to approve the December 10, 2020 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Public Comment

Doug Fierberg was surprised M-72/Robinson was not on the agenda. Mr. Fierberg said he did not attend the January Planning Commission meeting, but was told that Tim Cypher/ZA said if enough signatures are obtained, there could be an election as soon as March. Mr. Fierberg also asked Shirley Mikowski how soon she would have the signatures verified. Jim Lautner said he was not aware of any election, and Shirley Mikowski said she hoped to have the signatures verified by this upcoming Monday, and was not aware of any scheduled elections with the county in 2021.

6. Correspondence

- Received a Christmas card from the Leelanau Enterprise.
- Received a flyer from MTA with information regarding upcoming Board of Appeals Training.
- Joan Gauthier received a notice that Huntington Bank and TCF Bank are merging.

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

TCF Checking \$105,113.73, TCF Bank General Savings \$102,750.47, Total Funds Available: \$207,864.20, TCF Bank Road Improvement Fund \$5,343.69, TCF Fire Fund CD \$6,678.46, TCF Fire Fund Savings \$161.74, Total Fire Sinking \$6,840.20, TCF Sidewalk Fund \$4,408.97, TCF Cedar River Marina Project \$22,413.86, TCF Oleson Foundation Grant/Playground Equipment \$10,000.32, total other Township Funds Available: \$49,007.04 - Total

Current Assets: \$256,871.24. Voucher #'s 13877-13913 were submitted for payment. Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Joan Gauthier to accept the Treasurer's report and pay vouchers as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Committee Reports:

Steve Yoder reported the Planning Commission met Via Zoom on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. All board members and nine guests were present by electronic remote access.

- Tim Cypher/ZA is working on some bullet points for screening and will incorporate it into the draft ordinance for our next meeting.
- Andy Romzek did resign and January was his last meeting.

Kelly Claar reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at the Solon Township Hall. All members were present.

- Member roles are as follows: Kelly Claar-Chair, Ron Novak-Secretary, Mary Taylor-Grant Writer, Kathleen Hughes-Marketing/Social Media
- Working on the Parks Budget
- Working with Larry Fleis from Fleis and Vandenbrink to develop a vision for the parks.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Solon Township Hall.

Zoning Administrator Written Report is attached.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Township Hall/Repairs

Shirley Mikowski reported the sink in the bar room was leaking and had Mike Bunek repair it.

1. Cherry Capital/Wi-Fi

A proposal has still not been received from Tim Maylone from Cherry Capital.

2. Blood Drive(s)

Shirley Mikowski told the board that Versiti Blood Center of Michigan would like to use the township hall again for a blood drive in February. The blood drive held in December was very successful, so they may want to use the hall for future dates as well. The board agreed they could use the hall at no charge as long as they clean up after themselves.

10. Parks

1. Recycling Site

Jim Lautner said Ron Novak has been working on installing the camera and testing it. This will be the first site to have a camera.

C. Fire Department

Dan Leach reported the following on the fire department:

- The department is still not allowing visitors due to COVID-19 restrictions
- There were 575 runs in 2020 compared to 516 runs in 2019; 80% of the runs are medical.
- The Interim Fire Chief, Andy Doornbos is doing well.
- All of the trucks are running well.
- Three members will be attending special classes: one will be attending a HazMat class, the Interim Chief will be attending a Staff and Command Class

Joan Gauthier asked if the Interim Fire Chief will be the permanent chief. Dan Leach said there have been fourteen requests for fire chief packets, so there will be a selection committee in the hiring of a new chief. The previous Fire Chief, Chris Comeaux is on the selection committee.

D. Cedar River Project

Kelly Claar reported she and Mary Taylor will be attending the DNR Grant Workshop that will be virtual. Mary is working on the Rotary Seed Grant. The committee is working with Larry Fleis.

E. M-72/651 Corner

Jim Lautner said that Jake Matthew replaced Krista from MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation). M-DOT did approve to put in a four way stop signal at the intersection of M-72 and 651. The earliest it will be installed is late fall of this year and the latest would be spring of 2022.

10. New Business

A. Appointment/Accept Resignation

Jim Lautner spoke with Andy Romzek and he did resign. Andy thought his term expired in February, but his term really ends December 31, 2021. Jim said the board has to approve his resignation. Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Joan Gauthier to accept the resignation to the Planning Commission from Andy Romzek. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Jim Lautner and seconded by Steve Yoder to appoint Lisa Rossi to the Planning Commission to complete the term ending 12/31/2021. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Grant Funding

Shirley Mikowski reported on the grant funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 received from Center for Tech and Civic Life. The main purpose of applying and receiving the grant funding was to purchase an additional tabulator which has not been received as of today. Center for Tech and Civic Life are requesting a report by January 31, 2021 on how the grant money was spent. They are also giving an extension of spending the grant money until July 31, 2021 if it has not all been used. Shirley will be able to apply some of the election expenses towards the grant funding, but is asking the board if the remainder of the grant funding should be extended or the township pay back the difference. The board agreed to extend the grant funding to July 31, 2021, and Shirley will give the board a full report on the expenditures.

11. Public Comment

Mary O'Neill wanted to know what it costs to rent the township hall and thought it would be a good idea to post the rates on the Friends of Solon Facebook page. Shirley Mikowski is the hall custodian that manages the rentals, and because there are different prices for residents and non-residents, does not believe it would be a good idea to post. Ms. O'Neill also stated it would be a terrible idea to put a four way stop on the crossroad of M-72 and 651. Jim Lautner explained that it will not be a four way stop sign, but a traffic light.

12. Announcements

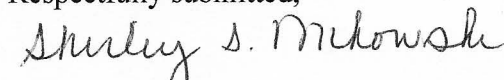
There was none.

13. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley I. Mikowski/Solon Township Clerk

SOLON TOWNSHIP ZA'S MONTHLY PERMIT SUMMARY

PERIOD: DECEMBER 2020

DATE	PERMIT #	NAME	USE	RECEIPT CK.#	AMOUNT
12/16/2020	LUP 20-21	WICHSALE TRUST	LAND USE	202021	1631 \$ 90.00
010-034-006-20	5755 E. TRAVERSE HWY.	ATTACHED GARAGE - CHG. OF USE GARAGE TO LIVING		864 S.F.	
12/18/2020	LUP 20-22	MCDONNELL	LAND USE	202022	1020 \$ 50.00
010-004-008-00	8269 S. ROSINSKI RD.	CHG. OF USE TO WORKSHOP		504 S.F.	
12/30/2020	LDA 20-01	VEGA	LAND DIV.	LDA 20201	2886 \$50.00
010-022-012-15	11500 S. RAMBLEWOOD DR	LAND DIVISION CREATING ONE PARCEL			

TOTAL \$ 190.00

SIGNED:

Timothy A. Cypher

DATE:

1/6/2021

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