

Solon Township Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 2020 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, Treasurer Joan Gauthier, Trustee Ron Novak and Trustee Steve Yoder

Guests present: Ray Pleva, Kelly Claar, Charlie Smith, Karen Smith, Judy Janosik, Tim Maylone, Mary O'Neill, Mary Taylor, Dan Leach and Daniel Fortune.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Steve Yoder to approve the May 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes with a correction under Unfinished Business: C. Fire Department: should read Scott instead of scot.

Motion carried 5-0.

5. Public Comment

Mary O'Neill shared her concerns on all the stuff that is being left at the recycling site that is not recyclable. Ms. O'Neill also wanted to know who is responsible to clean it up and if there is an extra cost to the township. Jim Lautner said it has cost the taxpayers \$29.00 per year/per household, and with the new recycling agreement the township approved last month, it will be on the ballot in August for up to \$35.00 per year/per household for ten years. Ron Novak said it is the responsibility of the Solid Waste Council and American Waste to keep the site clean, and there is a sign posted with a phone number for anyone to call when they see non-recyclable materials left there, and when the bins are full. Joan Gauthier said it is ridiculous of what is left behind, and noted that the taxpayers that signed a petition a few years back said they were going to police the area which has not happened.

6. Correspondence

- An invoice was received for the annual MTA dues. The amount due is \$1,821.10, and that amount is determined by the township's 2019 taxable value. Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Shirley Mikowski to pay the MTA dues in the amount of \$1,821.10. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Jim Lautner provided a printout with the projected amount the township may receive in State Revenue Sharing this Fiscal Year. Joan Gauthier reported the township received the Metro Act money that goes to the Sidewalk Fund. The township received a credit from Consumers Energy in the amount of \$2,145.72 to reflect changes that were found through a recent audit, along with failure orders in which failed cobrahead fixtures were replaced with LED fixtures, a more economical light. These changes were done at no cost to the Township. Chemical Bank Checking \$14,978.15, Chemical Bank General Savings \$110,746.29, Total Funds Available: \$125,724.44, Chemical Bank Road Improvement Fund \$5,343.37, Chemical Bank Fire Fund (Northwestern Bank) CD \$6,675.94, (Chemical Bank) Savings \$161.72, Total Fire Sinking \$6,837.66, Chemical Bank Sidewalk Fund \$10,192.41, Chemical Bank Cedar River Marina Project \$21,544.05, total other Township Funds Available: \$43,917.49 - Total Current Assets: \$169,641.93. Voucher #'s 13589-13619 were submitted for payment. Motion by Ron Novak and seconded by Steve Yoder to accept the Treasurer's report and pay vouchers as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Committee Reports:

The Planning Commission June meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

Kelly Claar reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 that was held via conference call.

- There have been four rocks put into place to protect the well head.
- Kelly Claar has plans to plant native plants from her yard at the beach park around the rocks.
- They had their first call-in from the public for the meeting
- The committee is asking for approval to have a pop can drive to raise funds for the playground. Kelly noted that a permit will be needed for any soil disturbance.
- The Committee is not having a craft fair this year but the Polka Fest will be having a craft fair.
- The next meeting will be held at the Park Pavilion on Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

Ron Novak said we may be exempted from requiring a permit because we are a government entity.

Mary Taylor said we are still in the running for the Masonic Seed Grant for \$20,000.00 and has not heard back if we received the Olson Grant. Mary is working on starting a Go-fund-me page to raise funds for playground equipment. The problem with the Go-fund-me is they take out transaction fees, so you are not going to get 100% of the donation. Mary said another option would be to set up credit card machines in different areas. Joan suggested setting up donation cans.

Motion by Ron Novak and seconded by Joan Gauthier to allow the Parks Committee to explore their options and to have a pop can drive to raise funds for the parks. Motion carried 5-0.

Zoning Administrator Written Report is attached.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Township Hall/Repairs

There was nothing to report.

1. Cherry Capital/Wi-Fi

Tim Maylone from Cherry Capital Connection gave an update on providing high speed internet for the township. The approximate cost is \$10,000.00. Mr. Maylone will have a site plan prepared and a breakdown of the costs a week before the July Meeting. Mr. Maylone said he is working on quantifying the market in Cedar. Ron Novak asked if Cherry Capital has access to the tower on Tower Road and they do have a lease on it.

B. Parks

1. Recycling Site

The Apple Fence Company replaced the bent pole.

Ron Novak said that Weber Excavating completed the job by the recycling site. With Ron's estimated cost of \$3,300.00, Brian Weber was able to get two additional loads of gravel to put down and spread out.

Ron Novak asked if the tennis nets could be put up and they can be. Ron also asked if Dale Gauthier wouldn't mind working with Larry Bruckner and Lefty (Leonard) Stachnik in putting up the nets. Someone will contact Dale and ask him.

Joan Gauthier said she went to the beach park, and saw that the boulders are protecting the well head. She also questioned why there is always water standing on the right side before you drive into the park. Ron Novak said because of the people turning onto Sandbar Drive all of the time.

C. Fire Department

Township Board Representative Dan Leach gave the following report:

- The new engine is scheduled to be delivered by mid-August, which is ahead of schedule.
- An ALS Committee has been formed so there will be a smooth transition from BLS (Basic Life Support) to ALS (Advanced Life Support)
- Fire Chief Comeaux is writing a Firehouse Subs Grant to purchase a rescue flat bottom boat
- Two EMT's have recently been hired: Dana Boomer and Matt Maus
- They are getting quotes to repair the concrete in the older part of the building and prices to replace the big garage doors.

Ron Novak said he was unable to get the access code for the last fire board zoom meeting. Dan Leach said he will check into that.

Ray Pleva had recently told Chief Comeaux that if there was ever an emergency on Lake Leelanau that he and his crew would have access to Ray's pontoon boat.

D. Cedar River Project

Ray Pleva said that Seal Right has it on their schedule to touch up and seal the cracks on the tennis courts. Mr. Pleva told the board that they have reapplied for the Grand Traverse Band 2% Grant for \$29,000.00. Mr. Pleva asked the board to approve a public hearing for the River Project to be held in the next thirty days. Jim Lautner told Mr. Pleva that a Public Hearing cannot be scheduled because there is presently an Executive Order in place that does not allow more than 50 people to attend a public meeting. Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Shirley Mikowski to approve, because of the COVID-19 Executive Orders, allow the Parks Committee to schedule a Public Hearing for the Cedar River Project thirty days after 100 or more people are allowed to be in attendance at a public meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Millage Rate

There was nothing to discuss at this time.

F. Sidewalk

Ron Novak said Novak Masonry has accepted the proposal received, and plans to complete the job this summer.

G. Flynn v Solon Township

There was nothing to report.

H. Executive Order 2020-77

Joan Gauthier provided information to the board members prior to the meeting regarding public meetings with Executive Order 2020-77. Since that time this executive order has been cancelled per someone in the audience. The board members agreed that each member and guest will be required to social distance six feet, and may wear a mask. They will also set up their own chair and may sanitize if desired.

10. New Business

There was none.

11. Public Comment

Kelly Claar shared her appreciation that the two ADA Porta jons were put in the two parks. Kelly also shared her concerns about three businesses closing in Cedar.

Joan Gauthier said the Chase Bank building is sold.

Mary O'Neill asked if anything can be done to enforce zoning issues.

Judy Janosik thought that everyone is required to wear a mask when they are indoors. Jim Lautner stated that you are not required to wear a mask if you have a health condition or you maintain six feet distancing.

Ray Pleva said he has received an offer to have a live concert on the river to raise money for the parks.

Ron Novak shared the old fire house next to the post office has been painted by a volunteer.

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 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley I. Mikowski/Solon Township Clerk

Shirley I. Mikowski

SOLON TOWNSHIP ZA'S MONTHLY PERMIT SUMMARY

PERIOD: MAY 2020

DATE	PERMIT #	NAME	USE	RECEIPT CK.#	AMOUNT
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THERE WERE NO LAND USE PERMITS ISSUED IN MAY

TOTAL \$ -

SIGNED:

Timothy A. Cypher

DATE: 5/6/2020

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