

Solon Township Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 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: Mindy Hawley, Susan O'Conner, Mary Taylor, Marsha Maratea, Kelly Claar, Ron Novak, Wendy Christiani, Judy Janosik, Charlie Smith, Karen Smith, Chris Comeaux, Melinda Lautner, Denis Garvin, Joan Garvin, Darren Novak, Tim Cypher/ZA and David Bieganowski/Township Attorney.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Pat Deering to approve the agenda with removing one item under Unfinished Business: G. Property Use Agreement(s)/Cedar Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Shirley Mikowski to approve the February 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes with a correction under Unfinished Business: C. Fire Department 1. Joint Financial Responsibility for Capital with adding the following words to the motion *moving forward with*. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Public Comment

Darren Novak commented on the pending litigation with Jim DeMoulpied and that an elected judge made a ruling on this case. The only ones that will benefit from this are the attorneys and Tony Ansonge with Mr. Ansonge not having one dime in this. Mr. Novak believes this is a vendetta against a pig farmer by a former County Commissioner. He does not believe this was in the best interest of the township to pursue, and feels it is time to say enough.

Marsha Maratea commented that a circuit court judge has made a ruling in favor of Jim DeMoulpied, and asked the board to stop the pursuit. She has purchased pigs for 4-H projects from Jim DeMoulpied, and now will have to drive to Indiana to purchase a pig. Ms. Maratea feels this is waste of time and taxpayer's money for the township to pursue this.

Denis Garvin is a taxpayer of Solon Township and is concerned on how his money is being spent and wasted on the township suing Jim DeMoulpied. Judge Elsenheimer recently ruled that Jim DeMoulpied does not have to follow the 50 foot setbacks because of the Right to Farm Act. Mr. Garvin believes that Jim DeMoulpied's barn is not having any negative effects on the neighbors. Don Clarke was the principal speaker with Tim Cypher and was told a 20 feet setback was required. In 2019, the Right to Farm issued a statement that Mr. DeMoulpied did not have to follow the 50 feet setback. Township board members are elected to do what is in the best interest of the township residents.

6. Correspondence

There was none.

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

Joan Gauthier reported the ARPA Funds received to date are \$56,826.35. The bank is charging service charges for any account under \$10,000.00 and so far all service charges have been reversed since October. Huntington Bank Checking \$264,360.15, Huntington Bank General Savings \$102,773.16, Total Funds Available: \$367,133.31, Huntington Bank Road Improvement Fund \$5,304.50, Huntington Bank Fire Fund CD \$42,711.90, Huntington Bank Fire Fund Savings \$473.16, Total Fire Sinking \$43,185.06, Huntington Bank Sidewalk Fund \$8,831.28, Huntington Bank Oleson Foundation Grant/Playground Equipment CLOSED ACCT, Huntington Bank Cedar River Marina Project \$29,188.22, Total other Township Funds Available: \$85,509.06 - Total Current Assets: \$453,642.37, Parks and Recreation \$7,683.80. Fire Allocation amount of \$149,799.26 is still in checking account. Voucher #'s 14386-14425 were submitted for payment. Motion by Steve Yoder and seconded by Pat Deering 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, March 1, 2022. All members and seven guests were present.

- Jon and Rachelle Zelinski applied to have their 9.43 acre parcel located on Allgaier Road rezoned from Agriculture/Conservation to Business 2. A Public Hearing was approved to be held on April 5, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. The regular meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M. instead of 7:00 P.M.
- Master Plan and future land use maps were discussed
- The survey results were reviewed and discussed.
- The draft Zoning Ordinance has been completed and the township board received copies.

Joan Gauthier asked where the property is located and is located on the NE Section next to the Robinson Court on Allgaier Road. Joan also asked if the board received the survey results and how many surveys came back. The results were sent to the board by email. There were approximately 400 surveys received.

Kelly Claar reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. There were two members absent.

- The boat wash stations will be placed after the snow is gone.
- Would like the township to apply for a DNR Grant to purchase an acquisition. There are 10 acres of land leading up to the river for \$40,000.00. The DNR acquisition program will pay for all or most of the acquisition and this would protect some of the area of the river.
- Fleis & Vandenbrink have proposed some wonderful projects with some high price tags in the Parks and Recreation Plan. The Vlack's Park project is proposed at \$483,000.00 which would require a minimum of a 25% match with grant funding. Kelly has been working on proposing dedicated funding for the parks through a millage so a full time employee can be hired to see through projects and grant funding. The American Park and Recreation Association standards are one park up to approximately 9.9 acres for every 2,777 residents. There are 1,560 residents with approximately 60 acres of park land in this township. The committee keeps looking for ways to fund the parks and believes the rowing club could help financially.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Solon Township Hall.

Mary Taylor asked the board for approval to research and possibly apply for a non-matching grant through AARP to help fund or completely fund a set of ADA accessible bleachers for the ball parks. The application is due March 22, 2022. Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Steve Yoder to approve to have Mary Taylor move forward to research grant funding from AARP and submit the application for the grant. Motion carried 5-0.

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 are working. However, a member of the Solid Waste Council still has to come to Cedar to view the pictures. Steve Yoder is impressed on how much cleaner the recycling site is. Jim said to call Trudy Galla if anything is left at the site that shouldn't be.

2. Boat Wash Station Locations

See under Parks and take off agenda.

3. Michigan Rowing Club

Susan O'Conner is a township resident and representing The Northern Michigan Rowing Club that was formed in 2020. They are asking to use the Solon Beach Park to house multiple rowing shells for community use and be able to access them May through October. They have recently had a successful year operating on Glen Lake. They are hoping to provide more opportunities to the public by expanding on Lake Leelanau, and feel the Beach Park would be ideal for this expansion. The Park is centrally located and provides convenient access to Lake Leelanau. They would like to discuss the potential for creating a use agreement that would include a monthly fee and possibly contribute to the maintenance of the park. This will give additional community members' access to yet another healthy outdoor activity in Leelanau County. The hours they would access the site to row would be early morning from 6:30-8:30 A.M. and evening hours from 6:00-8:00 PM. They would like to build a rack on the back property near the parking area to keep their boats and oars on-site with an enclosure fence. This is something that can be temporary or permanent, depending on the township requirements and restrictions.

Jim Lautner asked Parks Committee Chair Kelly Claar to do more research and bring back to the next board meeting.

4. Alzheimer Group/Fundraiser

Ray Pleva explained that the Accelerate the Cure Alzheimer's Group from Traverse City would like to host their fundraiser event by the Red Bridge/Community Park on Saturday, June 18, 2022. They are working with the Traverse City Artists/Painters and the Artists would come down and set up to do their painting. They would also like to have a polka band at the park playing from 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. The group will have a 50 car parade starting in Traverse City, going to Northport, then to Cedar and back to The Commons in Traverse City. Ray Pleva asked if they could use that area. Mr. Pleva will complete a Property Use Agreement and submit it to the clerk along with the \$1.00 fee. Motion by Jim Lautner and seconded by Joan Gauthier to approve the use of the Cedar River Community Park on Saturday June 18, 2022 for the Traverse City Accelerate the Cure Alzheimer's Group fundraiser with Ray Pleva being the applicant. Motion carried 5-0

C. Fire Department

Chris Comeaux/Fire Board Representative reported the following:

- They were able to cover 5 of 11 Advance Life Support calls which saved the department \$1,500.00.
- Kasson Township had four fires.
- They passed the State EMS inspection.
- Chief Doornbos was involved in writing a county wide grant which awarded \$54,656.00 to acquire body armor
- Chief Doornbos applied for and was awarded funding through a rural EMS Grant. Four tablets were purchased with the funding.
- They are working on a lease agreement and ownership of the capital responsibility.

Cedar River Project

Ray Pleva said he is working with Fleis&Vandenbrink and met with Senator Curt Vanderwall and Congressman Jack O'Malley on the 1.9 million funding that was applied for. There has been no information received if the township received any of the funding.

1. Buoys

They are working on the second option in placing buoys on the Denis and Joan Garvin property. The surveyors are working with them.

E. Sullivan St. Tree

Pat Deering was able to contact Consumer's Energy about the tree on Sullivan St. and was told that it was not hazardous. Pat told them that it was a hazard and Consumer's has written up a new order. Take off agenda.

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. Take off agenda.

G. Property Use Agreement(s)/Cedar Chamber of Commerce

Item removed from agenda.

10. New Business

A. Special Meeting following Annual Meeting

Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Joan Gauthier to have a Special meeting to follow the Annual meeting on Saturday, March 26, 2022. Motion carried 5-0.

11. CLOSED SESSION/DeMoupled Litigation

Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Joan Gauthier to go into closed session at 8:04 P.M. to discuss the DeMoupled litigation. On a roll call vote: Deering -yea Yoder-yea, Lautner-yea, Gauthier -yea, Mikowski-yea. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Joan Gauthier to come out of closed session at 9:02 P.M. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Steve Yoder and seconded by Jim Lautner to have Shirley Mikowski and Joan Gauthier attend the Settlement Conference on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. via Zoom. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Public Comment

Joan Gauthier said the light is working on M-72

13. Announcements

There was none.

14. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley I. Mikowski
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Solon Township Clerk

SOLON TOWNSHIP ZA'S MONTHLY PERMIT SUMMARY

PERIOD: MARCH 2022

DATE	PERMIT #	NAME	USE	RECEIPT CK.#	AMOUNT
010-011-031-00	3/12/2022 LUP 21-22 9400 S. PARKER ROAD	REMBOLD ROOF OVER EXISTING PATIO	LAND USE	202122 655 S.F.	57454 \$ 50.00
010-035-006-60	3/31/2022 ZONING AMEND22-01 VACANT LOT ALLGAIER RD	ZEILINSKI JELN LLC. REZONING AMENDMENT APPLICATION - AC TO B-2	ZONING AM	202201	153679 \$ 500.00
010-034-004-00&10	3/19/2022 PLA 22-01 13025/13077 S. SOLON RD	LAUTNER REV. TRUST PROPERTY LINE ADJUSTMENT	PROP. LINE	PLA 22-01	3186 \$50.00
010-015-011-20&40	3/31/2022 PLA 22-02 5487&5501 E. GALLIVAN RD	DEMOULPIED WHITEFORD PROPERTY LINE ADJUSTMENT		PLA 22-02	8095 \$100.00
010-033-011-00	3/19/2022 LDA 22-01 4225 E. TRAVERSE HWY.	FABER CREATED ONE NEW PARCEL	LAND DIV.	LDA 22-01	230 \$100.00

TOTAL \$ 800.00

SIGNED:

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DATE: 4/10/2022

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