

Solon Township Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 9, 2023 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: Mary Taylor, Karen Smith, Charlie Smith, Mindy Hawley, Chris Comeaux, Melinda Lautner, Dale Gauthier and Kelly Claar.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Shirley Mikowski to approve the agenda with the addition under Unfinished Business: C. Fire Department 2. Interlocal Agreement and under New Business: C. Intergovernmental Agreement and D. Investments. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Steve Yoder to approve the February 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Public Comment

Mindy Hawley from NMRC said the rowing club has plans to clean up the Solon Beach Park and paint the second building. There is a national day for learn to row on June 3, 2023 which is a free event. The membership fee now includes unlimited rowing, where in the past, you paid a membership fee and paid for each time you rowed. They also have a hardship rate. A new lease will have to be approved in the spring so the old lease just needs to be updated for the April meeting for the board to review. Ms. Hawley asked that the board consider renewing their lease again in November so the rowing club will know they can still use the Beach Park in 2024 and possibly extending the lease longer than one year.

Melinda Lautner said she is working with the Cedar Chamber of Commerce in getting crosswalks in Cedar. There will be a crosswalk by Bunting's Cedar Market. The Leelanau County Road Commission will be using plans that were drawn up several years ago by Gosling and Czubak. There may be a couple of parking spaces lost when the crosswalks are put in. Jim Lautner said the cost of the crosswalks can come out of the Sidewalk Fund.

Mary Taylor said the Cedar Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an Easter Extravaganza on Saturday, April 8, 2023.

6. Correspondence

Steve Yoder received a letter from Betsy Coffia and she asked it be noted in the minutes.

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

Shirley Mikowski said there will be more checks written before the budget meeting. Joan Gauthier said all funds were transferred. Huntington Bank Checking \$270,447.30, ARPA Funds included in checking: \$116,581.12, Available in Checking Account: \$153,866.18, Huntington Bank General Savings \$297,987.36, Total Funds Available: \$451,853.54, Huntington Bank Road Improvement Fund \$10,349.09, Huntington Bank Fire Fund CD \$42,721.65, Huntington Bank Fire Fund Savings \$37,701.20, Total Fire Sinking \$80,422.85, Huntington Bank Sidewalk Fund \$17,781.65, Huntington Bank Cedar River Marina Project \$24,200.98, Total other Township Funds

Available: \$132,754.57. Total Current Assets: \$584,608.11, Parks and Recreation \$9,703.10. Voucher #'s 14874-14921 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 on the Planning Commission meeting held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. All members and nine guests were present.

- The Public Hearing for the recycling site at Bunting's Cedar Market went well. It was approved with the stipulation that a fence be put up on the back side of the site within six months.
- Blake Vidor is requesting to have the three parcels he purchased on Lincoln Road from Ag/Conservation to RA-2. It was recommended to work with the Leelanau County Road Commission to see if driveways would be permissible.
- They approved their budget of \$14,000.00 which is the same as last year.
- They are reviewing the by-laws which have not been done since 2004.
- They are asking the township board to consider giving the members a pay increase because there has not been one in quite a few years.
- The Future Land Use maps are being reviewed by the county.
- According to the MSU requirements, the Planning Commission is presently at step nine with the Master Plan.

Joan Gauthier asked if the Master Plan is on the website and it is.

Mary Taylor reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. There were three members and two guests present.

- Rick Prince is working on designing dugouts for the peewee field.
- Changing plans for the visioning sessions for the parks.
- The movie night on Saturday, February 18, 2023 went well. There were twenty five that attended and the parks received \$118.00 in donations. They will be working with the Cedar Chamber of Commerce to continue having more movie nights. Donations were received from two corporate sponsors.
- Kelly Claar added the committee would like the fence from the recycling site relocated to the Solon Beach Park. Shirley Mikowski will call the Apple Fence Company about moving the fence and will look for a survey of the Beach Park.
- Kelly was able to get a free sign for the boat wash station from the DNR. Jim Lautner said she needs to check with Tim Cypher/ZA for sign requirements.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the Solon Township Hall.

Zoning Administrator Written Report is attached.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Township Hall/Repairs

There was no report.

B. Parks

There was no report.

C. Fire Department

Chris Comeaux gave the following report:

- Approved to hire Derek Smith, EMT/Firefighter, Elmira's Assistant Chief, Zachary Miller, Medic from Oakland County and John Robydek from Manistee with a start date of April 1, 2023.
- They are looking into funding for the new ambulance. Cherryland has turned them down.
- They are presently covering 51% of the medical calls, but with the increase of staffing, they should be able to cover 81%.
- They are getting bids for the annual audit.
- The budget is currently at 86%.

1. Insert/Summer Tax Bills

The fire department has been working on a wild land fire prevention and property protection program and would like to include a flyer on this topic with the mailing of the summer tax bills. The fire department will incur all extra costs for printing, stuffing and postage. Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Joan Gauthier to approve that the fire department work with the treasurer to include a flyer with the township summer tax bills. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Interlocal Agreement

Jim Lautner gave copies of the updated Interlocal Agreement to all board members for them to review. This will be discussed at the April meeting.

Chris Comeaux said Capital Expenses need a clear definition and who should be paying for them.

D. Cedar River Project

1. Buoys

There was no report.

E. Drainage District

Jim Lautner said there may be an assessment placed on the winter tax bills.

F. Boat Wash Station/Cedar River

This will be on the Budget meeting agenda.

G. Grant Options/Mary Taylor

Mary Taylor said she will be meeting with two employees from the Rotary on Monday. A resolution needs to be adopted before Mary can apply for the Rotary Seed Grant. The resolution will be put on the Budget meeting agenda.

H. Public Forums/Fleis&Vandenbrink

Mary Taylor received a proposal from Fleis&Vandenbrink for park facilitation meeting support in the amount of \$6,340.00. Mary asked the board to approve this proposal. Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Jim Lautner to approve the park facilitation meeting support in the amount of \$6,340.00 by Fleis&Vandenbrink contingent on receiving the Rotary Seed Grant of \$10,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

10. New Business

A. Property Use Agreement /Cedar Chamber of Commerce

Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Steve Yoder to approve the Property Use Agreement for the Cedar Chamber of Commerce being the applicant for the use of the ball fields on April 8, 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Special Meeting

Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Steve Yoder to approve to have a special meeting following the Annual meeting on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Solon Township Hall. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Intergovernmental Agreement

Joan Gauthier said her and Barbara Jones have been updating the tax database for the township, and wasn't sure what the Intergovernmental Agreement with Leelanau County was about. Joan shared that all the corrections she had made on the tax data base in December was reversed by the county. This will be on next month's agenda.

D. Investments

Joan Gauthier said that 4Front Credit Union presently is offering a rate of 5.12% for a CD. Joan is asking for approval to search and move some of the funds to CD's with the best rate. Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Jim Lautner to approve to have the treasurer get CD's at the best rate. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Public Comment

Melinda Lautner thanked the Parks Committee for the great movie night. She also thanked Leelanau Construction and the Cedar Community Foundation for their donation to the event, the fire department for hosting the Brian Nachazel Memorial ball tournament, and the township board for all they do.

12. Announcements

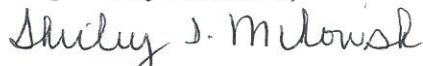
There was none.

13. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley I. Mikowski
Solon Township Clerk

SOLON TOWNSHIP ZA'S MONTHLY PERMIT SUMMARY

PERIOD: FEBRUARY 2023

DATE	PERMIT #	NAME	USE	RECEIPT CK.#	AMOUNT
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NO LAND USE PERMIT WERE ISSUED IN FEBRUARY 2023

TOTAL \$ -

SIGNED:

Timothy A. Cypher

DATE: 2/4/2023

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