



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
January 8, 2019 @ 7:30p.m.**

Meeting called to Order by Supervisor Ellick at 7:30pm.

Members Present: Robert Ellick, Mark Hoskins, Fred Gunnell, Arthur Gerhardt, Mary Lou Poulsen

Members Absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items

G. Skelone: DNR issues need to nip it in the bud or gets more difficult to handle.

Unnamed - asked if they can make a motion that the DNR get involved in decisions. Supervisor advised that the board makes motions, not the public.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Hoskins to approve agenda, second by Gunnell. The motion carried 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Poulsen to approve consent agenda, second by Gerhardt.

The motion carried 5-0.

- a. Approve minutes from December 11, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approve minutes from January 2, 2019 Staff Meeting
- c. Approve Bill List
- d. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- e. Treasurer's Report
- f. Building Inspector's Report
- g. Fire Chief's Monthly Report

Committee Reports

- * Cedar Springs Public Library – Donna Clark
- * Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec – Sara Thornton here in case there are questions on agenda item concerning CSA P&R
- * Solon Park Planning Committee – Hal Babcock

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- **Budget amendment to adjust expenses to allow for \$11,020 SCBA matching grant and bring uniforms and gear to positive figure AND increase budgeted support of Library to account for increased taxable value used in formulation AND increase budget for blight expenses as shown:**

Decrease PC professional fees by \$9,000

Decrease Bld & Grnds wages by \$2,000

Decrease Bld & Grnds land improvements by \$1,000

Increase expense/transfer from General Fund by \$12,000

Increase revenue/transfer to Fire Fund by \$12,000

Increase Fire Department uniform & gear by \$5,958.09 (to bring balance avail to \$3,563.79)

Increase Fire Department small equipment by \$6,041.91 (to bring balance available to \$11,020)

Decrease expense for Street repair by \$7,926.08

Increase expense for Library support by \$4,011.24

Increase expense for Blight cleanup by \$3,914.84

A motion was made by Ellick to make budget adjustments as presented, seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Purchase request – 4 sets of PPE - \$9,919.60 minus \$4,999 grant award**

A motion was made by Hoskins to authorize purchase of 4 PPE and accept grant, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Middle Lake DNR public hearing outcome**

Announcement of DNR denial of request to regulate watercraft.

- **Olin Lakes DNR request**

A motion was made by Ellick to adopt resolution to request DNR involvement in regulating watercraft on Olin Lakes, seconded by Gunnell. Roll Call Vote: Gunnell-Y; Gerhardt-Y; Ellick-Y; Hoskins-Y; Poulsen-Y. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Cedar Springs Parks & Rec agreement and bylaws**

A motion was made by Poulsen to authorize Supervisor to sign updated Operating Agreement between Cedar Springs Parks and Rec Commission and the Township, second by Gerhardt. Discussion concerned peculiar wording of section concerning financial obligations, which are now based on prior year's revenue with no cap. Board recognized their option to withdraw from the Commission if dissatisfied. (Note that a 90-day written notice is required to terminate membership and the full annual contribution is owed unless the 90 days have elapsed prior to fiscal year beginning).

Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Poulsen to authorize Supervisor to sign updated Bylaws between Cedar Springs Parks and Rec Commission and the Township, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0

- **Disbursement of budgeted support to Library - \$71,211.24**

A motion was made by Poulsen to authorize disbursement of budgeted support of Library, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Disbursement of budgeted support to Historical Museum - \$5000**

A motion was made by Hoskins to authorize disbursement of budgeted support of Historical Museum, seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Disbursement of budgeted support to Velzy Park - \$6,000**

A motion was made by Poulsen to authorize disbursement of budgeted support of Velzy Park, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion – Letter from Rhoades McKee requesting re-approval of Ashton Meadows development under same terms as those described in a 2005 resolution and responding letter from Supervisor, (which cited Time Limitations on developments from Chapter 13 of ordinance and the moratorium currently in effect) shared with Board members.

Correspondence

Trustee Gunnell: nothing.

Trustee Hoskins: nothing.

Treasurer: nothing.

Clerk: nothing.

Supervisor: nothing.

Additional public comments:

Jodi Hall – what reason did DNR give for Middle Lake denial? (provided copy to Mr. Hall)

Unnamed - will DNR contact residents for public hearing? (not sure - will be on our website)

Carroll Matulis – Wondered if there had been conversation about ZBA alternates to avoid possible conflict of interest and asked if member Powell was contacted. (Supervisor said yes.)

Gerald Skelonc – regarding the CSAP&R agreement and bylaws approved tonight: with the obligation of the township based on 40% prior year revenue and lack of clarification along with late communication of financial activity, would rather have seen the issue tabled. Regarding budget adjustments – is all millage being spent on Fire Dept – are the new monies over and above the millage? (Supervisor assured that ALL millage is spent on Fire Dept plus more from general fund.) Regarding issue of concern with Hydro-Vac on 17 Mile Road – he is concerned that there is not much regulation of the operation. It is not clean sand, it is gray and slimy. He is concerned that more people are Not concerned about the slimy residue and wonders if it will end up like Wolverine problem. He has also seen Consumers Power from Ohio dumping there – what is that and where is it coming from? (Supervisor stated that he is not done with this issue, but we cannot do soil testing per our attorney unless the business allows us to and Health Dept and DEQ says it isn't a problem. We should all contact Senator Peter MacGregor who has visited the site).

A motion was made by Poulsen to adjourn, support by Hoskins, motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:12 pm.

NEXT MEETING: February 12, 2019