



Solon Township Hall  
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
February 11, 2020 @ 7:30p.m.**

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

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

**Members Absent:** none

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items - none**

**Approve Agenda**

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

**Approve Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approve minutes from January 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approve minutes from February 5, 2020 Staff Meeting
- c. Approve Bill List
- d. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- e. Treasurer's Report
- f. Fire Chief's Monthly Report

**Committee Reports**

- \* Cedar Springs Public Library – Donna Clark
- \* Solon Park Planning Committee – successful Spaghetti Dinner raised almost \$2200 and was enjoyed by all. Had a memorial bench on display - they are available for purchase.

**Old Business** - No old business

**New Business**

- **Resolution for Poverty Exemption**

A motion was made by Ellick to table for March staff meeting, second by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Lieutenant Promotion**

A motion was made by Gunnell to approve Ben Robinson promotion to Lieutenant, second by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Hoskins to increase Lieutenant annual pay to \$550, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

**Additional public comments:** Hoskins recognized STFD members for their expertise, for giving up personal time in courteous care of our residents, and mentioned an article in the Press that had nothing but praise. D. Clark especially mentioned FF Schievink for his CPA skills and FD personnel present at the meeting mentioned FF Schievink's interest and training extended to MFR and Paramedic skills. Chief Drake thanked the township for the purchase of rescue tools that were used in a successful rescue recently.

### **Correspondence**

**Trustee Gunnell:** nothing.

**Trustee Hoskins:** nothing.

**Treasurer:** nothing

**Clerk:** nothing.

**Supervisor:** Went to court today with zoning administrator over the 22 Mile & Algoma property. Judge made clear to defendant that the property was to be cleaned up and no more illegal business (no paid services or trade ) be conducted. Gave him 30 days to be 100% compliant. New court date in 30 days – if not compliant, will be charged.

**Discussion items** – Discussed interviews held at the staff meeting last week with 3 residents interested in the Clerk's position. Each applicant was well-qualified, references were all glowing. **Motion by Ellick** to offer an Assistant to the Clerk position to Dorothy Willoughby, second by Hoskins. Motion carried 3-0 with Clerk Poulsen and Gunnell (absent during interviews) abstaining.

**Motion by Ellick** to offer \$13.25 per hour to start, with Clerk determining weekly schedule based on training needs, second by Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion to adjourn** by Hoskins, second by Gunnell. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:20 pm.**

NEXT MEETING: March 10, 2020.