



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
November 10, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Meeting called to Order by Supervisor Ellick @ 7:32 p.m.

Members Present: Robert Ellick, Arthur Gerhardt, Fred Gunnell, Mark Hoskins, Dorothy Willoughby

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jon Stout

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items – none

Approve Agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from Board Meeting – October 13, 2020
- b. Bill List
- c. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- d. Treasurer's Monthly Cash Report
- d. Fire Chief's Monthly Report

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library: No update.

Solon Park Planning Committee: The Velzy Park Committee decided on FRP (fiberglass reinforced polymer) treatment for the ceiling of the park public restroom only. The utility room will remain unfinished. Have been trying to sell unused block, can return to vendor for 20% restocking fee plus \$105 delivery. Will try and sell the lot locally first prior to returning to vendor.

Old Business None.

New Business

- **FD Candidate Rogers**

A motion was made by Ellick to approve the hiring of Candidate Rogers as Fire Fighter for Solon Township, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

- **FD Fire Hose Quote**

A motion was made by Hoskins to approve the quote from Emergency Vehicle Services for up to \$4880.00, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Dell Laptop Quote**

We received a quote from Dell for ten laptops to use for Township meetings as needed. The amount will be paid for from a grant given to us by the County.

A motion was made by Gerhardt to approve the quote from Dell for up to \$8,072.00, seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Northland Quote for Thermostats**

The heating system was damaged from the storm in last August, which lead to the need for a new system and thermostats to heat the Township Hall. The invoice will be turned into insurance for payment.

A motion was made by Hoskins, to accept the quote from Northland for up to \$6,795.00, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Review of Temporary Building Permit Application**

The current Temporary Building Permit Application included a section with required the signing of an affidavit that the home owner acknowledges the temporary time of the permit. Since the date is specified in the completion of the form and also signed by the permit holder, the Board deemed the affidavit unnecessary.

A motion was made by Gerhardt, to accept the Temporary Building Permit Application quote with the affidavit portion removed, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Assessor Wages**

A motion was made by Hoskins, to raise the Assessor's wages to \$42,000 per year, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Oaths of Office**

The new term for Elected Officials starts November 20, 2020 at Noon. Each Elected Official completed their Oath of Office for their new term today.

- **Velzy Park Restroom ceiling**

A motion was made by Gerhardt, to approve the FRP in the ceiling of the Velzy Park bathroom up to \$2500.00, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion Items: A public hearing for 16 Mile Rd construction was going to take place next week, but the meeting was cancelled by the Road Commission due to the Coronavirus.

Correspondence

Trustee Gunnell: Fred after serving on the Board for many years is retiring. He stated he enjoyed his many years of service. He will be missed by many.

Trustee Hoskins: Mark thanked the Clerk and many Election Workers who made this Election a success. He waited in line and observed things running smoothly. He also made an inquiry as to what the progress was on the sidewalk heating leak. We are awaiting an answer from VANS.

Treasurer: None.

Clerk: The Election went smoothly overall. Had a tabulator go down in Precinct 1 early in the morning for about an hour. Had a great turn out at 73%. All AV ballots and votes were transmitted to the County on Election night.

Supervisor:

Additional public comments: Vicki Babcock wanted to thank the Clerk and Election Workers for their hard work during the Election. She also announced her retirement from the Cedar Springs Library Board.

Motion to adjourn by Gerhardt, second by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:42 p.m.**

NEXT MEETING: December 8, 2020.

Submitted by: Dorothy Willoughby