



Solon Township Hall
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Cedar Springs MI 49319
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
February 8, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Meeting called to Order by Supervisor Ellick @ 7:30 p.m.

Members Present via Zoom: Robert Ellick, Arthur Gerhardt, Mark Hoskins, Jon Stout, Dorothy Willoughby

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Steve (resident)

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items – none

Approve Agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from Board Meeting – December 15, 2020
- b. Approve minutes from Board Meeting – January 11, 2021
- c. Approve minutes from Staff Meeting – January 6, 2021
- d. Approve minutes from Staff Meeting – February 3, 2021
- e. Approve Bill List
- f. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- g. Treasurer's Monthly Cash Report
- h. FD 2020 Annual Review

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library: Running differently due to COVID but still busy.

Solon Park Planning Committee: nothing new to report.

Old Business None.

New Business

- **Dispatch Agreement**
A motion was made by Ellick to sign the second amendment to Solon Township Dispatch agreement with Kent County, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.
- **2020 KC Fire Commission Assessment**
A motion was made by Hoskins to approve payment for the 2020 Fire Commission Assessment in the amount of \$12,292.43, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **FD Credit Card**
A motion was made by Gerhardt to apply for the Visa Business Card for use by the Fire Chief with a limit of \$1000.00, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 3-2.
- **Generator Estimates**
A motion was made by Ellick to accept the quotes from Cummins for generator repairs for a total of \$5,474.09, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Cyber Coverage**
A motion was made by Stout to add cyber coverage to our annual insurance premium in the amount of \$839.00, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Trustee Pay**
A motion was made by Ellick to pay Trustees \$50 for each additional meeting they attend not including Board or Staff meetings. Meeting pay will be approved each month by the Board, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 3-0 with Stout and Hoskins abstaining.
- **Resolution to Accept Written Appeals from Residents without a personal appearance.**
A motion was made by Stout to adopt Resolution to approve Board of Review to accept written appeals from residents without a personal appearance, seconded by Gerhardt. On a roll call vote: Hoskins-Y; Willoughby-Y; Ellick-Y; Gerhardt-Y; Stout-Y. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Resolution for Poverty Exemption**
A motion was made by Gerhardt to adopt Resolution for the Federal Poverty Income Standards for determining eligibility for homestead exemption from property tax, and to adopt guidelines for determining eligibility for the homestead exemption from property tax, seconded by Hoskins. On a roll call vote: Hoskins-Y; Willoughby-Y; Ellick-Y; Gerhardt-Y; Stout-Y. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion Items: The County has been working on tree cutting in preparation for work on 16 Mile.

Correspondence

Trustee Stout: none

Trustee Hoskins: Inquired if 16 Mile is the only road work the Kent County Road Commission is planning on in Solon Township this year. According to an email by the KCRC it is. The email does not include “minor” work repair.

Treasurer: Tax collection has not been as busy as it should be, so Art is expecting a busy week with last minute tax payments.

Clerk: none

Supervisor: Hoping the County does something with Simmons & Albrecht Ave between 19 and 20 Mile due to the poor road conditions. Upcoming Zoning Board of Appeals meeting and Planning Commission Meetings will be held via Zoom in accordance with State regulations.

Additional public comments: none.

Motion to adjourn by Art, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:04 p.m.**

NEXT MEETING: March 8, 2021.

Submitted by: Dorothy Willoughby