



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
April 12, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.**

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

Members Present: Robert Ellick, Arthur Gerhardt, Jon Stout, Dorothy Willoughby

Members Absent: Mark Hoskins

Also Present: Rich and Laura Hays, Vicki and Hal Babcock, Shelly Hilbert, Duane Gritters, Rodney Ellick

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items – Vicki Babcock stated she would like to speak during the Velzy Park portion.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Ellick to approve agenda with the addition of dumpster contract, KCI tax bill quote, and Transaction Consent, seconded by Willoughby. The motion carried 4-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve consent agenda, seconded by Stout. The motion carried 4-0.

- a. Approve minutes from Board Meeting – March 8, 2021
- b. Approve minutes from Budget Hearing – March 29, 2021
- c. Approve minutes from Public Hearing – March 31, 2021
- d. Approve minutes from Staff Meeting – April 7, 2021
- e. Approve Bill List
- f. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- g. Treasurer's Monthly Cash Report

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library: No update.

Solon Park Planning Committee: Vicki Babcock confirmed that the Velzy Park Committee hasn't been reappointed and stated she has concerns about how things in the park will get done. The trail is in need of some work and the trees on the North side of the Park need to be cleaned up. Supervisor Ellick said we will still work on things as a group we just won't have an official committee for it. Hal Babcock stated he has a list coming for site prep for the playground and that he'd like to see the park restroom get wrapped up so it can be used this summer. Ellick informed that the sand is schedule to be delivered but not sure on a date. Hal would like to get

the border down first if possible. Shelly Hilbert brought the bathroom locks down to get button locks put on.

Old Business

New Business

- **City of CS Resolution regarding 4191 17 Mile property**

A motion was made by Ellick to approve the City of Cedar Spring Resolution No 2021-06 approving City water and sanitary service to and affecting the conditional transfer real property at 4191 17 Mile from the jurisdiction of Solon Township to the jurisdiction of the City of Cedar Springs, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 4-0.

- **Lawncare bids**

The Board received four lawncare bids. Each sealed bid was opened at the Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the lawncare bid from Ed Imbault for \$11,000 for the 2021 season seconded by Stout. Motion carried 4 – 0.

- **Zoning Ordinance Enforcement Officer**

A motion was made by Ellick to hire Matthew Batchelder as a Zoning Ordinance Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$22.50 an hour with a planned schedule of one hour per week, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 4-0.

- **Building Inspector helper**

A motion was made by Stout to hire Rodney Ellick as a Building Inspector helper at a rate of \$300 per month taken out of the Building Inspectors pay with a planned schedule of two hours per week, with the intention he will work on obtaining his Building Inspector license, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 3-0. Ellick Abstained.

- **FD Officers**

A motion was made by Stout to extend Captain Gabrielse suspension until May 11th without pay, with the intention the Trustees and Chief Hays meet with him prior to May 10th, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried 3-0. Willoughby Abstained.

- **American Classic Dumpster Contract:** A motion was made by Willoughby to approve up to \$2500 for the rental and use of dumpsters as spelled out in the contract for the Spring Clean Up Day May 8, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 4-0.

- **KCI Summer Tax Bill Quote**

A motion was made by Gerhardt to approve quote from KCI for up to \$2000 for Summer Tax Bills 2021, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 4-0.

- **Resolution 21-07 To Authorize Supervisor in Sale of Algoma Property**

A motion by Willoughby to approve the resolution to authorize Robert Ellick to act as the Agent in all matters pertaining to 15745 Algoma Property, seconded by Stout. A roll call vote following discussion resulted as follows: Mr. Ellick – Y ; Mr. Stout– Y; Mr. Gerhardt – Y ; Ms. Willoughby – Y ; Mr. Hoskins– Absent . Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion Items:

Chief Hays updated on the Fire Department. They've had 34 calls, of which 2 were house fires, 4 brush fires, 2 car fires, 18 medical calls and 3 car accidents. Mutual Aid was provided on 3 calls. He just obtained access to the firechief email, and will be sending a stack of bills to the Clerk shortly.

Correspondence

Trustee Stout: Attended a Zoom meeting for the North Kent Community Enrichment meeting today. There was a lot of concern and discussion around the withdrawal of Nelson Township and the loss of revenue due to them withdrawing. NKCE is putting out feelers to see if the other four Townships would be willing to contribute more to make up for the loss of revenue from Nelson. Nelson's contribution was \$7200.

Trustee Hoskins: absent

Treasurer: None.

Clerk: Thanks the Babcock's, Shelly Hilbert and the other member's of the Velzy Park Committee for their time, consideration and planning while on the Park Committee. As Supervisor Ellick stated, we look forward to continuing with the Park planning as a group.

Supervisor: Road Commission is continuing their work on 16 Mile.

Additional public comments: Vicki Babcock stated it was nice to be back to meeting in person.

Motion to adjourn by Gerhardt, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 4-0. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:28 p.m.**

NEXT MEETING: May 10, 2021.