



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
January 9, 2018 @ 7:30p.m.**

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

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

Members Absent: Fred Gunnell

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items

J. Rideout, Solon resident - Concerns with Medical Marihuana ordinance on Agenda. Medical issues better handled by medical community rather than townships. Solon Twp is fiscally sound – doesn't need cash or trouble that comes from enforcing ordinance.

Hal Babcock, Solon resident & Planning Commission member – wants to make sure it is known that ordinance is for medical marihuana, not recreational. Heard talk to postpone until scientific non-biased study.

Al Roetman, KC Sheriff's Dept – recent news that federal government indicated will go after violators & left it up to local US attorneys on a case-by-case basis.

Hal Babcock, (above) – report he heard was that federal not targeting medical marihuana.

Jon Elms, Algoma Twp – medical marihuana trending at favorable rate of above 70%.

?name?, Nelson Twp – 60% of voters passed 2008 law.

Vicky Babcock, Solon resident – reiterate support of Planning Commission recommendation. They studied diligently and came up with the best plan.

Jon Elms (above) – law gives townships the ability to shut it down after 1 year.

Al Roetman (above) – very difficult to shut down any business and ties up money in attorney fees, etc. Has long term impact.

Rob Hall, Solon resident – last meeting some talked of ordinance not having negative aspects. Reiterates would not want it by his house.

Steve Skelonc, Solon resident – Med Marihuana is available now.

John Rideout, (above) – issues re:drugs/alcohol directly affect Solon residents.

Bill Jenkins, Solon resident – seems certain when Medical Marihuana allowed, recreation follows within a few years.

V. Babcock, (above) – people confusing recreational with medical use. Keeps hearing residents can go to other places for marihuana. Solon doesn't allow liquor by the glass. Opiates are here legally in Solon. Doesn't know why we have a problem with medical marihuana.

Jody Hall, Solon resident – Has chronic pain, a lot of medical doctors are leaning towards medical marihuana with opioid epidemic. His own doctor brought it up for him, but he hasn't decided one way or other. Leaning towards medical marihuana as option.

Jon Elms, (above) – Veteran combat medic/LPN. With opiate addiction problem, should give any alternative.

?name?, - Heard that Opiate addiction caused more deaths in 2016 than died in Vietnam War. Do we want to do anything about it? Or tell them to go to Detroit for relief.

Al Roetman, (above) – 90% of drug problem is Opioid problem, but we're talking of Medical Marihuana facilities here, not talking of taking medical marihuana away from anyone.

Dennis VanKampen, Solon resident, written comments to Solon Township Board.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Poulsen to approve agenda, seconded by Gerhardt. The motion carried 4-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from December 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approve minutes from January 3, 2018 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 Statistics Report

Committee Reports

- * Cedar Springs Public Library
- * Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec.
- * Solon Market
- * Solon Park Planning Committee
- * Fire Committee

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **Medical Marihuana Ordinances recommended by P.C.**
A motion was made by Poulsen to approve ordinance prohibiting medical marihuana facilities and repealing ordinance No. 11-2-Z, seconded by Hoskins.
Roll Call Vote: Poulsen-Y; Ellick-Y; Gerhardt-N; Hoskins-Y.
The motion carried 3 – 1.
- **Purchase of Jackets for Fire Dept - \$2,000**
A motion was made by Hoskins to approve purchase, second by Poulsen.
Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion Items – none

Correspondence

Trustee Gunnell: absent

Trustee Hoskins: none

Treasurer: none

Clerk: none

Supervisor: none.

Additional public comments: none

A motion was made by Ellick to adjourn, support by Poulsen, motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:55 pm.

NEXT MEETING: February 13, 2018