



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
June 16, 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: Chief Jeff Drake

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items – none

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Hoskins to approve agenda with the addition of Fire Department Annual Exams from Bio-Care USA seconded by Gerhardt. 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. Minutes from Regular Board Meeting – May 12, 2020
- b. Minutes from Special Board Meeting May 21, 2020
- c. Bill List
- d. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- e. Treasurer's Report
- e. Fire Chief's Monthly Report

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library: Recently partially opened back up.

Solon Park Planning Committee: Park bathroom is on temporary hold while worker attends to other jobs. Has another row of block and anchor bolts to go. Ellick will call to see when work will resume.

Old Business

• **Fireworks Proposal**

A motion was made by Gunnell to approve fireworks on Township grounds for July 4th pending approval from Township Liability Insurance, second by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Pay for hourly employees during COVID-19**

A motion was made by Ellick to continue COVID pay for hourly worker Cathy Austin, second by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

- **FD Annual Exams from Bio Care**

A motion was made by Hoskins to approve up to \$5810.00 for annual FD exams from Bio Care, second by Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Stonecrest Vacant Lot Offer, Sean Balaythy**

A motion was made by Ellick to accept offer of \$9500.00 from Sean Balaythy for 773 Stonecrest which is to include lot line adjustment with Supervisor Bob Ellick being approved as an authorized signer, second by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0

- **Review Cleaning Quote**

A motion was made by Gerhardt to approve cleaning quote from Lisa Anielski for \$90/week (\$100 week twice annually) and \$40 for disinfecting after each Community Hall Rental for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, second by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0

- **MTPP (Michigan Township Participating Plan) Position**

A motion was made by Gerhardt to vote for Judy Maike for MTPP Position, second by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **FD Resignation**

A motion was made by Hoskins to accept Fire Department resignation of Jordan Neilson, second by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

- **FD Hose Testing**

A motion was made by Gerhardt to approve purchase of NFPA compliant hose and ladder testing up to \$2800.00, second by Ellick. Motion carried 5-0.

- **FD Contract with Target Solutions for the training platform software renewal**

A motion was made by Gunnell to approve renewal of Target Solutions training platform up to \$2373.08, second by Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion Items

- Opening of Office

A motion was made by Willoughby to open the Township Offices on July 6, 2020 pending a negative test from infected employee, installation of plexi-glass at front desk and Treasurer's window, tape on floor to indicate social distancing parameters, the agreement from all employees the Township Hall hallway door will remain closed, public visitors to offices will be limited to one per office (with some exceptions made for family members) which will only be allowed following a normal temperature reading, second by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0

- Opening of Community Room Rentals

A motion was made by Ellick to wait until Governor's Executive Order limiting indoor social gatherings to 10 people or less in our region is lifted to resume hall rentals which will then be assessed an additional \$40 surcharge to cover disinfecting due to COVID-19, second by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- Park Committee Board Member Appointment

A motion was made by Hoskins to appoint Board Member Ellick to the Velzy Park Planning Committee, second by Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence

Trustee Gunnell: nothing.

Trustee Hoskins: nothing.

Treasurer: Taxes are headed to printer this week and will be mailed out July 1, 2020.

Clerk: FD Cost Recovery statement was mailed and returned as moved left no address/unable to forward/return to sender.

Supervisor: Testing of two wells to happen in Solon Township near White Creek and 16 mile area. Mr. King is headed down same road with more vehicles in yard. Pictures have been taken. Fosburg court date scheduled for August 8, 2020. Had a conference call with Jerry and lawyer. We can't take away his right to build but he currently does not have access. He has to build a road if he wants a house there. Fosburg wants to move the road over 10-12 feet.

Chief Drake: LED lighting at Fire Department is complete. Had 11 calls in two days, so already 27 calls so far this month which is up due to the recent storm. Second FD building is still in need of a generator. New Lieutenant is doing great. Is pleased with his ambition and work.

Additional public comments: none

Motion to adjourn by Gerhardt, second by Gunnell. **Meeting adjourned @ 9:20 p.m.**

NEXT MEETING: July 14, 2020.

Submitted by: Dorothy Willoughby,