



Solon Township Hall  
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
February 14, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Meeting called to Order by Clerk Willoughby @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Arthur Gerhardt, Mark Hoskins, Jon Stout, Dorothy Willoughby

**Members Absent:** Robert Ellick

**Also Present:** Vicki and Hal Babcock, Kamey Krume-Howe

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

A motion was made by Willoughby to appoint Trustee Hoskins as Chairperson for this Board Meeting, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 4-0.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items** – Vicki Babcock: Does not agree with Kennel Ordinance to limit household animals to 3 or less would make it more difficult to adopt and/or foster. Asked Board to consider changing to 5 or 6 animals excluding cats.

**Approve Agenda**

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve agenda, seconded by Stout. 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 Board Meeting – January 10, 2022
- b. Approve minutes from Staff Meeting – February 2, 2022
- c. Approve Bill List
- d. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets

**Committee Reports**

Cedar Springs Public Library: January programs included story time, winter reading, mini golf, kitten adoption, biggest loser contest, book club, writers' group, bird house auction and blood drive. 144 new items were also added to the library this month.

North Kent Community Enrichment: There have been posts on Facebook about their March meeting to discuss possibly dissolving the program. The community has been rallying around the program now that they are aware it may be in jeopardy. Solon has already voted to continue support of NKCE should they choose to continue.

### **Old Business**

Velzy Park Update: Four concerts are planned for this summer, with a breakfast planned in May during the morning of Spring clean-up. Board would like to see the trail improved and will be discussing this further at next staff meeting along with the next steps in the process.

### **New Business**

- **FD Door Quote**

A motion was made by Jon to approve the quote from Discount Door in the amount of \$2733.00 for the purchase and installation of a new overhead door at the Fire Department, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 4-0.

- **FD Gear/Helmets Quote**

A motion was made by Stout to approve the quote for helmets and turn out gear from 5Alarm in the amount of \$13,125.74, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 4-0.

- **Worker's Comp Quote**

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the invoice from the Michigan Municipal League for Workers Comp premium in the amount of \$1318.00, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 4-0.

- **Road Commission Invoice Wiersma**

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the invoice from the Kent County Road Commission in the amount of \$610.76 for work on Wiersma, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 4-0.

- **Community Room Request**

A resident requested to be able to reserve the Community Room for every Saturday except for when someone requests it, then he would not reserve it that Saturday. The Board discussed and did not think this would benefit the residents of the township. We would be willing to reconsider once the second multipurpose building is complete.

- **ARPA Funds Inquiry**

A motion was made by Stout to approve up to \$1000.00 to split the cost with Algoma Township for asking our mutual lawyer to review the requirements should we decide to accept the ARPA money, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried 4-0.

- **CDBG**

A motion was made by Willoughby to forgo this grant cycle and plan a meeting with Chad Coffman late this summer to learn more about the program and requirements, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried 4-0.

- **Resolution 21-13 Regarding Charter Township**

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve Resolution 21-13 to intent to oppose incorporation as a charter township, seconded by Stout. A roll call vote following discussion resulted as follows: Trustee Stout – Y, Treasurer Gerhardt – Y, Trustee Hoskins – Y, Clerk Willoughby – Y, Supervisor Ellick – absent. Resolution Declared Adopted.

- **Ordinance 21-1-Z Accessory Building**

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve Ordinance 21-1-Z to amend the Zoning Ordinance Section 2.03 and 3.07, seconded by Stout. A roll call vote following discussion resulted as follows: Trustee Stout – Y, Treasurer Gerhardt – Y, Trustee Hoskins – Y, Clerk Willoughby – Y, Supervisor Ellick – absent. Ordinance Declared Adopted.

- **Ordinance 21-2-Z Kennels**

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve Ordinance 21-2-Z to amend and clarify the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance regarding kennels, seconded by Hoskins. A roll call vote following discussion resulted as follows: Trustee Stout – Y, Treasurer Gerhardt – Y, Trustee Hoskins – Y, Clerk Willoughby – Y, Supervisor Ellick – absent. Ordinance Declared Adopted.

- **Ordinance 57B Animal Ordinance**

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve Ordinance 57B to amend Ordinance 57 revise Section 6 to change the requirement for dogs over four months to be licensed instead of dogs over six months to be consistent with Kent County dog license requirements, seconded by Hoskins. A roll call vote following discussion resulted as follows: Trustee Stout – Y, Treasurer Gerhardt – Y, Trustee Hoskins – Y, Clerk Willoughby – Y, Supervisor Ellick – absent. Ordinance Declared Adopted.

- **FD Water Pump Invoice**

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the invoice for the Fire Department water pump repair in the amount of \$2075.00 to Larry Denton Well Water Drilling, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 4-0.

**Discussion Items:** none.

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**Correspondence**

**Trustee Stout:** none

**Trustee Hoskins:** none

**Clerk:** none

**Supervisor:** absent

**Treasurer:** Today was the last day to pay taxes here in Township without penalty.

**Additional public comments:** Hal Babcock: When Supervisor Ellick dissolved the Velzy Committee he got rid of the legitimacy of the park. There has been no structure, and he would like to see the Board reinstate the Velzy Park Committee.

**Motion to adjourn** by Hoskins, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 4-0. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:47 p.m.**

NEXT MEETING: March 14, 2022.