



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

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

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: A.J Anielski, Laura Hays & Chief Hays, Vicki and Hal Babcock, Kamey Krume-Howe

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items – none.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Ellick to approve agenda with addition of budget amendment, seconded by Stout. The motion carried 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from Board Meeting – February 14, 2022
- b. Approve minutes from Special Board Meeting – February 22, 2022
- c. Approve minutes from Special Board Meeting – February 23, 2022
- d. Approve minutes from Staff Meeting – March 2, 2022
- e. Approve Bill List
- f. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- g. Treasurer's Cash Report

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library: The library was busy as usual this month. Activities included writers' group, stitch group, bingo, 32 blood donors during the blood drive, FB contest, winter bingo, glow in the dark party, and story time with 154 kids attending.

North Kent Community Enrichment: Had their meeting to discuss future. City of Cedar Springs stated they were backing out, but it brought up later this was never voted on my the City. Courtland stated they were backing out, and Nelson may be back in. School is going to talk to

YMCA to see if can help with after school activities. School mentioned if they picked them up they would have to have someone on staff. Final decision was tabled to April 4th meeting.

Old Business

Velzy Park: Purchased weed killer to have the trail sprayed for weeds/vegetation. Clerk reached out to six companies asking for a quote for paving of the trail. Will also contact Lane Asphalt as requested.

New Business

- **FD Inactive Firefighters**

A motion was made by Ellick to approve the letter to terminate John Nix, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

Firefighter Elliott is unable to participate currently for medical reasons. Chief Hays discussed with him and he is willing to resign. Will reach out to him for a resignation letter.

Firefighter Gabrielse is back from FL after helping out his stepmom after his father's funeral. Chief will set up a meeting with him.

- **FD Grate Quote**

A motion was made by Ellick to approve up to \$2000.00 from Metals Depot for new grates for the Fire Department, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

- **KCRC Wiersma Invoice**

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the invoice from Kent County Road Commission in the amount of \$7150.70 for road work on Wiersma, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Dale Young Camera Quote**

A motion was made by Ellick to accept quote from Dale Young Custom Wiring for a camera system in the amount of \$7150.70, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Community Room Disinfecting**

A motion was made by Ellick to eliminate the community room rental disinfecting done by Castle Cleaning and the \$40 charge to residents, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

The Clerk will issue \$40.00 refunds to current renters with reservations. All future reservations will be void of the \$40.00 disinfecting fee.

- **Screen/Casting for Conference Room**

A motion was made by Ellick to approve up to \$1000.00 to purchase a flat screen tv for the conference room wall and a device for casting for select meetings, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Laptop use for Supervisor**

A motion was made by Willoughby to have Addorio setup the Supervisor's laptop with BSNA building software, email and any other programs needed, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **2022-23 Salary Resolutions for Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees**

A motion was made by Ellick to establish the Supervisor's Salary in amount of \$34,000, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call vote: Stout-Y; Gerhardt-Y; Ellick-Y; Hoskins-Y; Willoughby-Y.

A motion was made by Ellick to establish the Clerk's Salary in amount of \$34,000, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call vote: Stout-Y; Gerhardt-Y; Ellick-Y; Hoskins-Y; Willoughby-Y.

A motion was made by Willoughby to establish the Treasurer's Salary in amount of \$31,600, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call vote: Stout-Y; Gerhardt-Y; Ellick-Y; Hoskins-Y; Willoughby-Y.

A motion was made by Ellick to approve bonus for current Treasurer until his retirement in the amount of \$46.15 per week, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Willoughby to establish the Trustee's Wage in amount of \$125.00 per meeting, seconded by Ellick. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call vote: Stout-Y; Gerhardt-Y; Ellick-Y; Hoskins-Y; Willoughby-Y.

- **Committee, Zoning, Assessor Wages**

A motion was made by Ellick to set wage for Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Board of Review members to \$75.00 per meeting, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Willoughby to increase the Zoning Administrators wages to \$25.00 per hour, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ellick to increase the Assessor's wages by 7.6% to \$45,190.00, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ellick to put Chief Hays salary on the agenda for April Board Meeting, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5.0.

- **Fosburg Property Removal Quote**

A motion was made by Hoskins to approve \$3800 quote from local contractor to clean up the Fosburg property, and put a lein on back hoe, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

- **2021-22 Budget Amendment**

A motion was made by Ellick to approve the budget amendment as presented, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion Items:

- **Multipurpose Building:** We've had a couple bid come in so far. Another is still coming and yet another is asking for a site plan. Will discuss further at next weeks meetings.

Correspondence

Trustee Stout: NKCE was in Post stating we support NKCE. Asked Chief if we ever had the current truck underbelly checked out. Klein did indeed check it out and didn't see anything out of the ordinary.

Trustee Hoskins: Asked about properties that we requested be cleaned up by residents. Supervisor said one is cleaned up and another is still working on it. Spring Clean up is second Monday in May.

Clerk: none.

Supervisor: Supervisor asked if Rodney got paid for 2021 Clean Up, Clerk will double check. Wanted to let Board know Tae Kwon Do is using the Community Room on Mondays and Thursdays.

Treasurer: Suggested we work on a formal Capital Budget. Need to start thinking about ARPA money.

Additional public comments: Hal asked about site plan for building and if we've had any response to newsletter asking for park volunteers. Asked if we could put park volunteer request on sign.

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Motion to adjourn by Willoughby, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0. **Meeting adjourned @ 9:02 p.m.**

NEXT MEETING: April 11, 2022.