



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
July 11, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m.**

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

Members Present: A.J Anielski, Robert Ellick, Mark Hoskins, Jon Stout, Dorothy Willoughby

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Vicki and Hal Babcock, Kamey Krume-Howe, Rich and Laura Hays, Doug Gulker, Gary McIntyre, Jared Belka, Leon Stout, Matt Schievink, others.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items – none.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve agenda with the addition of KCI Invoice, seconded by Anielski. The motion carried 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from Board Meeting – June 13, 2022
- b. Approve minutes from Staff Meeting – July 6, 2022
- b. Approve Bill List
- c. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library: June activities at the library included: summer reading program, story time, summer camp, literacy day, escape room, CTA visit, take n make, eye spy aquarium, animal magic, book club, blood drive, writers' group, and a fabric art program.

North Kent Community Enrichment: Stout was voted in as chairperson today. Have many activities going on for summer including, pickleball, disc golf, Broadway bootcamp, volleyball, tennis, foot golf, and a softball camp. They will be hosing a ice cream social at Solon Township on July 14 at 7:00pm during one of the summer concerts.

Old Business

Velzy Park: The trail is scheduled to be paved on July 21 and 22nd.

Multipurpose building: The contractor has contacted all his subs to order materials. The one corner of the building has been staked.

Joel Austin: A motion was made by Ellick to accept Joel Austin's resignation, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

- **FD New Hires:**

A motion was made by Ellick to hire Brian Baker and Michael Elanbaas as volunteer Fireman, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **FD Officer Pay:**

A motion was made by Ellick to increase the Lieutenant's pay from \$550 to \$1000 per year the Captain's pay from \$1135 to \$2000 per year, and the Deputy Chief's pay from \$3600 to \$4500 per year effective August 1, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Willoughby to increase the Fire Chief's pay from \$9064 to \$11,000 per year effective August 1, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **FD Fireworks Software:**

A motion was made by Ellick to approve the quote for Fireworks software in the amount of \$8430.48, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Burnham & Flower Invoice:**

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the invoice from Burnham & Flower in the amount of \$4311.00, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Kore HI Com Quote for Clerk's Computer:**

A motion was made by Ellick to approve the quote for \$820.00 from Kore Hi Com, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Audit Invoice**

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the audit invoice from Gabridge & Co in the amount of \$2500, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Young Office Security Quotes:** A motion was made by Ellick to table to August 3, 2022 staff meeting, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Addorio Security Quote:** A motion was made by Ellick to accept the security quotes from Addorio in the amounts of \$2586 and \$2507, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.

- **ARPA Money:**

A motion was made by Ellick to intend to use the ARPA money and incorporate it into the budget, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

Roll Call Vote: Ellick-yes; Anielski-yes; Stout-yes; Willoughby-yes; Hoskins-yes.

- **Hiring of new Sexton:**

A motion was made by Willoughby to hire Rodney Ellick as the new Sexton with an effective date to be determined, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 4-0 with Ellick abstaining.

- **Doug Gulker:**

Discussed the proposed apartment project on Solon Rd and how the developer is seeking our approval to use the brownfield act to recoup costs that they will incur installing water and sewer lines not on property.

A motion was made by Anielski to table further discussion until the August 3rd staff meeting, seconded by Ellick. Motion carried 3-1 with Stout abstaining.

- **KCI Bill:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve the KCI invoice in the amount of \$939.30, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion Items: none.

Correspondence

Trustee Stout: none.

Trustee Hoskins: The newsletter that went out with summer taxes was nice.

Clerk: Checked to see if Board wanted asphalt company to come back out and redo section of parking lot lines.

Supervisor: Park bathroom needs attention. Perhaps we could have someone check on it and clean it once per week. Asked Board to think about a maintenance wage for various duties and repairs around the township.

Treasurer: Taxes going well.

Additional public comments: Vicki Babcock asked if there will be a public hearing regarding the proposed apartments on Solon Rd and was informed the public hearing will be through the City of Cedar Springs. Another woman commented the Supervisor needs to speak up during meetings.

Motion to adjourn by Hoskins, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:45 p.m.** NEXT MEETING: August 8, 2022.