



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
February 13, 2023 @ 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:

Also Present: Vicki and Hal Babcock, Kamey Krume-Howe, Chief Rich Hays, Laura Hays, Shelly Hilbert, Brandon Puckett, Ron and Dawn Perrin, Barb and Gary Woodhull, and Tim and Carmen Larabel.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items – none.

Approve Agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from Board Meeting – January 9, 2023
- b. Approve minutes from Staff Meeting – February 1, 2023
- b. Approve Bill List
- c. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library: Activities at the library this month included: reading bingo, story time, music & movement, eye spy, bingo, a health fair, tech tutoring, writers group, book club, blood drive, stitch & chatter, enhanced fitness, and cooking with lavender. Events coming include a stuffy sleepover, winter bird feeder class, snow fest, and live storytelling. The Friends of the Library are looking for more friends.

North Kent Community Enrichment: No meeting this month. Did update by-laws which will be forwarded to township.

Old Business

Velzy Park: no update. Had a couple donations come in.

Multipurpose building: Moving along.

New Business

- **Kent County Fire Commission 2022 Assessment:**
A motion was made by Ellick to approve the 2022 fire commission assessment in the amount of 12,335.44, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Kleyn Vehicle Invoice:** A motion was made by Willoughby to approve Kleyn invoice in the amount of \$1760.17, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.
- **KCRC Invoice:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve the KCRC invoice for work on Wiersma in the amount of \$34,195.18, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Kore Hi Com MS Licenses Invoice:** A motion was made by Anielski to approve the invoice for MS licenses in the amount of \$1008.00 seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Kore Hi Com Invoice:**
A motion was made by Hoskins to approve the Kore Hi Com invoice in the amount of \$1565.39, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **J Leitz Construction Invoice:**
A motion was made by Stout to approve the invoice from J Leitz Construction in the amount of \$77,907.25, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.
- **J Leitz Construction Interior Quote:**
A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the quote from J Leitz Construction for the interior coverings upgrade in the amount of \$4,450.00 seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **MML Invoice:**
A motion was made by Ellick to approve the invoice from MML for workers comp insurance in the amount of \$1,447.00, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Engineered Heating & Cooling Invoice:**
A motion was made by Ellick to approve the invoice from Engineered Hearing & Cooling in the amount of \$1308.00, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.
- **NKCE Support Letter:**
A motion was made by Willoughby to approve 2023-24 support for NKCE in the amount of \$7,000.00, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

- **NKCE Revised by-laws:** Have recently released more updated by-laws. Will table to staff meeting.
- **ZBA Member Alternate Removal: A.J Anielski**
A motion was made by Ellick to remove A.J. Anielski as ZBA alternate, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **ZBA Member Alternate Appointments: Lisa Crowfoot and Dawn Perrin**
A motion was made by Ellick to appoint Lisa Crowfoot as ZBA Alternate, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ellick to appoint Dawn Perrin as ZBA Alternate, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Library Response Letter:**
A motion was made by Anielski to approve the library response letter as written which will be sent to the City of Cedar Springs Council and the Cedar Springs Library Board, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Middleton/Markosky Leather Class**
A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the use of the community room for a leather class once a week during the day, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion Items: none.

Correspondence

Trustee Stout: none.

Trustee Hoskins: Checking with company that can do direct ads over the internet to recruit people to the fire department. Will look into costs.

Clerk: Lawncare bid came in from previous contractor at a rate double that of last year. Will do a posting that we are accepting lawncare bids. Board may want to consider purchasing own equipment. Will speak to maintenance employee.

Supervisor: none.

Treasurer: Have had complaints from residents regarding bright light on tower at Fisk Knob. Should be directed to County or State as it is believed this is a State Police tower which we have no jurisdiction over.

Additional public comments: Kamey Krume-Howe stated their new fiscal year starts in June and would like to know prior to then what the Board's plans were regarding supporting the library with or without Algoma's involvement and what that support would look like and for

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how long. The Supervisor stated that our support would continue indefinitely at a rate to be discussed as long as KDL does not take over.

Vicki Babcock asked who the library support letter was being sent to. We responded it was being sent to the City of Cedar Springs and the Library Board and she could receive a copy after it was sent.

Motion to adjourn by Ellick, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:13 p.m.**

NEXT MEETING: March 13, 2023.