



Solon Township Hall  
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
May 13, 2024 @ 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:** Duane Gritter, Chief Hays, Hal & Vicki Babcock, Lieutenant Kaminga, Adam Stout

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items** – none.

**Approve Agenda**

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

**Approve Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approve minutes from Board Meeting – April 8, 2024
- b. Approve corrected minutes from Staff Meeting – May 1, 2024
- b. Approve Bill List
- c. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets

**Committee Reports**

Cedar Springs Public Library: no update.

North Kent Community Enrichment: no update, but have lots of activities planned.

**Old Business**

Velzy Park: Concert series posted on website. Had an issue with one of the stools in park public restroom being severely clogged. Supervisor is concerned it will continue to happen as long as the restrooms are open.

Multipurpose building: no update.

**New Business**

- **Resignation of Brian Baker:**

A motion was made by Willoughby to accept the resignation of Brian Baker, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Chief Hays Payrate:**  
A motion was made by Ellick to increase the Fire Chief's hourly rate by \$1.00/hr, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Fire Hose Quote:**  
A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the fire hose quote from MES in the amount of \$16,700, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **KCRC Wiersma Invoice:**  
A motion was made by Anielski to approve the invoice from Kent County Road Commission in the amount of \$46,846.02, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Kent County Pictometry Invoice: KCRC Wiersma Invoice:**  
A motion was made by Willoughby to the invoice from Kent County in the amount of \$3,447.99, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **BS&A Annual Service Invoice:**  
A motion was made by Ellick to approve the BS&A invoice in the amount of \$2976.00, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Multipurpose Building Chairs/Tables/Dollies:**  
A motion was made by Hoskins to approve the amount of \$6767.39 for chairs, tables and dollies for the multipurpose building, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Gunderson PA 116 App for Farmland Development Rights:**  
A motion was made by Ellick to approve the application from Gunderson for Farmland Development Rights, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion Items:** none.

**Correspondence**

**Trustee Stout:** none.

**Trustee Hoskins:** Asked if we had found a place to donate our expired fire gear. Firefighter Stout stated they've contacted a few but haven't found one yet.

**Clerk:** none.

**Supervisor:** Wiersma is coming along. We need to look at our regulatory ordinances on burning. Board agreed we'd discuss at our next staff meeting. Clean-Up Saturday we filled two of three bins. We normally have a dozen or more mattresses and didn't have one this year.

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Received feedback from Ignesiak at Tyrone on his approval of the resolutions we passed regarding immigration and 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights.

**Treasurer:** Went over survey results which were sent out with taxes.

**Additional public comments:**

Vicki Babcock: You haven't been renting out the building? An idea would be to have it open during the summer concerts. What was the idea of the survey? Thank you everybody, I appreciate all you do.

Duane Gritter: Asked if we could put auto flushers on the toilets in the park public restroom to avoid future issues with clogging. Asked if we offer the community room for things like hunters' safety or other things? Wanted to know if the survey broke down the cost per usage on the library? He doesn't think it's fair for everyone to pay for the library when not everyone uses it.

Lieutenant Kaminga: Said he's the Lieutenant assigned for our area, and he wanted to stop and see what kind of issues we were having. We may see him at more meetings in the future.

**Motion to adjourn** by Willoughby, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:18 p.m.**

NEXT MEETING: June 10, 2024.