



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
November 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: none.

Also Present: Vicki and Hal Babcock, Tony Owen, Jill Owen, Eva Miller-Videtich, Chief Hays, Don and Roxanne Hamblin, Ron Perrin, Duane and Michelle Gritter, and Rose Powell.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items –

Rose Powell: Thanked A.J. for the job he did as Chairperson on the Library Board. He was always kind and polite.

Tony Owen: Thanks A.J. for his service on the Library Board.

Eva Miller-Videtich: Being an elected official is a thankless job, thank you for all your work to resolve the library issue and the Boards willingness to compromise.

Approve Agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

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

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

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library: A.J. thanked everyone that has served on the library board, both past and present, including Tony Owen, Shelly Hilbert, Michelle Gritter, and John Lehmoine.

North Kent Community Enrichment: They have some activities scheduled for November and December.

Old Business

Velzy Park: no update.

Multipurpose building: Used the building for this past election, which went well.

New Business

- **BS&A Invoice:** A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the invoice from BS&A in the amount of \$4033.00 seconded by Anielski. 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 \$257,707.46, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **KCRC Brining Invoice:** A motion was made by Hoskins to approve the invoice from Kent County Road Commission in the amount of \$9500.47 for work, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **MML Workers Com Invoice:** A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the MML Invoice in the amount of \$1117.00, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Multipurpose Building Insurance Quotes:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve an insured amount of \$500,000 for the multipurpose building, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Resolution to Approve Ballot Proposal for Fire Protection Millage:** A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the ballot proposal for Fire Millage, seconded by Anielski.

Roll Call Vote: Stout-Y; Anielski-Y; Ellick-Y; Willoughby-Y; Hoskins-Y

Resolution declared adopted.

- **J-Star Street Lighting:** J-Star would like to have a light put in at the intersection to Woodlawn Drive on 17 Mile. Supervisor Ellick spoke with Consumers to get a design drawn up for \$100.00. Ellick has spoken with J-Star and has asked who will pay for the electric bill? Will be put on next month's agenda under Old Business.

- **Library Board Member Appointments:**

A motion was made by Ellick to appoint Michelle Gritter to a one-year term as a Cedar Springs Community Library Board member effective November 14, 2023, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ellick to appoint Tony Owen to a two-year term as a Cedar Springs Community Library Board member effective November 14, 2023, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ellick to appoint John Lehmoine to a three-year term as a Cedar Springs Community Library Board member effective November 14, 2023, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion Items: Discussed sending out a postcard or letter with the winter tax bills which asks the township residents about their library usage, and ranking of priorities for the Township. A motion was made by Anielski to send out a survey postcard with the winter tax bills, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

We have had numerous noise complaints from a Wiersma property. Supervisor Ellick and Treasurer Anielski met with a Sheriff's Deputy last week and gave him a copy of our ordinance. The Sheriff went and talked to both parties. There were not any complaints over the weekend. Will discuss the ordinance at staff meeting to see what we can do to strengthen it further.

The Township had a complaint about bright lights coming from the new precinct building. It appears as though it may be the West outside light on the new building. The electrician has been contacted to remedy the light and outlet issues at the building.

A letter came from Advanced Hydro-Vac's attorney in response to our ordinance with involves no dumping of hazardous material. The letter has been forwarded to the Township Attorney for response.

Correspondence

Trustee Stout: Thanked A.J. for his service to the library.

Trustee Hoskins: Thanked A.J. for his time and service to the library.

Clerk: Thanked A.J. for his time and service to the library. Gave an update on the November 7th election which included a 17.76% turnout which was great for only having a school operating millage on the ballot. About 75% of the ballots were from absentee ballots.

Supervisor: Thanked A.J. for all his hard work on the library.

Treasurer: Thanked Don Hamblin for his help with improving the sound system. Thanked the Board and Community for their support shown after his father's passing.

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Additional public comments: Vicki Babcock thanked the Board for signing the library contract, thanked A.J. for his service to the library, and thanked Don for his help with the sound system.

Motion to adjourn by Stout, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:05 p.m.**

NEXT MEETING: December 11, 2023.