



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
March 11, 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: Michelle Gritter, Ron Perrin, Cathy Austin.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items – none.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the agenda with the addition of FD furnace and Admin Asst II, seconded by Hoskins. 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 – February 12, 2024
- b. Approve corrected minutes from Staff Meeting – March 6, 2024
- b. Approve Bill List
- c. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library: They are looking for a new Director but the library Board decided to have Carol from Lakeland do the searching.

North Kent Community Enrichment: No meeting this month. Nelson Township has decided to come back in this year and will be contributing once again. Mother/son nerf wars are March 16th.

Old Business

Velzy Park: We had an anonymous donor pay for all of the concerts this summer. Thank you! We discussed possibly coordinating an open house for the new building with our first concert.

Multipurpose building: Nothing new to report.

New Business

- **FF Elliott:**
A motion was made by Ellick to release Jonathan Elliott from employment with Solon Township as a medical 1st responder and a volunteer firefighter effective immediately, seconded by Stout. 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 \$5251.89 seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Salary Resolutions:**
A motion was made by Anielski to establish the Supervisor's Salary in amount of \$43,575, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call vote: Stout-Y; Anielski-Y; Ellick-Y; Hoskins-Y; Willoughby-Y.

A motion was made by Ellick to establish the Clerk's Salary in amount of \$43,575, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call vote: Stout-Y; Anielski-Y; Ellick-Y; Hoskins-Y; Willoughby-Y.

A motion was made by Stout to establish the Treasurer's Salary in amount of \$42,000, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call vote: Stout-Y; Anielski-Y; Ellick-Y; Hoskins-Y; Willoughby-Y.

A motion was made by Willoughby to establish the Trustee's Wage in amount of \$200.00 per meeting, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call vote: Stout-Y; Anielski-Y; Ellick-Y; Hoskins-Y; Willoughby-Y.
- **Payroll Clerk Wage:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve a payroll Clerk wage for \$5200 per year, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Assessor Wage:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve a 5% increase in the Assessors wage to \$51,250, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Administrative Wage:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve an increase in the administrative wage to \$22.50/hr, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Cemetery Fence Quote:** Tabled to staff meeting, so we can get more quotes.
- **Lawncare bids:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve to approve the bid from Saxton Moorman in the amount of \$15,100 for the 2024 season, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.
- **FD Furnace:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve the quote for a new furnace for the Fire Dept in the amount of \$4500 from Mr. C's Plumbing & Heating, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

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- **Admin Asst II:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve the hiring of Yvonne Bernath at \$16.50 per hour effective April 1st with a review in 90 days, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion Items:

Anielski has been following our library reps and stated they are doing a great job. He hopes others on the board are moving towards a collective, community library. Concerned that those in charge of looking for a new director have their own agenda.

Correspondence

Trustee Stout: none.

Trustee Hoskins: none.

Clerk: none.

Supervisor: Aldi's Open House is scheduled for March 21st.

Treasurer: none.

Additional public comments: none.

Motion to adjourn by Anielski, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:27 p.m.**

NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2024.