



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
March 12, 2019 @ 7:30p.m.**

Meeting called to Order by Supervisor Ellick at 7:35 pm.

Members Present: Robert Ellick, Mark Hoskins, Fred Gunnell, Arthur Gerhardt, Mary Lou Poulsen arrived 5 minutes late.

Members Absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment on Agenda Items - none

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Gunnell to approve agenda, second by Hoskins. The motion carried 4-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from February 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approve minutes from March 6, 2019 Staff Meeting
- c. Approve Bill List
- d. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- e. Treasurer's Report
- f. Building Inspector's Report
- g. Fire Chief's Monthly Report

Committee Reports

- * Cedar Springs Public Library – none
- * Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec - none
- * Solon Park Planning Committee – Hal Babcock-sent specs to architect and should hear back shortly. When snow melts will get everybody together and stake, remove topsoil to begin building in Spring.

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- **Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Back Lots**

A motion was made by Hoskins to adopt ordinance as recommended, seconded by Gunnell.
By roll call vote: Gunnell-Y; Gerhardt-Y; Hoskins-Y; Poulsen-Y; Ellick-Y.
Resolution Adopted 5-0.

- **Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Lot Definitions, etc.**

A motion was made by Poulsen to adopt ordinance as recommended, seconded by Hoskins.
By roll call vote: Gerhardt-N; Gunnell-N; Hoskins-Y; Poulsen-Y; Ellick-Y.
Resolution Adopted 3-2.

- **Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Recreational Marijuana Establishments**

A motion was made by Hoskins to adopt ordinance as recommended, seconded by Poulsen.
By roll call vote: Gerhardt-Y; Hoskins-Y; Poulsen-Y; Gunnell-Y; Ellick-Y.
Resolution Adopted 5-0.

- **Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Lakefront Accessory Lots**

A motion was made by Ellick to adopt ordinance as recommended, seconded by Gunnell.
By roll call vote: Hoskins-Y; Gunnell-Y; Gerhardt-Y; Poulsen-Y; Ellick-Y.
Resolution Adopted 5-0.

- **SCBA fit testing equipment purchase w/others - \$1200**

A motion was made by Poulsen to authorize purchase with 7 other municipalities of SCBA fit testing equipment with our portion up to \$1,200, seconded by Hoskins. S. Skelonc asked if there was a time frame – Chief Drake and Supervisor stated hard to estimate when you're dealing with software/hardware continually being updated, like with any computers, but tests are not cheap. Motion carried 5-0.

- **FD candidate McDonald**

A motion was made by Gerhardt to approve hiring of Corey McDonald as SFD firefighter, seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- **MFR course registration – Nix & McDonald - \$1060**

A motion was made by Hoskins to approve registration costs of \$1060 for MFR training for FFs Nix and McDonald, second by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- **P&L insurance appraisal – suggested increases**

A motion was made by Ellick to table to next staff meeting and invite Decker agent to attend, seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Spring Cleanup – May 11, 2019**

A motion was made by Gunnell to set Saturday, May 11, 2019 as Spring Cleanup Day, seconded by Ellick. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence

Trustee Gunnell: nothing.

Trustee Hoskins: nothing.

Treasurer: nothing.

Clerk: nothing.

Supervisor: nothing.

Additional public comments: **Jodi Hall** – any information from DNR regarding no wake?
Supervisor – call in but not yet returned.

J. Bitely – questions regarding new water/sewer regulations and additional work for township to keep track of. Will township provide sewer/water? Also, comments regarding DEQ regulations such as sodium levels, etc. He understands the township does not want to be left holding the bag.

Supervisor stated unlikely because the figures he’s been given in the past are so far beyond what the township could afford.

G. Skelonc – Most developments have Association and fees. Up to them to follow bylaws and send pumping dates to township. Planning Commission is no longer a reactionary commission “my hat’s off to them”.

S. Skelonc – Township needs to keep in touch with requirements – developments need to have funds available to make sure requirements (such as tree plantings) can be met. His complaint to the Zoning Administrator didn’t go far because the development didn’t have the money to fix the problem. Developer and people living there should have the responsibility of abiding by Planning Commission requirements – not the township and not the neighbors or other township residents.

A motion was made by Gunnell to adjourn, support by Ellick, motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:27 pm.

NEXT MEETING: April 9, 2019