



Solon Township Hall  
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
August 13, 2019 @ 7:30p.m.**

**Meeting called to Order by Supervisor Ellick at 7:30 pm.**

**Members Present:** Robert Ellick, Mark Hoskins, Fred Gunnell, Arthur Gerhardt, Mary Lou Poulsen

**Members Absent:** none

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items - none**

**Approve Agenda**

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

**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 July 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approve minutes from August 7, 2019 Staff Meeting
- c. Approve Bill List
- d. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- e. Treasurer's Report
- f. Fire Chief's Monthly Report

**Committee Reports**

- \* Cedar Springs Public Library – none
- \* Solon Park Planning Committee – good turnout at concert last Thursday.

**Old Business** - No old business

**New Business**

- **September 20, 2019 Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Day**

A motion was made by Ellick to proclaim September 20, 2019 as Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Day, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- **Six candidates for Fire Fighter Academy**

A motion was made by Ellick to authorize expenditure of \$900 to enroll 6 candidates in FF Academy, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- **Wage increase for Administrative Assistant and Deputy Clerk**

A motion was made by Ellick to increase hourly wage of administrative assistant by \$1.50/hour, second by Gunnell. Discussed good job performance and low wage based on area township comparison. Motion carried 5 – 0.

A motion was made by Hoskins to increase hourly wage of Deputy Clerk to match \$14.10/hour of administrative assistant, second by Gerhardt. Motion carried 4-0 with Ellick abstaining.

- **KCRC work order for 21 Mile at Albrecht using CDBG funds**

A motion was made by Hoskins to approve work order with funding as follows: KCRC - \$129,375, Township - \$101,247, CDBG - \$56,878, seconded by Gunnell. Discussed CDBG funds would be lost if not used on this project as their procedures have changed and prior years' grants can no longer be held over. Also discussed budgeting for 16 Mile Road project once this cost was covered – may use funds from CD in 2020 if necessary to complete that project. Wiersma should be next project after these 2. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- **Weed control at cemetery**

A motion was made by Poulsen to accept proposal from Heckman Lawncare for weed and feed in amount of \$560, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion items - none**

**Correspondence**

**Trustee Gunnell:** Thank you to township voters for supporting the zoning ordinance at the August election.

**Trustee Hoskins:** has had several comments that the information in the newsletter included in the tax bills was very informative and appreciated.

**Treasurer:** none

**Clerk:** There will be an election in November with Cedar Springs, Kent City and Grant schools proposals on the ballot.

**Supervisor:** Looking for more quotes for electronic sign in front of Hall. The new director of CSAP&R will finish up this year's programs and board will see how to proceed from there.

**Additional public comments:**

Jody Hall – house on Stonecrest both sides of roof collapsing so has become a safety issue. Supervisor will get pics and send letters. Jody asked if DNR has sent response yet from Olin Lakes public hearing – no response received yet.

**Motion to adjourn** by Poulsen, second by Hoskins. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 pm.**

**NEXT MEETING:** September 10, 2019