



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
September 11, 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, Chief Hays & Laura Hays, Donna Clark, Mary Coonen, Cathy Austin, Rick & Tanya Sevey, Michelle Gritter, Matt & Amber Schievink, Gerald Skelonc, Steven Buckner, Rose Powell, Eva Miller-Videtich, Rodney Ellick.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items – Gerald Skelonc asked about the handout that was passed out by Rose Powell.

Approve Agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from Special Board Meeting – August 9, 2023
- b. Approve minutes from Board Meeting – August 14, 2023
- c. Approve corrected minutes from Staff Meeting – September 6, 2023
- b. Approve Bill List
- c. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library: We have a current offer from the City of C.S. right now which is being reviewed by the township attorney. We did ask the City for a three-month extension of the current library contract so we don't run out of time negotiating a new contract.

North Kent Community Enrichment: Meeting is tomorrow. No response yet from the DNR.

Old Business

Velzy Park: no update.

Multipurpose building: Complete. Waiting on final building inspection. Concrete work will be done to the outside walkways.

New Business

- **FD Resignation:** A motion was made by Willoughby to accept the resignation of Elenbaas, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **FD Truck Change Order:**
A motion was made by Stout to approve the fire truck with the SAMs system for a total of \$869,094.00, some of which will be paid by the County and some will be paid with ARPA funds, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.
- **J. Leitz Construction Invoice:**
A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the invoice from J. Leitz Construction in the amount of \$77907.25, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Gabridge & Co Audit Invoice:** A motion was made by Anielski to approve the invoices from Gabridge & Co in the amount of \$2912.50, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Kore Hi Com Invoice:** A motion was made by Hoskins to approve the invoice from Kore Hi Com in the amount of \$1632.25, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **2023-2024 Snowplowing Quote:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve the snow plow bid from Marty's Construction in the amount of \$5,550.00, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Kore Hi Com Admin Asst Computer Quote:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve the computer quote in the amount of \$1050.00 , seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Election Source Quote:** A motion was made by Hoskins to approve the quote from Election Source in the amount of \$5649.20, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion Items: none.

Correspondence

Trustee Stout: none.

Trustee Hoskins: none.

Board Meeting
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Clerk: Absent Voter applications for those on the permanent AV list went out last week for the November 7, 2023 election.

Supervisor: Wiersma is all based.

Treasurer: none.

Additional public comments:

Mary Coonen: Is paving on 18 Mile still going to happen?

Eva Miller-Videtich: She wants a library. According to the State of Michigan a library is a constitutional right. She is fortunate enough to have a library by her cabin, but would like to continue to have one near her home as well.

Donna Clark: Read from a 2006 newsletter for the library where they thanked businesses and our communities and volunteers. She stated we built our library together with a lot of the money coming from Solon and Nelson Townships. She wanted to remind people that you can use KDL library cards at our library.

Gerald Skelonc: Stated he appreciated the behavior of the Board and others there. He asked is the Administrative Assistant's computer comes with the software needed or if it needs to be repurchased.

Vicki Babcock: Asked what the operating cost was of the library right now? Anielski responded with approximately 218K. She asked if she was correct in her thinking that Solon will be paying for the entire operating costs of the library in 3 years? So we could possibly be operating in the "extra"?

Mary Coonen: In response to Vicki stated she did not see it as us paying for the whole thing and stated we should be ordering books.

Donna Clark: Stated there was misinformation given at one of the City Council meetings, and that the book budget was over 17K.

Gerald Skelonc: In reference to the library financial sheet passed out by Rose Powell, that if someone is going to put this information out there for the public, that it would be nice if they would sign the paper and put their contact information on it before publishing.

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

NEXT MEETING: October 9, 2023.