



Solon Township Hall  
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
December 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, Donna Clark, Rodney Ellick.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items** – none.

**Approve Agenda**

A motion was made by Anielski to approve the agenda with the addition of a KCI Invoice, and a 45-day paperwork deadline for PC/ZBA, seconded by Willoughby. The motion carried 5-0.

**Approve Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approve minutes from Board Meeting – November 13, 2023
- b. Approve corrected minutes from Staff Meeting – December 6, 2023
- b. Approve Bill List
- c. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets

**Committee Reports**

Cedar Springs Public Library: no update.

North Kent Community Enrichment: no update.

**Old Business**

Velzy Park: no update.

Multipurpose building: Had door stops put in. Landscaping is complete.

**New Business**

- **FD New Hires Stout & Wysocki:**  
A motion was made by Ellick to approve the hiring of Jon Stout as volunteer firemen effective January 1, 2024 after the completion of a physical, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 4-0 with Stout abstaining.

A motion was made by Ellick to approve the hiring of Tim Wysocki as volunteer firemen, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **KCFC Assessment:**  
A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the Assessment from Kent County Fire Commission in the amount of \$11,937.33, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Decker Agency Premium Invoice::** A motion was made by Hoskins to approve the invoice from Decker Agency in the amount of \$13,891.00 seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **KCRC Wiersma Work Order:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve KCRC Wiersma Work Order with the Township's portion to be \$660,000 seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **General Fund Journal entry to Street Fund:** A motion was made by Willoughby to have the Clerk complete the journal entry to allocate \$500,000 of the general fund money to the local street fund, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **J-Star Street Lighting:** A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the Standard Lighting Contract and Resolution, seconded by Anielski.

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

Resolution declared adopted.

- **Resolution to Establish Early Voting Polling Location:** A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the EV Polling Location Resolution, seconded by Anielski.

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

Resolution declared adopted.

- **KCI Early Voting Location Notice Invoice:** A motion was made by Hoskins to approve the KCI invoice in the amount of \$1361.54, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Non-Discrimination Polity:** A motion was made by Hoskins to approve the non-discrimination policy as written, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.
- **PC Member Appointments:**

A motion was made by Ellick to appoint Al Myers to the Planning Commission, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ellick to appoint Mark Hoskins to the Planning Commission, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 4-0 with Hoskins abstaining.

A motion was made by Ellick to appoint Rick Sevey to the Planning Commission, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.

- **ZBA Member Appointments:**

A motion was made by Anielski to re-appoint Bernadette Powell to the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ellick to re-appoint Gerald Skelonc to the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

- **BOR Member Appointments:**

A motion was made by Ellick to appoint Rick Severy to the Board of Review seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ellick to appoint Joel Vanden Berg to the Board of Review, seconded by Vanden Berg. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Stout to appoint Al Myers to the Board of Review, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Regulation of Noise Ordinance:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve the noise ordinance with changes to the time of 10pm to 8 am, and omitted the section which would repeal the disorderly conduct ordinance, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.
- **KCI Invoice:** A motion was made by Anielski to approve the invoice from KCI in the amount of \$847.05, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **45-Day Paperwork Deadline PC/ZBA:** A motion was made by Willoughby to extend the paperwork deadline from 30-days to 45-days for Planning Commission and ZBA meetings, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion Items:** none.

**Correspondence**

**Trustee Stout:** none.

**Trustee Hoskins:** none.

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**Clerk:** The February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary is coming up fast. Absent voter applications will be going out by the end of the month, with ballots being sent out mid-January.

**Supervisor:** Met with Brennen today on variance which has been tabled to the April ZBA.

**Treasurer:** Any taxes coming in from the wrong mailing are being returned with a copy of the new tax bill. Sent the last of the survey cards out the White Creek Estates and those in Cedarfield who didn't receive tax bills.

**Additional public comments:**

Donna Clark: My heart is full of gratitude. A big part of the new library came from Solon Township, I know because I'm the one who did the receipts. She did find out we do not need a dedicated millage. Questions we need to be asking... what do we need?... how much do we need? We need to grow and change with the times. Thank you! I am very hopeful!

**Motion to adjourn** by Ellick, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:23 p.m.**

NEXT MEETING: January 8, 2024.