



Solon Township Hall
15185 Algoma Avenue NE
Cedar Springs MI 49319
616-696-1718

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
August 14, 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, Michelle Gritter, Pat Outman, 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, seconded by Anielski. 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 Board Meeting – July 10, 2023
- b. Approve minutes from Special Board Meeting – July 26, 2023
- c. Approve minutes from Special Board Meeting – August 9, 2023
- d. Approve corrected minutes from Staff Meeting – August 2, 2023
- b. Approve Bill List
- c. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library: Anielski has had some residents contact him who informed him they are putting together a letter and petition. We've received word that the City of Cedar Springs City Council rejected our offer of .6 mils year one, .8 mils year two, and 1.0 mil year three which equates to \$135,000 year one, \$180,000 year two, and \$225,000 year three with Solon continuing to have 3 seats on the Library Board and the City to have 4 seats on the board. While we have not received a formal response back from the City yet, it's been said by those who attended the City Council meeting on August 10, 2023 that they do not want Solon to have any board representation and are currently working with legal council to reformat the library board to be comprised of all City of Cedar Springs residents.

North Kent Community Enrichment: No update. No meeting this month. Should have word on DNR Sparks grant application by end of September.

Old Business

Velzy Park: The last concert of the summer had a good turn-out. Had one complaint from a resident on noise level.

Multipurpose building: Building is almost done, just waiting on tp and soap dispensers. The well guy will be out to chlorinate the well this week. Landscaping needs to be planned at some point.

New Business

- **FD New Hire Program:** A motion was made by Anielski to approve the New Hire Program for the Fire Department which consists of \$100 bonus paid to referring FD Member when new hire passes both Fire Academy and Medical Class, and \$500 bonus paid to referring FD member when new hire reaches 6 months of employment and has met or exceeds both training and run requirements , seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **FD Turnout Gear:**
A motion was made by Hoskins to accept the quote from McQueen in the amount of \$4462.31 for turn out gear, seconded by Ellick. Motion carried 5-0.
- **EPR Invoice:**
A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the invoice from EPR for the fire department software in the amount of \$4009.73, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Kore Hi Com Invoices:** A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the invoices from Kore Hi Com in the amount of \$1248.32 and \$1771.73 for computer related services, seconded by Ellick. Motion carried 5-0.
- **J. Leitz Construction Invoice:** A motion was made by Anielski to approve the invoice form J. Leitz Construction in the amount of \$8470.00, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Kent County Road Commission Wiersma Invoice:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve the KCRC invoice for \$44951.45, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **MML Invoice:** A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the invoice from MML for insurance premium in the amount of \$1117.00, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Meeting
August 14, 2023

Discussion Items: The qualification process for another three year period of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has begun. We discussed remaining in the agreement which automatically continues unless we were to notify them in writing otherwise.

Correspondence

Trustee Stout: none.

Trustee Hoskins: none.

Clerk: none.

Supervisor: Stated he is so happy with this Board, and that the Township is well served by this Board.

Treasurer: Stated he is very thankful for who he works with after listening to problems other townships have at a MTA training he just attended.

Additional public comments:

-House Representative Pat Outman was present to introduce himself and let us know he is always available for any concerns, or questions the Board or residents may have.

-Vicki Babcock thanked us all for our work trying to keep the library going.

Motion to adjourn by Stout, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:07 p.m.**

NEXT MEETING: September 11, 2023.