



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
October 9, 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, Eva Miller-Videtich, Connie Kidder, Barb Woodhull, Connie and Ed Brown, Rose Powell, Cathy Austin, Rodney Ellick and two others.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items –

Eva Miller-Videtich: I've spoken many times about wanting a Library. I hope you'll comment on the library stand.

Vicki Babcock: I don't know where the Board is at, but we need to get this done soon before the City of C.S. pulls back.

Connie Kidder: I do not want to lose the library. I was at the last City council meeting and believe this will be the last offer. We cannot fill the library director position until this is settled.

Approve Agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from Board Meeting – September 11, 2023
- b. Approve corrected minutes from Staff Meeting – October 4, 2023
- b. Approve Bill List
- c. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library: Anielski had no update from the library board meeting.

North Kent Community Enrichment: Received word from the DNR grant that our application was turned down. We can reapply in April.

Old Business

Velzy Park: Edging is needed on trail.

Multipurpose building: Complete, just need to get all the doors on one key.

New Business

- **FF Academy Invoice:** A motion was made by Ellick to approve the invoice for the Fire Fighter Academy for Tauranien and Moorman in the amount of \$2656.00 seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Fire Millage Amount/Wording for Ballot:**
A motion was made by Stout to approve the ballot wording for fire millage renewal for the February 27th ballot after approval from the attorney, seconded by Willoughby. Motion carried 5-0.
- **KCRC Wiersma Invoice:** A motion was made by Willoughby to approve the invoice from Kent County Road Commission in the amount of \$97,246.94 for Wiersma work, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Zoning Ordinance Pet Crematoriums:** A motion was made by Willoughby to approve Ordinance 22-3-Z-23A regarding Pet Crematoriums, seconded by Hoskins.

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

Ordinance declared adopted.

- **Zoning Ordinance Utility Grid Solar Energy Systems:** A motion was made by Stout to approve Ordinance 23-2-Z, seconded by Hoskins.

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

Ordinance declared adopted.

- **Draft Library Agreement from City of CS with changes:**

A motion was made by Ellick at 7:45 to go into closed session to discuss attorney correspondence regarding library, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Hoskins to return to open session at 8:18, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Anielski to send a counter offer regarding library services as recommended by our attorney to the City of C.S, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion Items: none.

Correspondence

Trustee Stout: none

Trustee Hoskins: none

Clerk: AV ballots have been sent out for the November 7, 2023 election. Public accuracy testing in October 17 here at the hall at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Supervisor: Wiersma is complete. Have had some compliance with zoning enforcement issues.

Treasurer: We passed an ordinance on utility grid solar today but soon that power could be taken from us with new legislation. The Michigan Township Association has come out with a short-term resolution opposing the legislation to take over wind solar and large-scale battery production. I'd like to see Solon pass something similar. A motion was made by Willoughby to table to next month's staff meeting, seconded by Ellick. Motion carried 5-0.

Additional public comments:

Eva Miller-Videtich: Asked about absentee ballots.

Ed Brown: I've lived here for 60 years, the facility is beautiful. The pole barn on 20 Mile and Algoma is an eye sore. I cannot hear the Board. I'd like to be able to hear and see what is passed out.

Barb Woodhull: I also cannot hear the Board. I wanted to be here so you can see my presence that I am concerned about the Library.

Motion to adjourn by Hoskins, seconded by Anielski. Motion carried 5-0. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:26 p.m.**

NEXT MEETING: November 13, 2023.