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VILLAGE OF SOLON SPRINGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 22, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Solon Springs Community Center, 11523 S. Business Hwy. 53, Solon Springs, WI 54873

President: Ben Evans

Trustees: Melissa Johnson, Todd Gilbert, Chris Morgan and Carl Wahl

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Village President Ben Evans called the Village Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
   Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
   Clerk called roll call with the following trustees present: Ben Evans, Carl Wahl, Melissa Johnson and Todd Gilbert and Chris Morgan via phone; absent/excused: none Staff present: Clerk Kathy Burger and Treasurer Rebecca Nordskog, village operator Dean Magariner and resident Beth Magomolla
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   Motion by Johnson second by Wahl to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
   Resident Beth Magomolla in attendance to discuss emergency plans. In contact with Douglas County. Discussion on Code Red warning system. Clerk will put information on website on how to sign up. Discussed LEPT (Emergency Planning Community Right to Know Act) which involves local officials making decisions on planning and responding to chemical emergencies.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA** - *there will be no separate action on these items unless a board member utilizes a vote. All licenses are contingent upon meeting village code and board approval.*
   Motion by Gilbert second by Johnson to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.
   6.1 Approval of minutes for the regular monthly meeting 5/27/26.
   6.2 Treasurers report for May – profit and loss and reconciliation detail
   6.3 Approval for payments for general & sewer fund checking on expenditure report: 6/22/26
   6.4 Approval of zoning permit applications:
      - Michael Murphy – new 8x8 deck
      - Shane Nordness – new 28x36 garage
      - Kaitlyn Neefe – 16x12 deck
      - Alfred Flatten – permit renewal: new deck, shed roof, furnace and interior remodel
      - R&B Northwest Rentals – new 10x24 deck
   6.5 Approval of licenses:
      - Operator licensed issued: see attached

- Consideration & approval of published liquor license applications: see attached
- Consideration & approval of Class "B"/Picnic license applications: see attached
- Consideration & approval of cigarette license: none

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 **DNR floodplain ordinance**

A discussion was held regarding the floodplain ordinance, based on a conversation Evans had with Mia Van Horn from the DNR. The board discussed adopting the floodplain ordinance, Act 175. The county is leaning toward adopting Act 175 with Option 2, which is more lenient for homeowners and provides homeowners greater ability to rebuild and make changes. A community program offering a 5% flood insurance rate reduction was discussed; it requires enrollment only. Motion by Gilbert second by Johnson to adopt Act 175 with the more lenient option two. Motion carried.

7.2 **July meeting reminder**

Evans reminded the board of the July 27th board of review meeting from 5-7, followed by the regular meeting at 7:00.

7.3 **Nuisance properties update**

Wahl gave an update on the nuisance properties court cases. A pretrial conference was held regarding unregistered vehicles and two freezers on the Superior Street property. The owner must have collector plates on the vehicles and dispose of freezers by the August trial date. The second property on Superior Street has a pretrial conference is scheduled for July regarding piled-up trash. The third case the yard has been cleaned up.

8. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 **Administrative Committee** – no updates

9.2 **Buildings and Grounds** – Magariner met with the contractor last week for the pavilion rebuild project. The contractor has taken truss measurements and can begin work. Posts with pads will be installed, possibly using Sonotubes. The contractor agreed to fill voids from old posts with extra concrete.

There is a plumbing issue at the shop. The pressure tank may need replacement due to a shock when a sink is turned on. The plumbing is custom and may require a plumber.

The old park shelter by Dahlberg's office has been torn down.

The Douglas County rain garden project was completed successfully and under budget.

9.3 **Public Works/Sanitary Sewer** –Wahl has been working on updating the sewer contract between the village, Gordon and USCLSD. A key change is using the village's meter instead of the Districts. The new contract incorporates language from the original 1987 agreement. Wahl would like to assess current infrastructure including the age of pumps and condition. Would like the goal to be to create a replacement plan and budget accordingly for generators etc. for lift stations. The upcoming sewer pipe replacement will fix a problematic pipe section near the meter. Estimated cost for this section: $6,000–$10,000. Fixing this pipe is expected to improve the accuracy of the new metering system.

9.4 **Fire Commission** – Morgan informed the board a community notice about ambulance coverage and response times will be released in the next one to two months to the public and a new debit card with a $400 limit has been approved for vehicle fuel for the fire department.

9.5 **Community Center Commission** – no updates

9.6 **Airport Commission** – Evans announced John Hall resigned as chair of the airport commission, leaving a vacancy. The board chose not to take immediate action, hoping he will reconsider.

9.7 **Planning Commission** – no updates

9.8 **Development Commission** – Evans said that the St Croix Headwaters Foundation donated $5,000 toward fireworks.

9.9 **Recycling Commission** – Wahl reported an electronics recycling day is scheduled for two weeks in July. And the county will hold a hazardous waste collection event in August at the recycling center.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Morgan, second by Johnson to adjourn this Village Board Meeting. Motion carried.

This Village Board Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:
Kathy Burger, Village Clerk