



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
September 8, 2015 @ 7:30p.m.**

Meeting called to Order by Supervisor Ellick at 7:30 pm.

Members Present: Robert Ellick, Fred Gunnell, Arthur Gerhardt, Mark Hoskins, Mary Lou Poulsen

Members Absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items - none

Approve Agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. The motion carried 5-0.

- a. Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting of August 11, 2015.
- b. Approve minutes from staff meeting of September 2, 2015.
- c. Approve Bill List
- d. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- e. Fire Chief's Statistics Report
- f. Building Inspector's Report
- g. Treasurer's Report

6. Committee Reports

- * **Cedar Springs Public Library** – V. Babcock reminded all of the Capital Campaign Launch September 12th and handed out a capital campaign Q&A.
- * **Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec.** – none
- * **Solon Market** – V. Babcock reported on committee's meeting of September 8. Considering fewer market days for 2016 with monthly events, & using community room to save money on Port-a-jon rental.
- * **Solon Park Planning Committee** – H. Babcock reported that North Country Trail proposal still includes Solon Township route. Next public meeting - Sept. 15 at 4:30 at Hall
- * **Fire Committee** – Joint meeting with Board and firefighters - Sept 15 at 7:30 at Hall

1. Old Business

- * **Resignation of firefighter Sam Zachow**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve resignation, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Firefighter Zachow has rescinded resignation - the motion failed 0 - 5.

2. New Business

* **Fire Department request of PPE for Spencer - \$630.**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve request for PPE in amount of \$630, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **Fire Department request of FF I & II academy \$144 + mileage \$1344**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve funds up to \$1,488 for firefighter academy, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **Resignation of firefighter Colborn**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to accept resignation of firefighter Colborn, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **Escrow deposit requirements**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve change in escrow deposit requirements as determined by Zoning Administrator, with minimums and maximums set as follows:
Site Condo - \$2,000 to \$5,000;
Open Space Development - \$2,000 to \$5,000;
Special Land Use Residential - \$1,000 to \$4,000;
Special Land Use Commercial - \$2,000 to \$5,000
Seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **Transfer budgeted \$69,543 from General Fund to Fire Operating Fund**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve transfer from General Fund to Fire Operating Fund, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **Transfer budgeted \$20,000 from General Fund to Fire Capital Fund**

A motion was made by Mr. Hoskins to approve transfer from General Fund to Fire Capital Fund, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **MTA Trustee conference**

No action taken – dates do not work for trustees.

* **2014/2015 Audit**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to accept audit as presented by Siegfried Crandall, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5 - 0.

9. **Discussion Items - none**

10. **Correspondence**

Trustees:

Fred: Trail update.

Mark: Visited with Fire Department personnel and received tour of station. Wondered if there was an SOP for rescue/search – for example child or AFC. Will check with Fire Chief.

Treasurer - Tax payments have been coming in fast and furious now.

Clerk - none

Supervisor – May be moving Library Committee meeting to the township – hard to see and hear during meetings at the Library building in town. There is talk of building the new library on city property with the city leasing it back to the library. Would avoid duplication of maintenance issues. Rockford Ambulance is still showing interest in the White Creek property but more interested in buying outright and leaving the road building to the township to handle.

Additional public comments: none.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Lou Poulsen, Solon Township Clerk