



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
February 9, 2016 @ 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 and Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items - none

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve agenda with addition to Hire Zoning Enforcement Officer, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting of January 12, 2016.
- b. Approve minutes from staff meeting of February 3, 2016.
- c. Approve Bill List
- d. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- e. Treasurer's Report
- f. Fire Chief's Statistics Report
- g. Building Inspector's Report

6. Committee Reports

- * **Cedar Springs Public Library** – Donna Clark
- * **Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec.** – no report
- * **Solon Market** – minutes.
- * **Solon Park Planning Committee** – Spaghetti Dinner Friday. Meeting Feb 16.
- * **Fire Committee** – good information shared at February 2 meeting.

7. Old Business - none

8. New Business

* **2016 Community Development Block Grant resolution**

A motion was made by Mr. Gerhardt to approve the resolution authorizing the acceptance of and use of Community Development Block Grant Funds from Kent County, second by Mr. Hoskins. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Ellick - Y; Mr. Gunnell – Y; Mr. Hoskins – Y; Mr. Gerhardt - Y; Ms. Poulsen – Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- * **Ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance to add IC Interchange Freeway Mixed Use Commercial District & Ordinance to amend zoning ordinance Conditional rezoning from MHC to IC district 3592 17 Mile Road**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve ordinances as dictated by Planning Commission, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried 5 - 0

- * **Adopt Mission & Vision Statements**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve Mission Statement as: “Solon Township will serve our residents and guests with integrity, courtesy and efficiency. Solon Township will be an effective steward of quality services in a fiscal responsible, professional manner” and Vision Statement as “The General Law Township of Solon is a community that embraces change while respecting the rich heritage of the area and the people. It is a township based on strong fiscal, conservative government, recognizes the rights of all citizens, respects the environment, and provides the services and amenities for citizens, young to old, to enjoy a healthy, active and happy long life.”,

seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried 5 - 0

- * **Appointment to Cedar Springs Area Parks & Rec**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to appoint Sara Thornton to Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec board, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 - 0

- * **Library Building Fund donation**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve additional donation of \$5,000 to the Library Building Fund as requested by Library, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5 - 0

- * **Fire Department candidates**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve recommendation by Fire Chief to hire fire fighter candidates Taylor and Gravelin, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 - 0

- * **Zoning Enforcement Officer**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to hire Jerry Gross as enforcement officer at a rate of \$22/hour, approximately 6-8 hours/week, with no perks, on a 6 month probationary period, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. The motion carried 5 - 0

9. **Discussion Items** – none.

10. **Correspondence**

Trustees:

Mr. Gunnell: nothing.

Mr. Hoskins: nothing.

Treasurer - nothing.

Clerk - Met with Insurance Loss Control Consultant from MML who suggested posting signs on 3 barns for no admittance or similar. Shared letter from Kent County Dept of Public Works asking if township would be interested in hosting "SafeChem Summer Collection" in collaboration with the county - because the 10 Mile Road facility is easily accessible to township residents – decided will not host but will make the information available on our website.

Supervisor – Closed 2 land deals that had been in the works for several months – sale of 1.55 acres on White Creek and purchase of acreage adjacent to Cemetery. County Road Commission moving along on Albrecht project.

Additional public comments: V. Babcock asked about vacancies on Market Committee.

Motion by Mr. Ellick to appoint Kim Gillow, second by Mr. Gunnell, motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hoskins, carried 5-0. Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Lou Poulsen, Solon Township Clerk