

SOLO**N** *Established in 1857* **Township**

Solon Township Hall
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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees February 14, 2017 @ 7:30p.m.

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

Members Present: Robert Ellick, Arthur Gerhardt, V. Fred Gunnell, 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. Hoskins to approve agenda, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from January 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approve minutes from February 8, 2017 Staff Meeting.
- c. Approve Bill List
- d. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- e. Treasurer's Report
- f. Building Inspector's Report
- g. Fire Chief's Statistics Report

Committee Reports

- * Cedar Springs Public Library – Donna Clark
- * Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec. – written
- * Solon Park Planning Committee- Mary Lou Poulsen
- * Fire Committee- none

Old Business – none

New Business

- **Public Hearing on Community Block Grant Funds**

Mr. Ellick opened the Public Hearing. Comments by M. Barrett concerning using the funds for: road repair on Simmons and other road in bad repair, clean up of junk, change road limits, also concerned with job Sheriff's office is doing. Comments by Mr. Hall regarding flooding in Olin Lakes area, namely Clarkson to Kimberly Roads.

Supervisor closed Public Hearing.

- **Public Hearing on Cedar Springs Area Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

Mr. Ellick opened the Public Hearing. No comments by the public.

Supervisor closed Public Hearing.

- **Approve CDBG funding Resolution**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve a resolution directing total 2017-2018 funds estimated at \$18,289 for repair of 21 Mile Road at Albrecht, seconded by Ms. Poulsen

A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Ellick – Y; Mr. Gerhardt – Y; Mr. Gunnell – Y; Mr. Hoskins – Y; Ms. Poulsen – Y. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Approve CSAP&R Master Plan Resolution**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve a resolution adopting the Cedar Springs Area Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2017-2022, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt.

A roll call vote resulted as follows: Ms. Poulsen – Y; Mr. Hoskins – Y; Mr. Gerhardt – Y; Mr. Gunnell – Y; Mr. Ellick – Y. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Library Services Agreement**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to accept revised Library Services Agreement with the City of Cedar Springs, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Drug & Alcohol Screening Policy**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to table until next month's board meeting to allow time for more research and information, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Recommendation to approve hourly pay for full time firefighter at 10 hrs/day for holiday, vacation & personal days**

A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to approve 10 hour/day pay for holidays, vacation & personal days for full time firefighter, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. Motion carried 4-1.

Discussion Items- none.

Correspondence

Trustee Gunnell: Sheriff meeting.

Trustee Hoskins: none

Treasurer - Reported taxes were due today.

Clerk - none.

Supervisor – none

Additional public comments: Mr. Tom Decker brought letter of praise and thanks to the Solon Fire Department for their service when Mrs. Decker had need – see attached.

Chief Jeff Drake responded to Mr. Decker's thanks with comments that Kent City FD also responded and aided with their Lucas Compression machine.

Mr. Carroll Matulis commented that SFD personnel are second to none – great people, fantastic work and well trained.

Mr. Hall stated he is very concerned about the Wilson property at the corner of 17 Mile and Algoma that was recently sold to developer. He requests the Planning Commission think very carefully of the traffic problems that could occur, especially if another road/drive is going to dump onto Algoma.

A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to adjourn, support by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 5-0. **Meeting adjourned @8:24 pm.**

NEXT MEETING March 14, 2017

February 14, 2017

Solon Township Board

My name is Tom Decker. I live on Snauble Ave. I am here this evening to publicly thank and praise the first responders of Solon Township. My wife, Catherine, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2009. Recently her neurologist told me she was in stage three, which means moving toward the end of life.

On February first she collapsed in our home. She was not breathing. I called 911 and per their instructions began chest compressions. Within five or six minutes EMT's were there and immediately went to work to revive my wife. They worked feverishly and diligently until the ambulance arrived and then continued to work with them. At the same time, they were communicating with me, letting me know what her condition was and what they were doing. I must admit I was in complete panic mode. Plus, they were dealing with a small dog who I was unable to catch and who was persistent in being right in the middle of everything.

Through the efforts of these men my wife's heart started beating again and she was transported to Mercy Hospital. Sadly, she did not regain consciousness and passed away on the evening of the second. That was God's will, not our first responders. At my request, they did everything possible in their efforts to save her. They were obviously well trained, dedicated, driven, and efficient, yet compassionate and understanding.

My one regret is that due to my state of mind that morning I was not able to shake the hands of each person who came to my house and worked so hard to try and save her life. In fact, except for Jeff, who I believe told me he was the fire chief, if I saw them today I probably would not recognize them. I do want them to know how grateful I will always be for their service to my wife. Even though I don't know them, they are my heroes. If it is permissible, I would ask that this letter be made a part of the minutes of this meeting so that all the residents of this township can know what amazing people stand ready to serve them in time of crisis. Thank You

Tom Decker