



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
July 18, 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 Gunnell to approve agenda, seconded by Hoskins. The motion carried 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from June 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approve minutes from July 5, 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 – Director reported
- * Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec. - none
- * Solon Park Planning Committee - written
- * Fire Committee – none

Old Business

• **Purchase of Tender**

A motion was made by Hoskins to approve expenditure of \$257,270 plus \$12,000 for hydraulic rack to carry porta-tank, quoted by B&B Truck Fire Division, from Fire Capital Fund, with return of DNR truck and sale of E-1 pumper, seconded by Gunnell. The motion carried 5 to 0.

- **Purchase of Tires**

A motion was made by Ellick to **postpone** to August Board Meeting for more quotes, seconded by Gunnell. The motion carried 5 to 0.

New Business

- **Greater Grand Rapids Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution**

A motion was made by Poulsen to adopt resolution, seconded by Hoskins.

Upon roll call: Gunnell – Y; Gerhardt – Y; Ellick – Y; Hoskins – Y; Poulsen – Y.

The motion carried 5 to 0.

- **Asbestos Survey - \$1,200**

A motion was made by Poulsen to **postpone** to August Board Meeting for more quotes, seconded by Ellick. MIOSHA recommended waiting for final report of May visit, which would have more information on requirements. The motion carried 5 to 0.

- **CSAP&R representative** from the township is needed. Supervisor asked public to contact him if interested. He will continue to search.

- **Firefighter Candidates – Hays & Robinson**

A motion was made by Ellick to approve hiring of candidate Rich Hays, seconded by Poulsen.

Rich is academy trained and served several years on the Fire Department before taking a year or so hiatus. The motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Ellick to approve hiring of candidate Ben Robinson, seconded by Hoskins.

Ben moved here from Courtland Twp, where he was trained and served on the Fire Department there. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Discussion Items

Olin Lakes cleanup of property bought by township in tax foreclosure is winding down. Subfloor is all that is left.

Correspondence

Trustee Gunnell: none

Trustee Hoskins: none

Treasurer: none

Clerk: none

Supervisor: none

Additional public comments: Residents of Olin Lakes Area in attendance to discuss safety and cleanup issues.

Sean Balaythy addressed docks in disrepair. Moby dive shop has been contacted to remove pipes in water and residents will pay for that. Stated Kent County online mapping has disclaimer regarding easement placements - may be inaccurate. Boats have been left in water year-round since boat launch closed. Lake condition makes it difficult to swim or even wade close to shore so docks are a necessity and have been there before 2012

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township ordinances. Lake Association formed in 1973 but no papers can be found, so would consider forming new association.

Wendell Kennedy

Gary Sperry commented on danger of steel posts at end of dock under surface of water.

Dave Balzeski states Olin Lake park opened around 1930 and believes docks have been in place for 83 years so grandfathered in. Residents work on them every Spring. If township sees disrepair, they would like to know so they can make changes or repairs. Left pictures of 2 docks with Board.

Chuck Balzeski asked what is slated for repair, what ideas does township have, do they need DEQ to look at water table at shoreline for houses close to shore. In answer, **Supervisor** explained township authority limits. Health Department has authority to examine holding tank records, but to his knowledge has not kept up on that. States that township is not giving up on getting area cleaned up. Feels it is in such bad shape that is not a nice community to live in. But that DEQ and Health Department have more authority on most issues there.

Alexander Balaythy reiterated attempts to make safe docks.

A motion was made by Gunnell to adjourn, support by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:37 pm.**

NEXT MEETING: August 8, 2017
Submitted by Mary Lou Poulsen