



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
September 10, 2013 @ 7:30p.m.**

Meeting called to Order by Supervisor Robert Ellick at 7:32 pm.

Members Present: Robert Ellick, Heather Zenker, Fred Gunnell, John Rideout, Mary Lou Poulsen

Members Absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Public Comment on Agenda Items : none

Approve Agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from regular Board meeting of August 13, 2013
- b. Approve minutes from staff meeting of September 4, 2013
- c. Approve minutes from Special Board Meeting of September 4, 2013
- d. Approve Bill List
- e. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- f. Fire Chief's Statistics Report
- g. Building Inspector's Report
- h. Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- * Cedar Springs Public Library – Donna Clark
- * Cedar Springs Parks and Rec – written report
- * Fire Committee report – Fred Gunnell

Old Business

- * none

New Business

* **Reserve Firefighter candidate**

A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve hiring of Russell Jay Papke and authorize payment for firefighter academy training and mileage reimbursement, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **Lawn rolling/maintenance/cemetery aeration**

Discussion of lawn rolling at Algoma property, aeration at cemetery included offers of equipment and/or labor by Mr. Gunnell, Ms. Poulsen, Mr. Ellick and community volunteer.

* **Board of Trustees compensation for meeting**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve proposed policy for trustees meeting attendance/compensation. Failed for lack of support.

* **Special Assessment Paving Contract**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve signature of contract with Michigan Paving & Materials Co. for Pointe North private road improvement with inclusion of repair of sub-base and after counsel with township attorney, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 - 0.

Discussion Items

- * Fire Department renovations – floor tile removal complete, engineer Cal Becksvoort to contact Mr. Ellick within next couple days with stairway plan, electrician to hook lights back up, carpet can be removed, painting can be started, some areas of the floor need repair. Getting quotes for floor coverings.
- * Acoustics report shared with Board, next step is to gather pricing from installers.

Correspondence

Trustees:

Mr. Rideout - asked Chief Drake to include a 'failure to report' section in his monthly report that would include retones, etc. Chief Drake reported there were 2 more call transferred to other departments in August and 1 on September 10th. Trustee Rideout questioned need for part-time firefighter – Chief Drake said the Fire Committee is looking into that possibility.

Mr. Gunnell - nothing

Treasurer - nothing

Clerk – received request for 2 day rental for a wedding so that setup could be done day before. Board okayed that with one security deposit.

Supervisor – nothing

Additional public comments: Dennis McKee, communications director from Consumers Energy, gave information on plan to update meter technology by having Smart Meters installed throughout Solon Township beginning in 2014 and finishing up in 2015. Left brochures.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Lou Poulsen, Solon Township Clerk