



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
February 10, 2015 @ 7:30p.m.**

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

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

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting of January 13, 2015
- b. Approve minutes from staff meeting of February 4, 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** – Vicky Babcock
- * **Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec.** –none
- * **Solon Market** – written minutes
- * **Solon Park Planning Committee** – nothing.
- * **Fire Committee** – Mr. Gunnell reported on meetings of October 29 & February 9.

7. Old Business

- * **Barn roof** – waiting for truss prices. Should have for next meeting.

8. New Business

- * **Community Development Block Grant Resolution**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve resolution to use 2015 Community Development Grant funds for road improvements on 21 Mile Road between Albrecht & McPhail, seconded by Mr. Rideout. A roll call vote following discussion resulted as

follows: Mr. Ellick - Y; Mr. Gerhardt - Y; Mr. Gunnell - Y; Mr. Rideout - Y; Ms. Poulsen - Y. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **Transfer \$50,000 budgeted to Street Fund**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve the transfer of \$50,000 from General Fund to Street Fund, seconded by Mr. Ellick. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **Accept Fire Department resignations**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to accept resignation of Josh Putnam from the Fire Department, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5 – 0.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to accept resignation of Terri Shafer from the Fire Department, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5 – 0.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to accept resignation of Joel Shafer from the Fire Department, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. The motion carried 5 – 0.

* **Appointment to Board of Review**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to appoint Al Myers to Solon Township Board of Review, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **Rename Personnel Policy Manual**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to rename the township's Personnel Policy Manual to Solon Township Policy Manual, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **Add mileage rate adjustment to Solon Township Policy Manual**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to add the policy approved in 2005 to adjust the township mileage rate to the IRS rate as of April 1 of each year to the Solon Township Policy Manual, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **Adopt Policy for Public Inspection of Records**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to add the Public Inspection of Records Policy to the Solon Township Policy Manual, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **Zoning Ordinance amendment – rezone 14353 White Creek Ave from AR to HC**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to rezone 14353 White Creek Avenue to HC district, seconded by Ms. Poulsen.

A roll call vote following discussion resulted as follows:

Mr. Gerhardt - Y; Mr. Gunnell - Y; Mr. Rideout - Y; Mr. Ellick - Y; Ms. Poulsen - Y.
The motion carried 5 - 0.

Correspondence

Trustees: **Mr. Gunnell** – Asked who new market manager was. Vicky Babcock answered Shelly Aardema would likely be appointed at the next meeting.
Mr. Rideout – Asked if library payment was on schedule for next month.

Treasurer: nothing

Clerk: shared information on upcoming meetings of Kent County Fire Commission & MTA's Legislative Advocacy Day.

Supervisor: Reminder of election in May for State's request for additional taxes to increase funds for education, road improvements and revenue sharing.

Additional public comments: none.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gunnell.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Lou Poulsen, Solon Township Clerk