



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
June 9, 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 Mr. Gunnell. 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 May 12, 2015.
- b. Approve minutes from staff meeting of June 3, 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** – Donna Clark reported
- * **Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec.** –none
- * **Solon Market** – written minutes.
- * **Solon Park Planning Committee** – written minutes, next committee meeting June 16.
- * **Fire Committee** – none.

7. Old Business

- * **Counter offer on additional cemetery land - \$20,000**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to accept counter offer, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. In discussion regarding title insurance, survey and closing costs, motion was amended to pay \$19,000 to seller plus township cover all fees, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Gunnell – Y; Mr. Rideout – Y; Mr. Gerhardt – Y; Mr. Ellick – Y; Ms. Poulsen – Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

8. New Business

* **Fire Dept request for 3 year hose testing contract - \$2,610**

A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to approve a 1 yr contract with FIRECATT for hose testing, seconded by Mr. Ellick. The motion carried 4-1.

Discussion included question from Mr. Gunnell on how often testing should be done, Fire Chief answered annually. Mr. Ellick asked how much time it would take to test in house? Fire Chief answered he was aware of one department where a crew of 10 people took a full day to test 8,000 feet. He cannot get enough people to sign up to do it. Mr. Rideout questioned not making use of the new \$3200 hose tester we purchased a few years ago and the availability of the full time firefighter. Fire Chief said it would be unsafe for one person to do the testing by themselves. He believes we used the hose tester one year, no testing was done last year. He will have ladder testing done separately, probably by the same company, but cost is within his approval limit so did not bring that before the board. Board approved 1 year contract to give opportunity to have SFD do testing once the new firefighters are trained and can handle testing in house next year.

* **Funds to send Summer Tax Notices - \$1865**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve quote by KCI to send tax notices, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5 – 0.

* **School Tax Resolutions**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve a resolution to collect **100% of the KISD** taxes in the summer of 2015, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Ellick – Y; Mr. Gerhardt – Y; Mr. Gunnell – Y; Mr. Rideout – Y; Ms. Poulsen – Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve a resolution to collect **100% of the Cedar Springs Public School** taxes in the summer of 2015, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Ms. Poulsen – Y; Mr. Rideout – Y; Mr. Gunnell – Y; Mr. Gerhardt – Y; Mr. Ellick – Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve a resolution to collect **50% of the Kent City School District** taxes in the summer of 2015, seconded by Mr. Rideout. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Ellick – Y; Mr. Gerhardt – Y; Mr. Gunnell – Y; Mr. Rideout – Y; Ms. Poulsen – Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve a resolution to collect **100% of the Grand Rapids Community College** taxes in the summer of 2015, seconded by Mr. Rideout. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Ms. Poulsen – Y; Mr. Rideout – Y; Mr. Gunnell – Y; Mr. Gerhardt – Y; Mr. Ellick – Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

* **Renewal of Provident Insurance policy for Fire Dept - \$4,262/year**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to renew the three year Provident Accident and Health policy for Fire Department personnel through Burnham & Flower Insurance Group, but increase the benefit level to Plan 2, seconded by Mr. Rideout. The motion carried 5 – 0.

*** MABAS agreement addendum resolution**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve the resolution to amend the MABAS agreement, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. A roll call vote following discussion resulted as follows:
Mr. Ellick – Y; Mr. Gunnell – Y; Mr. Rideout – Y; Mr. Gerhardt – Y; Ms. Poulsen – Y.
Motion carried 5 – 0.

Correspondence

Trustees: Mr. Gunnell – nothing
Mr. Rideout – nothing

Treasurer: nothing

Clerk: Shared information requested at staff meeting regarding life insurance premiums.

Supervisor: Received discounts on spring cleanup dumpster charges.

Additional public comments: D. Hamblin reported on Road Commission public hearing for Albrecht Avenue work – went well. Commission will hold vote June 23rd. Discussion included Indiana Bat issue that has put a hold on some road work.

Fire Chief Drake commented on fire class availability, locations and funding.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ellick.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Lou Poulsen, Solon Township Clerk