

# SOLON Established in 1857 Township

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## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees June 14, 2016 @ 7:30p.m.

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

**Members Present:** Robert Ellick, Arthur Gerhardt, Mark Hoskins, Mary Lou Poulsen  
**Member** Fred Gunnell arrived at the meeting at 7:55.

**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. Gerhardt.  
The motion carried 4-0.

### Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried 4-0.

- a. Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting of May 10, 2016.
- b. Approve minutes from staff meeting of June 8, 2016.
- 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 – minutes
- \* Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec.-none
- \* Solon Market –minutes
- \* Solon Park Planning Committee- minutes.
- \* Fire Committee-minutes

### Old Business

- \* Deputy Chief Position

A motion was made by Mr. Hoskins to promote Lt. Paige to position of Deputy Chief, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. The motion carried 4-0.

## **New Business**

### **\* Fire Department Hose and Ladder Testing**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve quote of \$2,130 from FireCATT recommended by Chief Drake pending outcome of joint bid request from Kent County Purchasing, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried 4-0.

### **\* Deputy Chief Salary**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve annual salary of \$3,300 prorated to end of budget year for Deputy Chief position, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 4-0. Member Hoskins suggested employment review be completed by end of budget year. Member Gerhardt mentioned possibility of adjustment at that time.

### **\* School Tax Resolutions**

A motion was made by Mr. Hoskins to approve a resolution to collect 100% of the KISD taxes in the summer of 2016, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. A roll call vote resulted as follows:  
Mr. Ellick – Y; Mr. Gerhardt – Y; Mr. Gunnell – A; Mr. Hoskins – Y;  
Ms. Poulsen – Y .  
Motion carried 4 – 0.

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve a resolution to collect 100% of the CSPS taxes in the summer of 2016, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. A roll call vote resulted as follows::  
Ms. Poulsen – Y; Mr. Hoskins – Y; Mr. Gunnell – A ; Mr. Gerhardt – Y ; Mr. Ellick – Y .  
Motion carried 4 – 0.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoskins to approve a resolution to collect 50% of the Kent City School District taxes in the summer of 2016, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. A roll call vote resulted as follows:  
Mr. Ellick – Y ; Mr. Gerhardt – Y ; Mr. Gunnell – A ; Mr. Hoskins – Y ; Ms. Poulsen – Y .  
Motion carried 4 – 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 2016, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. A roll call vote resulted as follows:  
Ms. Poulsen – Y ; Mr. Hoskins – Y ; Mr. Gunnell – A ; Mr. Gerhardt – Y ; Mr. Ellick – N .  
Motion carried 3 – 1.

### **\* KCI proposal – Summer Tax bills & newsletter - \$1,833.37**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve KCI proposal of \$1,833 to mail tax bills and newsletter, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 4-0.

### **\* Authorize Supervisor to sign contract for Asphalt & Concrete - \$64,910**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to authorize Supervisor to sign contract up to \$64,910 for Asphalt, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. Discussed that this contract replaces the

original approved at April Board and has some changes to concrete work. The motion carried 4-0.

\* **Purchase storage shed for farm market and misc items**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to table the request until the July staff meeting so size and cost information can be obtained, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. Motion carried 4-0.

9. **Discussion Items-** none

10. **Correspondence**

**Trustee Gunnell:** absent.

**Trustee Hoskins:** none

**Treasurer** - Taxes going out very soon.

**Clerk** - Reminder of special meeting for badge pinning ceremony June 29.

**Supervisor** – Albrecht paving coming along. Library meeting June 27 to choose General Contractor.

11. **Additional public comments:** J. Hall introduced himself as newer resident of Olin Lake area. Has safety and structural concerns about properties in the neighborhood that were condemned by the Health Department. There are 5-7 properties that are vacant and lots of kids in the area.

The County told him to talk to Health Department, and Health Department told him to talk to the Township.

Several properties have changed hands and been cleaned up pretty good but there are still several problem properties, especially on the back lots.

Mr. Hall requests the trustees look the property over and asks where he might go for assistance. Supervisor explained part of a process that would include public hearings and building inspection reports and recommendations. Board will discuss at the next July staff meeting.

D. Hamblin suggested including an appeal for Fire Department recruits in the newsletter going out next month with tax bills. Treasurer and Fire Chief will follow up.

12. **Adjourn @8:07 pm.** A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to adjourn, support by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 5-0.