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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees October 18, 2016 @ 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 Mr. Hoskins to approve agenda, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting of September 13, 2016.
- b. Approve minutes from staff meeting of October 5, 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 – Donna Clark.
- * Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec.-none
- * Solon Market – none
- * Solon Park Planning Committee- should get word on DNR grant this month. Next meeting October 25th at 4:30.
- * Fire Committee-none

Old Business - none

New Business

- **FD sidewalk lighting**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve quote from Hi-Lo Electric Company in the amount of \$1,021 w/o light fixtures and photoeye, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Township Property on White Creek**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve expenditure of up to \$300 to clear an area for public use, including a walking path, on the Township property on White Creek Avenue, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Untangle software**

A motion was made by Mr. Hoskins to approve expenditure of up to \$1,000 for upgrade of Untangle software, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- **New Server**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve purchase of server and installation by Addorio at a cost up to \$4,500, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Firefighter Candidate Jonathan Elliott**

A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to hire Jonathan Elliott as a Solon Township firefighter, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion Items- Master Plan survey. Planning Commission will decide whether the information will be sent with the tax bills or as a separate postcard mailing. Treasurer needs information to get it to the mailing company.

Correspondence

Trustee Gunnell: October MTA training in Big Rapids.

Trustee Hoskins: none

Treasurer - none

Clerk - Regular November board meeting falls on election day. Motion by Mr. Ellick to close the township offices on November 8 and reschedule the board meeting to Wednesday, November 9th at 7:30pm at the Township Hall, seconded by Ms. Poulsen, motion carried 5 – 0.

Supervisor – Road maintenance has been completed for this season and there is budget left, consider using to increase life insurance level for employees at November board meeting. Top coat is done on Albrecht and looks good.

Board needs to research options to cover firefighter training costs - would like to have something to look at on the November board meeting agenda.

Additional public comments: Fire Chief thanks the board for improvements at the Fire station. Sidewalk is done and lighting to come. Firefighters really appreciate it and Chief says is good for morale and especially for safety. Also, Kent County Dispatch Authority directs voters to kent911.org to get information on surcharge proposal on the November 8 ballot.

Supervisor inquired of Chief Drake the reasoning of a couple of municipalities who have opted out of the Fire Commission. The stated reason from those municipalities was that it was a number crunch problem, which is difficult to fathom with the savings on group insurance alone. The Commission is reviewing the funding equation, which requires all members to approve.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerhardt to adjourn, support by Mr. Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned @8:27 pm.

Next monthly board meeting will be **Wednesday, November 9, 2016**