

# **SOLO****N** Established in 1857 **Township**

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## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees November 9, 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 Ms. Poulsen to approve agenda, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried 5-0.

### **Approve Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve consent agenda without November staff meeting minutes which are unavailable, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. The motion carried 5-0.

- a. Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting of October 18, 2016.
- b. Approve Bill List
- c. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- d. Treasurer's Report
- e. Building Inspector's Report
- f. Fire Chief's Statistics Report

### **Committee Reports**

- \* Cedar Springs Public Library – written minutes.
- \* Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec. – Sara Thornton introduced herself as Solon Township's representative on the board. They are presently working on a new Budget and Master Plan.
- \* Solon Market – none
- \* Solon Park Planning Committee- October meeting minutes on website.
- \* Fire Committee-none

**Old Business - none**

## **New Business**

- **Snow Plow Bids**

Supervisor opened the single bid received. A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to approve bid from Marty's Construction Services LLC in the amount of \$5,050 plus salt, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Policy for Fire Department personnel training costs/bonus/incentive**

A motion was made by Mr. Gerhardt to pay books and tuition expenses for fire academy training and pay travel costs as a bonus in 2 parts - \$400 upon certification and \$400 after 2 years of continuous employment on the Fire Department. These bonuses would be in lieu of mileage costs currently reimbursed and would not affect the 2 employees already enrolled in the academy for 2017. Motion seconded by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoskins to pay an on-call response/participation bonus for calls responded to with proper Medical or Rescue/Other credentials for period beginning November 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 as follows: 40-49% participation = \$175 bonus; 50-59% participation = \$225 bonus; 60-100% participation = \$300 bonus to be calculated by the Fire Chief in 2 separate categories as "all alarms" and "all alarms excluding medical". Bonus to be presented at the September SFD awards dinner.

Motion seconded by Ms. Poulsen, motion carried 5-0.

- **Life Insurance increase**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to increase life insurance coverage from \$10,000/employee to \$30,000/employee, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. Motion carried 4-1.

**Discussion Items-** none

## **Correspondence**

**Trustee Gunnell:** none

**Trustee Hoskins:** none

**Treasurer** - none

**Clerk** - none

**Supervisor** – Zoning Administrator is leaving employment with township for family reasons. Supervisor will talk with potential replacement this week.

**Additional public comments:** none

A motion was made by Mr. Gerhardt to adjourn, support by Mr. Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.  
**Meeting adjourned @8:12 pm.**