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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees December 13, 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. Gunnell to approve agenda with addition of Fire Department Standby Duty, seconded by Mr. Ellick. The motion carried 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from November 2, 2016 Staff Meeting, Regular Board Meeting of November 9, 2016 and December 7, 2016 Staff Meeting.
- 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 – none.

Committee Reports

- * Cedar Springs Public Library – Donna Clark.
- * Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec. – none.
- * Solon Market – Market will not schedule market days for 2017 based on low attendance.
- * Solon Park Planning Committee- Planning annual Valentine dinner. Meetings are 4th Tues of the month at 4:30pm.
- * Fire Committee- met November 30. Per member Gunnell, discussed bonus program introduced by township board member Hoskins and Fire Chief's request for standby duty pay. Signs are out for new applicants, but not much current response.

Old Business

- none

New Business

- **Fire Chief court appearance pay**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to pay hourly wage to Fire Chief for court appearance at a rate of \$22/hour, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Appoint 2017 Committee members**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to appoint Ellen Moore, Hal Babcock, Jon Tilburt, Keith Sawade to Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to Rich Hayes to Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion seconded by Mr. Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to appoint Rick Sevey, Jon Tilburt and Al Myers to Board of Review. Motion seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to appoint Robert Ellick to Library Board through 2018 and Tony Owen to Library Board through 2019. Motion seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to reappoint Jeff Mather, Curt Steinebach, Don Hamblin, and Burt Drent to Fire Committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to appoint Shelly Aardema, Hal Babcock, Vicky Babcock and Kim Gillow to Solon Market Committee until March 31, 2017. Motion seconded by Mr. Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Approve funds to mail Master Plan survey postcards**

A motion was made by Mr. Hoskins to approve \$982.37 expenditure to mail Master Plan Survey postcards, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- **2017 Township Meeting schedule**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve meeting dates as set forth on Solon Township 2017 Schedule, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

- **2017 Holiday Designation**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to designate township holidays for 2017 as: May 29 Memorial Day; July 4 – Independence Day; September 4 – Labor Day; December 25 Christmas Day, and close offices on those days, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Full-time Firefighter position 2017 Holiday Designation**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to designate holidays for SFD fulltime firefighter as: May 29, 2017 - Memorial Day; July 4, 2017 – Independence Day; September 4, 2017 – Labor Day; November 23, 2017 – Thanksgiving Day; December 25, 2017 - Christmas Day; and January 1, 2018 – New Years Day, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Library Agreement between Solon Township and the City of Cedar Springs**

A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to approve a Library Agreement setting the annual sum the township pays for support and maintenance of the Cedar Springs Public Library to .4 mil based on taxable value, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Funds to purchase Rescue Tools**

A motion was made by Mr. Hoskins to approve quote of \$27,416 for Genesis Battery Operated Hydraulic Rescue Tools from Rescue Resources of Rockford, to be paid from FD capital fund, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resignation of Firefighter Bennett**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to accept resignation of firefighter Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Fire Department Standby Duty**

A motion was made by Mr. Hoskins to implement Standby Duty pay for Fire Department personnel, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. Discussion centered on new plan approved in November for bonus/participation pay and budget concerns. Motion failed 0-5.

Discussion Items- none

Correspondence

Trustee Gunnell: none

Trustee Hoskins: none

Treasurer - none

Clerk - P&L insurance premium to increase \$36 for 2017, 1st year renewal dividend will be approximately \$100. This includes increase to fire equipment coverage and bond for Clerk.

Supervisor – displeased with snow plowing this week - sent an email to Road Commission for response.

Additional public comments:

- **Fire Chief Drake** thanks board for support of rescue tool purchase. FD is sure it will be used and appreciated.
- **Trevor Lawson** stated township could find an additional revenue stream by adopting an ordinance authorizing medical marijuana facilities.
- **Dwayne Pride** moving to Solon Township from Sparta soon. Had questions on ordinances that he will discuss with Supervisor in the office.

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

Meeting adjourned @8:35 pm.