



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
May 12, 2015 @ 7:30p.m.**

Meeting called to Order by Supervisor Ellick at 7:38 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. Ellick to approve agenda with addition of Zoning Ordinance Amendment, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting of April 14 10, 2015.
- b. Approve minutes from staff meeting of May 6, 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** – Vicky Babcock requested sign be installed.
- * **Solon Park Planning Committee** – A lot of surveys were collected on May 5 to share at May 19 meeting with Viridis Design Group.
- * **Fire Committee** – none.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

- * **Fire Dept request for SCBA flow testing - \$1,300**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve funds for testing, seconded by Mr. Rideout. The motion carried 5 – 0.

* **Fire Dept request for physicals – \$4,500**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve request of \$4,500 for physicals, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 – 0.

* **Fire Dept request for electrical work**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve request for electrical improvements minus the OC sensors for a total approved amount of \$437.00, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5 – 0.

* **Fire Dept request for air compressor**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to purchase air compressor from Family Farm & Home for \$429.99, seconded by Mr. Rideout. The motion carried 5 – 0.

* **County foreclosed properties – 1st right of refusal**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to refuse all properties offered from county under 1st right of refusal, seconded by Mr. Rideout. The motion carried 5 – 0.

* **Septic pumping**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve pumping of septic at Township Hall in the amount of \$350, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 – 0.

* **Resolution for Dispatch services**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve resolution for funding of County Dispatch services, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. A roll call vote following discussion resulted as follows: Mr. Gunnell – Y; Mr. Ellick – Y; Mr. Rideout – Y; Mr. Gerhardt – Y; Ms. Poulsen – Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

* **Attorney's FOIA recommendations & resolution**

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

* **Signed order/letter of support to Road Commission – Albrecht Avenue paving**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to send a letter of support to Kent County Road Commission for Albrecht Avenue paving project, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 – 0.

*** Zoning Ordinance Amendment**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve Amendment to Zoning Ordinance as to boarding and riding stables per Planning Commission recommendation, seconded by Mr. Gunnell.

A roll call vote following discussion resulted as follows:

Ms. Poulsen – Y; Mr. Ellick – Y; Mr. Gerhardt – Y; Mr. Gunnell – Y; Mr. Rideout – Y.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Correspondence

Trustees: Mr. Gunnell – nothing

Mr. Rideout – nothing

Treasurer: nothing

Clerk: nothing.

Supervisor: Auction of stable/barn is set for June 9 at 6:00pm.

Public hearing for Albrecht Avenue paving project will be held June 9 at 6:30 at the Kent County Road Commission office on Scribner.

Approximately 3.5 acres adjacent to the cemetery on the north end has been offered for sale to the township. A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to offer \$15,000 for the parcel, seconded by Ms. Poulsen, motion carried 5 – 0.

Additional public comments: V. Babcock stated the market will need storage area when pole barn is sold, asked if refreshments were planned for June 6 park plan unveiling to mention in advertising.

A. Sudzinski asked for the cost of the Albrecht Avenue project, where the money was coming from, what the easement footage is – 28’ or 33’, how it will affect assessed value, how much say the home owners may have in removal of trees, if he could have a copy of the letter of support approved at this meeting. Supervisor answered: township hasn’t gotten the cost of the project yet but township pays 55% of the total with road commission paying 45%, the funds would come from the general fund and street funds that have been saved up, he will check with road commission on easement footage, can’t guarantee that assessed value won’t increase for property on paved road, road commission usually works well with residents on tree removal and driveway alterations, will send copy of the letter of support.

Ron Silverman asked if attorney had responded to the township regarding problems with race track on 17 Mile Road. Supervisor answered that the Zoning Administrator had heard back from the attorney and is considering options.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gunnell.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:55 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Lou Poulsen, Solon Township Clerk