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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees September 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. Ellick to approve agenda with addition to New Business of *Compensation for Trained & Untrained Fire Department Personnel*, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting of August 9, 2016.
- b. Approve minutes from staff meeting of September 7, 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 – large drop in vendors for September market, possibly because of bad weather forecasted, but carbash was
- * Solon Park Planning Committee- announced donation of \$1,000 from Bliss Witters and Pike towards Velzy Park construction. Next meeting September 27th at 4:30.
- * Fire Committee-meeting at Township Hall tomorrow at 7:00pm.

Old Business

- **Life Insurance Policy Change**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to table to February 2017 Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

- **Zoning Ordinance amendment**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to adopt the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for Accessory Building and Uses as proposed by the Solon Township Planning Commission at its August 23, 2016 Meeting, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Resolution for DNR grant application**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve the resolution authorizing submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund application for a walking trail, restroom, utilities and signage totaling \$171,400 with matching funds of \$41,316.66 from the Velzy Park capital Fund, \$4,000 in paid labor or materials and volunteer labor commitment of \$15,000, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Gerhardt – Yes, Mr. Gunnell – Yes, Mr. Hoskins – Yes, Ms. Poulsen – Yes, Mr. Ellick – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Firefighter Candidate Nicholas Grady**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to hire Nicholas Grady as a Solon Township firefighter, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Purchase of Fire Department rescue tools**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to authorize the Fire Department to issue a Request for Proposals to purchase extrication/rescue tools , seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Discussion included intent to fund the purchase from the FD Capital Fund. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Fire Academy registration for 2 firefighters**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve registration for firefighters Grady and Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Compensation for Trained and Untrained Fire Department personnel**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to pay only for class registration and books for firefighter training and hold mileage, run pay and training pay for 1 year as an incentive to stay on the roster for that period of time, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Discussion included need for some sort of action as a deterrent to firefighters leaving before the township has been able to benefit from the significant cost of training, and what other options may be available to achieve this objective. Motion failed 0-5.

Discussion Items- MTA seminar “Emerging Issues in Emergency Service” offered in Frankenmuth October 21st.

Correspondence

Trustee Gunnell: none.

Trustee Hoskins: none

Treasurer - In the middle of tax collection.

Clerk - none.

Supervisor – Trenton project is done with taller road bed and nice ditches.

Albrecht project is going well – not yet paved. Zoning enforcement officer and supervisor were in court last month and will attend again this month on a couple of issues.

Additional public comments: none.

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

Meeting adjourned @8:14 pm.

Next monthly board meeting will be October 18, 2016