

Regular Board Meeting  
April 11, 2017



Solon Township Hall  
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
April 11, 2017 @ 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. Gunnell. The motion carried 5-0.

**Approve Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approve minutes from March 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approve minutes from April 5, 2017 Staff Meeting.
- 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
- \* Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec.
- \* Solon Park Planning Committee
- \* Fire Committee
- \* Zoning Department – Zoning Administrator Jerry Gross in attendance and reported that he has been very busy with zoning requests and enforcement issues. Housing is ramping up. He is working with Supervisor Ellick and Treasurer Gerhardt on a report/synopsis to share information at regular board meetings.

## **Old Business**

- **Drug and Alcohol Screening Training - \$49 online w/ARCpoint**

A Motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve a new screening/training policy, second by Mr. Gunnell. The motion failed 0 – 5.

## **New Business**

- **Purchase of new Tender**

Kevin Milanowski, B&B Truck Equipment – Fire Division, was in attendance. He explained that he has worked with SFD Chief and Township Supervisor on specifications that were shared with the board previously and was here to answer questions. B&B builds an average of 5-6 trucks a year. This truck would require a timeline of approximately 280 days from time of order.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to revisit purchase of new Tender in October, motion died for lack of support.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerhardt to revisit purchase order of new Tender in July board meeting, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- **Extension of FD Participation Incentive/Bonus program**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to extend program from April 1 through August 31, seconded by Mr. Hoskins. Chief Drake shared information that 3 or 4 firefighters have qualified during the original timeframe of November 1 - March 31. Unclear whether firefighters are responding more because of the bonus opportunity. Bonus does not include Chief or Deputy Chief. The motion carried 5 to 0.

- **Township Spring Cleanup Funds - \$5,000 & extra charges for specific items**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to authorize expenditure of up to \$5,000 budgeted for Township Spring Cleanup, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to charge \$10 each for mattresses, springs, overstuffed chairs and overstuffed couches which matches the extra charge from the refuse company, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- **Lawn Care Sealed Bids**

Supervisor Ellick opened the single bid received. A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to accept bid from Ed Imbault/Imbault Construction for \$6,400, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5 - 0.

- **Walking Path Construction Bids**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve bid from A-1 Asphalt for construction of walking path through Velzy Park up to \$33,559, but with discount for use of millings already on Park property from previous project, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 – 0.

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- **McQuestion – Cement & Asphalt Crusher**

A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to approve request from DJ McQuestion to set up cement and asphalt crusher on property at 16 Mile and White Creek for use on 131 resurfacing project, with an escrow requirement of \$50,000 and deadline of December 15, 2017 for full cleanup of site, seconded by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Will decrease truck traffic at White Creek and 17 Mile by allowing direct access to construction site.

- **Appointment of Park Committee members**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to appoint Shelly Aardema, Len Allington, Hal Babcock, Dan Davis, Annette Ellick, and Tony Owen to Park Committee for 2017-2018 term, with Mary Lou Poulsen serving as township board representative, seconded by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- **Firefighter Candidate Robert Schmidt**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to hire candidate Schmidt seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried 5 - 0.

- **MFR training – Schmidt - \$528 registration plus mileage**  
( \$200 at certification and \$200 after 2 years of employment with SFD)

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to pay for MFR training for firefighter Robert Schmidt and mileage per policy, seconded by Mr. Ellick. The motion carried 5 - 0.

**Discussion Items:** none

**Correspondence**

**Trustee Gunnell:** none

**Trustee Hoskins:** Questioned Fire Chief Drake on plans for response during road construction on 131. Chief Drake is meeting with Sand Lake and Cedar Springs Fire Chiefs for best plan.

**Treasurer:** none

**Clerk:** none.

**Supervisor:** none

**Additional public comments:** Resident on Algoma north of 17 Mile inquired whether township could act on problems at condemned house in his neighborhood which has 55 gallon drums with human waste on property. Supervisor Ellick called on Jerry Gross, Solon Township Zoning Administrator, who explained process and limitations while township follows legal requirements. Access from neighboring property is necessary. Will continue attempts to contact owner of property and Health Department for cooperation, and may eventually be necessary to appear in court once required steps are taken.

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

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:32 pm.**

NEXT MEETING: May 9, 2017  
Submitted by Mary Lou Poulsen