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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
April 10, 2007  
Solon Township Hall  
2305 19-Mile Road  
Cedar Springs MI 49319

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Robert Ellick at 7:30 P.M.

**Members present:** Fred Gunnell, John Rideout, Robert Ellick, Heather Zenker and Rich Straub

**Members absent:** none

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation** – Given by Pastor Dibell

**Public comments on the agenda items:** none

**Approve agenda:** Motion made by Mr. Rideout to approve agenda with additions. Ms. Zenker seconded motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Approve Consent Agenda:** Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Committee Reports**

Cedar Springs Public Library report presented by Ms. Zenker, she reported on meeting with architect  
Cedar Springs Parks & Rec - no report

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**T- Mobile Resolution** – Motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve T – Mobile resolution as written. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Roll call vote.

Ellick – yes  
Gunnell – yes  
Straub – yes  
Zenker – yes  
Rideout – yes

Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Change in May board meeting date** – Motion by Mr. Ellick to change the date for the May Township Board meeting to May 7<sup>th</sup> due to conflict with election day. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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**Appointment of Captain on Fire Department** - Mr. Don Hamblin, Chairperson for the Fire Committee made a presentation on the recommendation for the position of Captain. That committee's recommendation was that Rich Hayes be named as the new Captain. A motion was made by Mr. Straub to appoint Mr. Hayes as a fire captain. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Transfer of money to fire fund** – Motion by Mr. Rideout to transfer \$10,000 to the fire fund. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. There was discussion on the amount that should be transferred. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Mr. Gunnell dissenting.

**Authorization for Fire Dept. physicals** – Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize up to \$6,700 for fire department physicals including hepatitis B shots and & TB tests. Seconded by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Authorization for fit tests** – Motion by Mr. Straub to authorize the fire dept. fit test not to exceed \$450. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Hiring of new fire fighter** – Motion by Mr. Straub to rehire Jerry Schipper as an on call fire fighter. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Fire department resignation** – Motion by Ms. Zenker to accept resignation of Robert Havens from the fire department. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Authorization for funding for tree removal / trimming in cemetery** – Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize up to \$1600 for the removal and trimming of trees in the cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Lawn cutting bids** – Sealed bids were received from the following firms:

- Brandon's Lawn care & Snowplowing - \$9,300
- Budget Lawn Care \$6,155
- CJM Lawn & Building Maintenance - \$6,600
- Manley Lawn Care & Snowplowing - \$7,100
- O'Dowd Lawn care & Snowplowing, Inc. \$8,360

The motion was made by Mr. Straub to accept the bid from CJM Lawn & Building Maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Authorization for Clerk to hire help for cemetery** – Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize the clerk to hire local help, on an as needed basis to assist in the maintenance of the cemetery at a rate of \$15 per hour. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Relisting of township land on White Creek** – Motion by Mr. Rideout to relist township property on White Creek with current real estate agent for an additional six months. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Property tax resolution** – Motion by Mr. Straub to approve resolution as written supporting property tax relief. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Roll call vote.

- Gunnell – yes
- Straub – yes
- Zenker – yes
- Rideout – yes
- Ellick – yes

Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Letter of support for Hope Network West Michigan** – Motion by Mr. Rideout to sign letter of support for Hope Network West Michigan. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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**Authorization to purchase vacuum sweeper for hall** – Motion by Mr. Straub to authorize the purchase of a new vacuum sweeper for township hall not to exceed \$150. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Sale of air compressor** – Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize the Supervisor to sell the surplus air compressor at best price. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Sale of computer equipment** – Motion by Mr. Gunnell to authorize the Supervisor to sell the surplus computer equipment at best price. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Authorization to purchase Windows 2007 for Administrative Asst. computer** – Motion by Ms. Zenker to authorize the purchase of Windows 2007 to be used on Administrative Assistant's computer not to exceed \$250. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Trustees** Mr. Gunnell – will not be available on the 28<sup>th</sup> for spring clean up.  
Mr. Straub – V. A. cuts

**Treasurer** – nothing

**Clerk** – nothing

**Supervisor** – nothing

**Public comments**

Mitchell Havens addressed the township's handling of the fire department recent personnel issues.

**Adjourn** – Motion by Mr. Gunnell to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 – 0.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

John W. Rideout  
Solon Twp. Clerk