



Solon Township Hall  
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## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees October 9, 2012**

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

**Members present:** Fred Gunnell, Robert Ellick, John Rideout & Rich Straub

**Members absent:** Heather Zenker

### **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

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

### **Approve agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve agenda with addition of purchase of software for fire dept., seconded by Mr. Straub. The motion carried 4 to 0.

### **Approve Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Straub. The motion carried 4 to 0.

### **Committee Reports**

Cedar Springs Public Library – Ms. Clark discussed Broadway show November 9<sup>th</sup>, Spaghetti dinner at Big Boys restaurant, friends of the library golf outing and book sale.

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec - no report

Fire Committee – Jeff Mather, vice-chairperson of the Fire Committee presented a report in which the committee recommended Jeff Drake for the position of Fire Chief.

### **Old Business:**

None

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**New Business:**

**Operating agreement for the Parks & Recreation Commission**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve operating agreement with Parks & Recreation Commission, seconded by Mr. Straub. The motion carried 4 to 0.

**Appoint new fire chief**

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to appoint Jeff Drake to the position of fire chief, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 4 to 0.

**Set Fire Chief wages**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve paying the fire chief a salary of \$8,000.00 per year, seconded by Mr. Straub. The motion carried 4 to 0.

**Reassignment of interim fire chief and deputy chief**

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to reassign Brain Vanderlaan to deputy chief's position, seconded by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**Reassignment of acting deputy chief**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to reappoint Joyce Vandermay to fire fighter position w/additional pay of \$373.00 for thirty (30) days to assist in transition. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 4 to 0.

**Purchase of Firehouse soft ware**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding \$330.00 for the purchase of the firehouse soft ware program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 4 to 0.

**Discussion Items:**

None

**Correspondence:**

**Mr. Gunnell** – none

**Mr. Straub** – thanked fire committee for work they had done

**Treasurer** – absent

**Clerk** – election

**Supervisor** – Committee assignment for choosing floor coverings, paint colors and counter top. Mr. Ellick appointed himself, Mary Lou Poulsen and Mrs. Drake to committee

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**Public comments:** Mr. Bob VerHeulen candidate for the state house 74<sup>th</sup> district introduced himself and made a brief presentation

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Mr. Straub to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gunnell, motion carried 4 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

John W. Rideout  
Solon Township Clerk