



Solon Township Hall  
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
July 8, 2014 @ 7:30p.m.**

**Meeting called to Order by Supervisor Robert Ellick at 7:30 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** – V. Babcock

**Approve Agenda**

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

**Approve Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting of June 10, 2014
- b. Approve minutes from staff meeting of July 2, 2014
- 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 Rep

**6. Committee Reports**

- \* Cedar Springs Public Library –minutes
- \* Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec. - none
- \* Solon Market – none
- \* Solon Park Planning Committee - none
- \* Fire Committee – none

**7. Old Business**

- \* none

## **8. New Business**

### **\* Pinning of new firefighters**

Chief Drake introduced Fire Committee Chairperson Jeff Mather to read a letter of appreciation to firefighters Russell Paepke and Josh Putnam, who have completed the firefighter academy training. Several firefighters left the meeting at this point to respond to an incident call. The township oath of office was administered by Supervisor Ellick. Chief Drake read a letter of accomplishment and presented the firefighter badges. The new firefighters recited the Oath of Ethics and their spouses completed the ceremony with the pinning of the badges.

### **\* List generator for sale**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to authorize Chief Drake to list the old generator for sale at a price of \$1250.00, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5-0.

### **\* Tax resolutions**

A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to adopt a resolution directing treasurer to collect 100% of KISD property tax in summer of 2014, seconded by Mr. Rideout. By roll call vote: Mr. Gunnell – y; Ms. Poulsen – y; Mr. Ellick – y; Mr. Gerhardt - y; Mr. Rideout – y. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to adopt a resolution directing treasurer to collect 100% of CSPS property tax in summer of 2014, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. By roll call vote: Mr. Gunnell – y; Ms. Poulsen – y; Mr. Ellick – y; Mr. Gerhardt - y; Mr. Rideout – y. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to adopt a resolution directing treasurer to collect 100% of KCSD property tax in summer of 2014, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. By roll call vote: Mr. Gunnell – y; Ms. Poulsen – y; Mr. Ellick – y; Mr. Gerhardt - y; Mr. Rideout – y. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to adopt a resolution directing treasurer to collect 100% of GRCC property tax in summer of 2014, seconded by Mr. Rideout. By roll call vote: Mr. Gunnell – y; Ms. Poulsen – y; Mr. Ellick – y; Mr. Gerhardt - y; Mr. Rideout – y. The motion carried 5-0.

### **\* Resignation of fire fighter**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve resignation of firefighter Aaron Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5-0.

### **\* Funds for repair/replace 2 pump valve seals on Engine 2 - \$484.26**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to authorize funds of \$484.26 for repair of Engine 2, seconded by Mr. Rideout. The motion carried 5 - 0.

\* **Additional principal payment on building loan**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve full payoff of building loan, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 – 0.

\* **Building re-inspection fees**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve increase of re-inspection fees to \$100 from current rate of \$50, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. The motion carried 5-0.

\* **Online tax information**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve pay-per-use method for online tax information access through BS&A, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Property owners would not be charged, cost to others is \$2 per request at this time. BS&A would handle all billing matters. A link will be added to our website. The motion carried 5-0.

**Correspondence**

**Trustees:** Mr. Gunnell – nothing to report

Mr. Rideout – nothing to report

**Treasurer:** nothing to report

**Clerk:** nothing to report

**Supervisor:** nothing to report

**Additional public comments:** Katie Hull reported that the Solon Park Planning Committee is working on a Parks Master Plan proposal for the board and hopes to have it completed by the end of July. Len Allington stated Katie Hull has done a lot of work on the master plan and deserves kudos. The next park planning meeting is July 23 at 4:30 at the township hall.

V. Dowling stated she feels the township missed and needs to take responsibility for the builder mistakes on the Vista View development. Supervisor answered that the township engineer looked over the problem and reported to the township and resident and Supervisor has tried to explain the situation several times. Ms. Dowling requested mediation – Supervisor said will discuss at the August staff meeting.

S. Skelonc commented on the re-inspection fees and questioned the collection of school taxes on the summer tax bills.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gunnell.  
Motion carried 5 - 0. Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm.

**Submitted by:** Mary Lou Poulsen, Solon Township Clerk