



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
August 12, 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 - none

Approve Agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting of July 8, 2014
- b. Approve minutes from staff meeting of August 6, 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 – Donna Clark reported on Summer Programs
- * Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec. - none
- * Solon Market – Vicky Babcock reported Dog Daze was enjoyed by all
- * Solon Park Planning Committee – meeting tomorrow with designer, next meeting August 27 at 5:30 at Township Hall
- * Fire Committee – none

7. Old Business

- * none

8. New Business

*** Resolution declaring Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to adopt a resolution recognizing September 19, 2014 as Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Day, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. By roll call vote: Mr. Gunnell – y; Mr. Gerhardt - y; Mr. Ellick – y; Ms. Poulsen – y; Mr. Rideout – y. The motion carried 5-0.

*** Engineering report pertaining to use of stable**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve funds for Engineering study of Barn/Stable showing feasibility as Category 2 and/or Category 3 structure , seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5-0. Discussion included following up with determination of what standards need to be met and cost to bringing it up to standards.

*** Scheduled maintenance for township hall generator**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to authorize funds of \$2,484.27 for 5 year contract with Cummins Bridgeway, LLC for generator maintenance, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5 - 0.

*** Purchase of computer for Fire Department**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve purchase up to \$857.63 for Fire Department computer, seconded by Mr. Rideout. The motion carried 5 – 0.

*** Purchase of Medic 1 auto charger**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve purchase up to \$770 for auto-charger w/auto eject for Medic 1 vehicle, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 – 0.

*** Purchase of finish trim boards for fire station**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve purchase up to \$400 for trim boards to finish fire station renovation, seconded by Mr. Rideout. The motion carried 5-0.

*** Rehire of fire fighter**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve re-hire of Kevin Zenker as firefighter, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 4-1.

*** Daytime firefighter position**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve continuation of part-time daytime firefighter at 20 hrs/week for Fire Dept and Township work detail at \$10/hr, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5-0. To be revisited in new tax year/millage.

* **Offer of mediation for Vista View drainage issue**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to accept mediator's request regarding Vista View drainage issue, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion failed 1-4.

Correspondence

Trustees: **Mr. Rideout** – would like to present the resolution recognizing Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Day if no objection. Board agreed.
Mr. Gunnell – nothing to report

Treasurer: nothing to report

Clerk: Election went well thanks to deputy clerk's good work. Will address budget amendment mentioned at the staff meeting after the auditor's report accepted.

Supervisor: Horse barn/stable rehab at \$50/foot would be \$100,000 - depends on what category you're looking for.
County Road Commission working on 16 Mile Road and Division.

Additional public comments: Pastor Owens.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ellick.
Motion carried 5 - 0. Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Lou Poulsen, Solon Township Clerk