



Solon Township Hall  
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
August 11, 2015 @ 7:30p.m.**

**Meeting called to Order by Supervisor Ellick at 7:30 pm.**

**Members Present:** Robert Ellick, Fred Gunnell, Arthur Gerhardt, 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 Mr. Gunnell to approve agenda, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt. The motion carried 5-0.

**Approve Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting of July 14, 2015.
- b. Approve special meeting minutes July 27, 2015, July 28, 2015, July 29, 2015.
- c. Approve minutes from staff meeting of August 5, 2015.
- d. Approve Bill List
- e. Clerk's Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- f. Fire Chief's Statistics Report
- g. Building Inspector's Report
- h. Treasurer's Report

**6. Committee Reports**

- \* **Cedar Springs Public Library** – written reported
- \* **Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec.** – none
- \* **Solon Market** – V. Babcock reported gearing up for Dog Daze Pet Expo on August 15
- \* **Solon Park Planning Committee** – M.L. Poulsen handed out draft of 5 year Parks & Rec Master Plan which will be discussed at next committee meeting on August 18 at 4:30.
- \* **Fire Committee** – Joint meeting with Board and firefighters has been set for September 15 at 7:30 at the Township Hall.

**1. Old Business**

- \* **none**

**2. New Business**

- \* **Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) repair - \$6,160**

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

- \* **FF I II Academy Registrations – 10 @ \$140 each = \$1,400 plus mileage up to approx \$12,096**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve registration fees of \$840 for 6 attendees plus up to \$8,910 vehicle mileage with encouragement for ride sharing, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 – 0.

- \* **RICO training fee for FF Wetter - \$550**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve request to fund training, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5 - 0.

- \* **Brush Unit Repairs - \$500 deductible**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to send unit to Robinson Body Shop for repairs – quoted at \$2,200 plus rust repair of \$700, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 - 0.

- \* **Fire apparatus preventive maintenance - \$1,475**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve preventive maintenance quote of B&B Trucking, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5 - 0.

- \* **Resolution - POW/MIA Recognition Day 9/18/15**

A motion was made by Mr. Gerhardt to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. A roll call vote following discussion resulted as follows: Mr. Ellick Y, Mr. Gunnell Y, Mr. Hoskins – Y; Mr. Gerhardt Y, Ms. Poulsen - Y. The motion carried 5 - 0.

- \* **Resignation of firefighters Zachow and Pelak**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve resignation of Stanley Pelak, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5 - 0.

Supervisor Ellick tabled Zachow resignation request until September Board Meeting.

- \* **Budget Amendment – to set up Fire Operating budget into separate Fund**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to enter budget amendments as attached with transfer of \$69,543 from General Fund to Fire Operating Fund, seconded by Mr. Ellick. The motion carried 5 – 0.

9. **Discussion Items**

10. **Correspondence**

**Trustees:**

**Fred:** MTA, at executive meeting, encouraged Board members to visit each department in the township and observe what each job entails. Fred intends to follow through with each department to do that.

**Mark:** none

**Treasurer** - Taxes are coming in a little slower than last year.

**Clerk** - none

**Supervisor** – Fire Department has several new personnel, but feel they need to put signs for applicants out again to keep campaign going. There may be more people around who would be available for day calls. Fire Chief stated has 19 currently on roster: 3 respond to fire only, 2 medical, 9 for both - with another 6 currently being trained, 1 chaplain.

**Additional public comments:** Fire Chief Drake reported he has joined the Kent County Dispatch Authority Board.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hoskins.  
Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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