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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
April 13, 2010  
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, Robert Ellick, Heather Zenker, Rich Straub & John Rideout

**Members absent:** None

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation** – given by Pastor Craig Owens

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

**Approve agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve agenda. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Approve Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Committee Reports**

Cedar Springs Public Library – Written report submitted

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – None

Fire Committee – Submitted by Don Hamblin regarding the committee's recommendation for the position of lieutenant. Christopher Paige was the recommended individual, letter of recommendation part of record. Mr. Rideout asked Don about the possibility of recruiting new fire fighters since we have lost several in the past year. Don said he would discuss it at the next committee meeting.

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**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Appointment to Lieutenant on fire department** – A motion was made by Mr. Straub to promote Christopher Paige to the position of lieutenant with the fire department. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellick and carried 5 to 0.

**Establish pay rate for lieutenant's position** – A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to set pay rate for lieutenant's position at \$525.00 per year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

**Purchase of computer system's server** – A motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve purchasing computer server not to exceed \$4,400.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout. Mr. Rideout will request bids for the server. The motion carrier 5 to 0.

**Authorization of funding for Treasurer's training** – A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve funding the Treasurer's spring training conference up to \$800.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 5 to 0.

**Renewal of lawn care contract** – A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve renewing the lawn care contract with Ed Imbault for the 2010 season at a cost of \$4,880.00 (the same as last year). The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

**Renewal of telephone protection plan** – A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve renewing the telephone maintenance contract with First Telecommunication for \$250.00 (the same as last year). The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 5 to 0.

**Authorization for funding cemetery spring clean up** – A motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve funding up to \$325.00 for spring clean up of the cemetery. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

**Authorization for funding purchase of planimetic and composite maps** – A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve funding up to \$815.00 for the purchase of planimetic and composite maps for the assessor's office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

**Authorization for funding farmer's market** – A motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve the funding of up to \$1,000.00 for the purpose of conducting a farmer's market at the Algoma Ave. property. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

**Authorization for funding township spring clean up week** – A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to authorize funding up to \$4,000.00 for spring clean up week. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

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**Authorization for funding of museum** – A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve funding the historical museum in the amount of \$4,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 5 to 0.

**Authorization for funding of parks and recreation dept** – A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve funding the historical museum in the amount of \$3,700.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

**Authorization to solicit bids for engineering study** – Motion by Mr. Gunnell to have supervisor to solicit bids for and conduct a study to determine the feasibility of using the existing Algoma Ave. horse barn for construction of a new fire barn / township hall. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

**Authorization to use township property for agricultural purposes** – A motion was made by Mr. Straub to allow Mr. Ross Robinson permission to plant alfalfa on 10 to 12 acres of land on Algoma Ave. property and to have exclusive rights to harvest it for the period 2011 thru 2013. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

**Discussion Items** - None

### **Correspondence**

Mr. Gunnell – Thanked board for support of museum, stated they would be moving into addition soon.

Mr. Straub – Thanked Don Hamblin for work on fire committee

Treasurer – nothing

Clerk – With the denial of the federal grant for fire barn he encouraged board to work together to start work on new hall and offices on the site.

Supervisor – Stated that gravel roads were sprayed. Also discussed forming a committee to develop plans for new hall.

**Public comments:** none

**Adjourn** – Motion by Mr. Straub to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

John W. Rideout

Solon Township Clerk