



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
March 10, 2015 @ 7:30p.m.**

Meeting called to Order by Supervisor 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 Mr. Ellick. The motion carried 5-0.

- a. Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting of February 10, 2015
- b. Approve minutes from staff meeting of March 4, 2015
- 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 Report

6. Committee Reports

- * **Cedar Springs Public Library** – none
- * **Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec.** –none
- * **Solon Market** – written minutes
- * **Solon Park Planning Committee** – reminder of meeting with Park Design Group Wednesday, March 18th
- * **Fire Committee** – none.

7. Old Business

- * **Barn roof** – Mr. Rideout made a motion to authorize and direct the supervisor to facilitate the removal of the township's pole barn, commonly referred to as the Stout barn by the most economical means possible, including but not limited to the sale or demolition of said building. Said removal shall include removing all building material from the site. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 – 1.
(Written motion then handed to clerk states: Motion to authorize and direct the supervisor to fascinate the removal of the township's pole barn, commonly referred to as the stout barn by the most economically means possible, including but not

limited to the sale or demolition of said building. Said removal shall include removing all building material from the site.)

8. New Business

* **North Country Trail**

Carol Lee Cole shared a presentation about The North Country National Scenic Trail. The NCTA is interested in partnering with Solon Township on a route that has been proposed to run through the township including the township hall and future Solon Park site. The Cedar Springs Community Building Development Team is heavily involved with the project and will plan to attend the Park Planning meeting at Solon Township on March 18 to share information with Solon's park design group and residents.

* **Fire Department request: Ford Excursion tires and service**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve the fire department funding request of \$623.08 for tires for the Ford Excursion, seconded by Mr. Ellick. Discussion followed regarding suspension and drive train components and whether the board should approve funds for those purposes if it is found necessary to repair/replace upon inspection. Supervisor Ellick stated that would be considered an emergency purchase per the policy manual guidelines so can be taken care of that way. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **Transfer \$45,906.69 from general fund to library as budgeted**

A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to disburse budgeted funds to the Cedar Springs Public Library in the amount of \$45,906.69, seconded by Mr. Rideout. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **Proposals for Emergency Services Shared Services Feasibility Study**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve the proposal from Municipal Consulting Services LLC to perform a shared services feasibility study for fire and emergency services at a cost of \$22,500 plus mileage and lodging costs, seconded by Mr. Rideout. The motion carried 5 - 0.

* **Tru-green contract for weed control at cemetery and township hall**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve a contract with Trugreen for weed control at the cemetery and township hall in the combined amount of \$770.80, seconded by Mr. Rideout. The motion carried 5 - 0.

Correspondence

Trustees: **Mr. Gunnell** – nothing
Mr. Rideout – nothing

Treasurer: nothing

Clerk: nothing

Supervisor: Called for a joint meeting with the Board and Fire Committee tentatively set for Tuesday, March 17th at 7:30 to discuss Fire Department issues.

Additional public comments: Vicky Babcock thanks the township for its support of the Cedar Springs Public Library. She also requests a copy of the motion by Mr. Rideout regarding the pole barn.

Sue Wolfe, from the Cedar Springs Community Building Development Team handed out information on their organization and its meetings, and information on EnGedi, a local mission serving the Cedar Springs Area since 2009.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gunnell.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Lou Poulsen, Solon Township Clerk