



Solon Township Hall
15185 Algoma Avenue NE
Cedar Springs MI 49319
616-696-1718

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
June 10, 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 – Ms. Babcock regarding newsletter going out with the tax bills.

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. Gunnell. The motion carried 5-0.

- a. Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting of May 13, 2014
- b. Approve minutes from staff meeting of June 4, 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 Report

6. Committee Reports

- * Cedar Springs Public Library – Donna Clark & minutes
- * Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec. - none
- * Solon Market –Vicky Babcock
- * Solon Park Planning Committee - minutes
- * Fire Committee – Mr. Gunnell

Motion by Ms. Poulsen to suspend the rules to allow Nancy Nielsen to speak on behalf of Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, seconded by Mr. Ellick, carried 5 – 0. Ms. Nielsen shared information regarding the Kent County Senior Millage.

7. Old Business

- * none

8. New Business

* **Approve processing costs for tax bills and newsletter**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to authorize funds up to \$2,000 to process tax bills and newsletter, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5-0.

* **Proposal to pay off building loan early.**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to table, motion failed for lack of support.
A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to propose early payment on building loan with ChoiceOne Bank of up to \$100,000 additional principal with auditor input and special Board Meeting to finalize plan, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5-0.

* **Authorize Supervisor sign approval to raze 16 Mile house by Fire Department.**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to authorize Supervisor to approve razing of 16 Mile Road house by Fire Department, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5-0.

* **Approve hire of fire fighter recommended by Fire Chief**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve hire of fire fighter Joel Shafer as recommended by Fire Chief, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 3-2.

* **Appoint fire fighter Josh Putnam as representative to the Fire Committee**

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve appointment of Josh Putnam as Fire Department representative to Fire Committee, seconded by Ms. Poulsen. The motion carried 5 – 0.

* **Resolution regarding requested Wireless Communication Tower and Antenna**

A motion was made by Ms. Poulsen to approve resolution regarding Wireless Communication Tower and Antenna, seconded by Mr. Rideout. The motion carried 5-0.

Discussion - none

Correspondence

Trustees: **Mr. Gunnell** – reported on *MTA on the Road* attendance. Shared advise to be careful about notifications and accurate in what we propose to guard against misinterpretations. If statements are specific, there is less chance of misinterpretation.

Mr. Rideout – also attended *MTA on the Road* where they spoke of deliberate actions and ethics on the Township Board.

Treasurer: Working on tax bill process with BS&A for his first mailing of tax bills.

Clerk: none.

Supervisor: Shared: 1) Vista View engineer's report; 2) insurance information on stable's roof damage - received check for \$16,225.49 and may receive additional \$27,556.61 if we choose to repair damage. Has had building contractor estimate

\$75,000 to include board replacement and steel; 3) Interim Zoning Administrator interested in working Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings with pay change to salary rather than hourly.

Additional public comments: none.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gunnell.
Motion carried 5 to 0. Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Lou Poulsen, Solon Township Clerk