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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
July 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. Rideout to approve agenda with the addition to the agenda to reconsider the Board's decision from the staff meeting on July 7, 2010 regarding the removal from service of unit 2771. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker the motion carried 5 to 0.

**Approve Consent Agenda**

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

**Committee Reports**

Cedar Springs Public Library – no report submitted

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – Ms. Zenker reported that concert in the park will begin on Thursday July 15th. Also TV 8's Miranda in the park party was very well attended with over 4,500 in attendance.

Fire Committee – No report submitted

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**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Resolution to collect Cedar Springs public school tax**

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve the Cedar Springs public school tax resolution as presented. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. On a roll call vote the resolution was accepted with all members voting yes.

**Resolution to collect Grand Rapids Community College school tax**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve the Grand Rapids Community College school tax resolution as presented. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. On a roll call vote the resolution was accepted with all members voting yes.

**Resolution to collect Kent City public school tax**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve the Kent City public school tax resolution as presented. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. On a roll call vote the resolution was accepted with all members voting yes.

**Resolution to collect Kent Intermediate school tax**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve the Kent Intermediate school tax resolution as presented. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. On a roll call vote the resolution was accepted with all members voting yes.

**Authorization to spend up to \$50,000.00 for road repair**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve spending up to \$50,000.00 for road repair on the following roads:

- Snauble Ave. (south of 19 Mile Road)
- 21 Mile Road (Albrecht Ave. east to existing asphalt)
- Sherwin St. (west of Hanna)
- Middle Lake Ave (south of 22 Mile Road)
- Woods Drive (east of Middle Lake Drive)
- Eno Drive (west of Middle Lake Avenue)

**Authorization to spend up to \$4,425.00 for fire department physicals**

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve spending up to \$4,425.00 for fire department physicals. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker. Mr. Rideout noted that this amount exceeded the line item budget. The motion carried 5 to 0.

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**Authorization to spend \$4,700.00 for fire department turn out gear.**

Motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve spending \$4,700.00 for fire department turn out gear noting this was an increase from the original amount requested of \$4,500.00 in order to upgrade the quality of the boots. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Authorization to issue a fire works permit to Mr. Joseph Watson for the Red Flannel Festival**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to issue a fire works permit to Mr. Joseph Watson for use on Red Flannel Day. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Deputy Fire Chief's pay**

Motion by Mr. Straub to give deputy chief a raise of \$200.00 per year and to have a second review in ninety (90) days. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Closing township offices on Election Day August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Motion by Mr. Straub to close the township offices for normal business on August 3<sup>rd</sup> for the primary elections. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Authorization to fund an additional \$2,000.00 to prepare property for sale**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to fund an additional \$2,000.00 to prepare the property at 2391 19 Mile Road for sale. Mr. Rideout seconded the motion. Mr. Ellick explained that several problems had been discovered that needed to be corrected. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Authorization to list property located at 2391 19 Mile road for sale**

Motion by Mr. Straub to list property located at 2391 19 Mile road for sale with a list price of \$72,500.00 with Mr. Mark Haskins as the selling agent. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

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**Motion to rescind Board's decision on taking unit 2771 out of service**

Mr. Rideout made the motion to rescind the Board's decision of July 7, 2010 to remove the rescue unit number 2771 from service. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. Discussion followed some members of the board felt that the decision should not be rescinded indefinitely but only for a period not to exceed 90 days. Mr. Rideout modified his motion to reflect 90 days. Mr. Rideout gave reason for his concern as being the Board wasn't given all information when making this decision. Specifically, the mechanical problems can be traced to improper & excessive loading of the vehicle also he was concerned about being able to reach fire and accident scenes with the county pumper. Ms. Zenker stated she was upset because we were not properly informed. Mr. Ellick doesn't like the way it was set up but doesn't think 1,800 pounds is going to make any difference. The motion failed 2 to 3 with Mr. Straub and Mr. Rideout voting yes and Mr. Ellick, Mr. Gunnell and Ms. Zenker voting no.

**Correspondence**

Mr. Gunnell – Nothing

Mr. Straub – Nothing

Treasurer – Ms. Zenker stated she is moving ahead with the personal property tax collections and has received many complains because of it.

Clerk – Mr. Rideout stated he would be having tree service look at removing some dead branches from trees in the cemetery.

Supervisor – Mr. Ellick stated the building committee met and will meet again on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Also discussed briefly the review board.

**Public comments:** The fire chief asked for clarification as to 2771 she was told to remove it from service. Michele Andres, Chairperson of the Red Flannel committee congratulated Fred and Carolee Gunnell on their being selected as the grand marshals for this year's red flannel festival.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

John W. Rideout  
Solon Township Clerk