



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees

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January 12, 2010  
Solon Township Hall  
2305 19-Mile Road  
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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**

**Public comments on the agenda items:** Mr. Gerald Skelonc spoke against the proposed outdoor furnace ordinance.

**Approve agenda**

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

**Approve Consent Agenda**

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

**Committee Reports**

Cedar Springs Public Library – Ms. Clark reported that the Library had received a \$50,000 donation to the building fund and currently had \$ 438,000 for the new library. She also spoke about the many different types of volunteer help they had been receiving.

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – Written report submitted

Fire Committee – Mr. Donald Hamblin presented the fire committees report and recommendation for the new Deputy Fire Chief. Mr. Brian Vanderlaan was recommended as the new Deputy Fire Chief.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**Reappointment to Library Board**

A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to reappoint Mrs. Shirley Hegedus to the Library Board. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Resignation from Review Board**

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to accept with regret and thanks for her years of service, the resignation of Carolee Gunnell from the Review Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

**Traffic control request**

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve the request from River City Velo Cycling for traffic control at Algoma Ave. And 20 Mile Road on March 21, 2010. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Township general insurance policy renewal**

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve the contract with Pinnacle Insurance Partners for property and liability coverage for 2010 in the amount of \$6,786.00. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Terminations of pension plans for former employees**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to modify the personal handbook to call for the termination of a pension plan held by a former employee valued under \$1,000.00. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Outdoor furnace ordinance**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve the ordinance to regulate the installation and use of outdoor furnaces. Mr. Ellick seconded the motion. After much discussion on the ordinance Ms. Zenker rescinded her motion. A motion was then made by Mr. Ellick to table the issue. Ms. Zenker seconded this motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Funding for Arbor Circle**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 for 2010 for Arbor Circle, the funds to come from the Community Block Grant funds. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Mr. Ellick descending.

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### **Funding for North Kent Transit**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding in the amount of \$715.00 for 2010 for North Kent Transit services, the funds to come from the Community Block Grant funds. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 1.

### **Establish pay rate for new Deputy Fire Chief**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve a beginning pay rate of \$4,000.00 annually for the Deputy Fire Chief position to be reviewed in 90 days. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. The motion carried 5 to 0.

### **Appoint new Deputy Fire Chief**

Motion by Mr. Straub to appoint Brian Vanderlaan to the position of Deputy Fire Chief. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

### **Discussion Items - none**

### **Correspondence**

Mr. Gunnell – nothing

Treasurer – nothing

Clerk – asked when the hiring process would start for the vacant Lieutenant position on the Fire Department. Mr. Hamblin responded that they expected to wait 90 days.

Supervisor – Questioned if we wanted to revisit the furnace ordinance.

**Public comments:** Mr. Gerald Skelonc questioned the cost of maintaining the fire vehicles and how the accounting was done. He also wondered why the fee for the furnace ordinance was not part of the ordinance. Mr. Donald Hamblin questioned the chimney height for the furnace ordinance.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

John W. Rideout  
Solon Township Clerk