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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
February 12, 2002  
Solon Township Hall  
2305 19-Mile Road  
Cedar Springs MI 49319

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Gary Johnson at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Fred Gunnell, Gary Johnson, Elizabeth Mulder, Ken Zank and Rich Straub.

Members absent: None

***Guests & Presentations***

None

***Public comment on agenda items***

None.

***Approve agenda***

Motion by Gunnell to approve the agenda. Supported by Straub. Motion carried, 5-0.

***Approve Consent Agenda***

Motion made by Straub to approve consent agenda as follows with correction of approved minutes meeting dates. Supported by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.

a. Approve minutes from January 8, 2001 meeting & Special Workshop meeting February 6, 2002.

b. Approve Bill list and accept Written Department and Committee Reports

January Bill List

~~Assessor's Report~~

Fire Chief's Statistics Report

Clerk's Budget Report

Building Inspector's Report

Treasurer's Report

c. Approve payment of \$25,499.80 to Kent County Road Commission.

***Pending business***

**Cedar Springs Library Study** –Mary Johnson, president of the library board gave a brief update on the progress of the New Library study. They will be considering continuing the Breton Group's support at a cost of \$1200.00 /month. The Breton Group would then help in selection of the Ad Hock committee. This would be a month-by-month agreement and they can cancel anytime.

**Cedar Springs Parks and Rec.** –Ron Kerns, Solon Township Parks and Rec. representative, presented the board with the minutes of their last meeting. Mr. Kerns reviewed the minutes the board. Pointing out the 4 land considerations. Also if plans go ahead as scheduled they would be asking the township for \$10,000/year for the next 3 years.

***New Business***

***Appointments –***

1. **Board of Review** – Zank made motion to approve appointment of Ron Kern to the Board of Review as an alternate. Supported by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.



2. **Planning Commission** - Supervisor Johnson sought a motion to approve the appointment of Susan Sherman to the planning commission to complete the term of Dan Johnson. Gunnell made the motion to approve Susan Sherman to complete the vacancy left by Dan Johnson's Resignation. Supported by Zank. Motion carried, 5-0.
3. **Library** – Motion was made by Straub to extend the current Solon Township Library Board Representative term to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year their term expires. Supported by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.  
- Motion was made by Straub to extend Mike Metzger term on the Library Board to June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2002. Supported by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.
4. **Fire Department** – Fire Chief Havens requested the board approve the hiring of Jerry Shipper to the Fire Department for a 1-year probationary term. Zank made a motion to approve the appointed of Jerry Shipper to the Fire Department. Supported by Straub. Motion carried, 5-0. The board also accepted the resignation of Jason Felde as of February 10, 2002.

**Fire Gear Donation** – Fire Chief Havens requested the board approve the donation of some old fire gear that has been setting around the department land is no longer useable to out department. He has contacted the Springville, Wexford County fire department in northern Michigan and obtained the names of 3 fire departments that would benefit from this donation. Straub made a motion to approve the township old fire gear with a signed liability release. Supported by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.

**Resolution to Amend the boundaries of the Election Precincts of Solon Township** – Straub made motion to approve the Resolution to amend the boundaries of the Election Precincts of Solon Township. Supported by Zank. Roll call vote. Ayes: Straub, Gunnell, Zank, Johnson, Mulder. Nays: None. Motion carried, 5-0.

**North Kent Transit** – Supervisor sought a motion to approve proposed contract amendment. Mulder made a motion for Supervisor and Clerk to sign the proposed contract amendment with North Kent Transit effective form July1, 2001 trough June 30, 2002. Supported by Zank. Motion carried, 5-0.

#### ***Correspondence***

**Trustee:** Fred Gunnell, none.

**Trustee:** Rich Straub, none.

**Treasurer:** Ken Zank. PTAZ is up and running. It is much a quicker and almost complete.

**Clerk:** Elizabeth Mulder, received resignations letter from Ron DeYoung the township Handyman. Mulder made motion to accept the resignation of Mr. DeYoung. Supported by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.

**Supervisor:** Gary Johnson, budget workshop meeting went well. Our revenue sharing may not be cut as much as we though. Road Commission dinner is April 10, 2002 @ Boulder Creek Golf Course. Planning Commission chairperson, Ellen Moore is working on the formation of the committee to look at Home Occupations.



***Additional Public Comment***

Comments were heard from various members of the audience on publication of notices and meetings and the new keeping of animals ordinance  
Supervisor Johnson closed public Comment.

***Adjournment***

Motion by Straub to adjourn. Support from Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0  
Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Elizabeth Mulder, Clerk  
Gary Johnson, Supervisor