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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
January 11, 2005  
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, Cynthia Ferguson, John Rideout, Robert Ellick and Rich Straub

**Members absent:** None

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Guests & Presentations**

None

***Public comment on agenda items***

Gerald Skelonc: He is concerned about the Animal Ordinance and if it pertains to all animals or specific ones. He also said that he has worked with Ellen Moore and Susan Sherman and they are always professional and prepared for the meetings. Please consider them for re-appointments to the Planning Commission.

***Approve agenda***

Motion made by Gunnell to approve the agenda. Seconded by Straub. Motion carried.

***Approve Consent Agenda***

Motion made by Rideout to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried.

- a. Approve minutes from Regular meeting for December 14, 2004.
- b. Approve Bill list and accept Written Department and Committee Reports
  - January Bill List
  - Fire Chief's Statistics Report
  - Clerk's Budget Report
  - Building Inspector's Report
  - Treasurer's Report

***Old business***

**Cedar Springs Public Library** – Donna Clark, Cedar Springs Library Director gave a brief report to the Board on the libraries activities. A donation of \$5,000 was made by Mike and Alice Holton to purchase 3 new computers. Donna is looking at new software that would help in keeping track of the time used per person on the computers. She said that the teaming up of Solon Township and Cedar Springs has made a wonderful difference in the community and she is very glad to be working together.



**Cedar Springs Park and Rec.**-We received a copy of their minutes from their last meeting in the mail. No members were present

**Animal Ordinance-** Motion by Straub to accept the animal ordinance with changes. Changes are to add the exception of Agricultural Animals and to issue a warning before any fines are enforced. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried.

**Increase in fee for Electrical Inspector from 80% to 90%**-Motion by Ellick to approve increasing pay for Electrical Inspector from 80% to 90%. Seconded by Straub. Motion denied.

*New Business-*

**Apprentice Building Inspector-**Motion by Straub to approve Robert Ellick to be the Apprentice to the Building Inspector. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried.

**Resolution to tax collection procedures-** Motion by Straub to accept the resolution as dated and to look at it again in 1 year for review. Seconded by Ferguson.

Roll Call Vote:

Straub-Aye

Gunnell-Aye

Ferguson-Aye

Ellick-Aye

Rideout-Aye

Motion carried.

**Review raising fees for escrow accounts-**Motion by Ferguson to accept the Fees Resolution as is. Seconded by Gunnell.

Roll Call Vote:

Straub-Aye

Gunnell-Aye

Ferguson-Aye

Ellick-Aye

Rideout-Aye

Motion carried.

**Board of Review Compensation-** Motion by Rideout to accept the pay as follows: \$40.00 for ½ a day (4 hours), \$80.00 for a whole day. Supported by Ferguson. Motion carried.



**Appointments to Planning Commission-**Motion by Straub to accept the appointments and re-appointments to the Planning Commission as follows:

Ellen Moore

Susan Sherman

Matt Blackburn

Duane McIntyre

Gerald Skelonc

Fred Gunnell

Dave Marvin

Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried.

**Appointments to Zoning Board of Appeals-** No action taken.

**Appointments to Library Board-** Motion by Straub to approve appointments as recommended:

Joanne Furhoff

Shirley Hegedus

Heather Zenker

Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried.

**Appointments to Cemetery Committee-** Motion by Straub to approve appointments as recommended:

John Rideout

Joel Austin

Linda Badgerow

Elizabeth Mulder

Cynthia Ferguson

Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried.

**Appointments to Board of Review-** Motion by Ferguson to accept the re-appointments of the current members as follows:

Brian Rosenberger

Carollee Gunnell

William Sevey

Seconded by Ellick. Motion carried.

**Revision of Personnel Policy Regarding Pay Dates-** Motion by Ferguson to pay all Board Members, the Electrical Inspector, Building Inspector and the Mechanical Inspector the last business day of the month. Hourly wages are to be paid every two weeks with checks arriving 3 business days after the pay period closes. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried.



***Correspondence***

**Trustee:** Fred Gunnell- None.

**Trustee:** Rich Straub – He would like to thank everyone from the public for coming to the Board Meetings.

**Treasurer:** Cynthia Ferguson-There is a conference in Lansing for the MMTA that Cynthia and Liz will be attending. Things are going great. Taxes keep coming in.

**Clerk:** John Rideout-None.

**Supervisor:** Robert Ellick-None.

***Additional Public Comment***

There was discussion on the site condo sewer systems, the new resolution for tax collections, and the resolution for escrow fees.

***Adjournment***

Motion made by Straub to adjourn. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:03 p.m.

Heather Zenker, Deputy Clerk