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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
February 8, 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**

None

**Approve agenda**

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

**Approve Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Gunnell to approve the consent agenda with the removal of the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Rideout. Motion carried.

- a. Approve minutes from Regular meeting for January 11, 2005
- 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

**Old business**

**Cedar Springs Public Library** – Donna Clark, Cedar Springs Library Director gave a brief report to the Board on the libraries activities. She discussed the new software the Library received. It seems to be working very well. The Cedar Springs Post will be doing an article regarding the software in the issue dated 02/10/2005.

**Cedar Springs Park and Rec.-** No members were present.

**Motion to make purchase offer on property at northwest corner of 19 mile road and Algoma Ave.-** Motion made by Gunnell to put in a bid of \$72,000 to the owners of the property @ the northwest corner of 19 Mile Rd. and Algoma. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried.



**Personnel policy regarding pay dates-** Motion made by Rideout to rescind the Boards decision of January 11, 2005 titled revision of personnel policy regarding pay dates so to allow the pay dates to be the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and the last day of the month with paychecks dated accordingly. Seconded by Straub. Motion carried.

***New Business-***

**Authorization for attorney to develop 218 agreements-** Motion made by Gunnell to authorize the attorney to develop 218 agreements. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried.

**Employee Mileage-** Motion by Ferguson to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to .405 per mile per the IRS guidelines with the rate automatically adjusting to the IRS approved rate on April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried.

**Township Insurance Renewal-** Motion made by Gunnell to renew the policy with these changes: cancellation of the flood and earthquake insurance and increasing the Regulatory Taking of Private Property as listed under wrongful acts liability coverage from \$100,000 to one million dollars in coverage. Seconded by Rideout. Motion carried.

**Resolution to allow Township Clerk to administer all elections-** Motion made by Ferguson to approve the Resolution as written. Seconded by Gunnell.

Roll Call Vote:

Straub-aye

Ferguson-aye

Rideout-aye

Gunnell-aye

Ellick-aye

Motion carried.

**Resolution to enter into grant agreement with the State Of Michigan to obtain new voting systems-** Motion made by Straub to approve the Resolution as written. Seconded by Ferguson.

Roll Call Vote:

Ferguson-aye

Rideout-aye

Gunnell-aye

Ellick-aye

Straub-aye

Motion carried.



**Resolution to allow road use for Algoma Ave. for bicycle race-** Motion by Straub to approve Resolution as written. Seconded by Gunnell.

Roll Call Vote:

Rideout-aye

Gunnell-aye

Ellick-nay

Straub-aye

Ferguson-aye

Motion carried.

**Kent County Community Block Grant-** Motion by Ferguson to allocate the grant as follows: Trenton Ave North of 19 Mile rd to receive \$59,500

Arbor Circle to receive \$500

Hope Network to receive \$2,000

Seconded by Ellick. Motion carried.

**Resolution for the budget to transfer funds from general account to fire account-** Motion made by Gunnell to approve the Resolution as written. Seconded by Straub.

Roll Call Vote:

Gunnell-aye

Straub-aye

Ferguson-aye

Ellick-aye

Rideout-aye

Motion carried.

**Resolution for Board Of Review for poverty exemption-** Motion made by Straub to approve the Resolution as written. Seconded by Ferguson.

Roll Call Vote:

Straub-aye

Ferguson-aye

Ellick-aye

Rideout-aye

Gunnell-aye

Motion carried.

**Construction of additional office space-** No action taken.



### *Correspondence*

**Trustee:** Fred Gunnell- None.

**Trustee:** Rich Straub – He feels the Board Meeting went well and with the continuation of good communication between the board and the public, the board will continue to get stronger.

**Treasurer:** Cynthia Ferguson-She feels the township will work well together if we give each other the common courtesy and respect we all deserve. The books are almost straightened out after a new computer program was installed. The Treasurer's Office will be open from 9am-5pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February for the last day of tax collections.

**Clerk:** John Rideout-None.

**Supervisor:** Robert Ellick-The auditor wants to meet with the board on February 15, 2005 @ 1p.m. The attorneys would like to meet with himself, another board member and Bears In The Woods on February 10, 2005 at 2p.m. He feels that staff meetings will no longer be held because of the chaos with the past 2 meetings. If you have any questions or concerns about this decision please talk to him about them.

### *Additional Public Comment*

Joel Austin discussed the potholes in the township driveway and suggested that we call the county to see if they will fix them. He also would like the board to make a motion to put off using the Heating Energy Analysis Comparison Report for 6 months. Motion made by Straub to put off using the Heating Energy Analysis Comparison report for 6 months. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried.

### *Adjournment*

Motion made by Gunnell to adjourn. Seconded by Rideout. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Heather Zenker, Deputy Clerk