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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
August 9, 2005  
Solon Township Hall  
2305 19-Mile Road  
Cedar Springs MI 49319

**Meeting called to order by Supervisor Robert Ellick at 7:31 p.m.**

**Members present:** Fred Gunnell, John Rideout, Robert Ellick, Cynthia Ferguson

**Members absent:** Rich Straub

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Guests & Presentations:** Alexander Balathy presented the board with a letter and signatures from residents against the development on Olin Lakes and M-46.

**Public comment on agenda items**

None

**Approve agenda**

Motion made by Rideout to approve the agenda with additions. Seconded by Gunnell.

Motion carried.

**Approve Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Ferguson to approve the consent agenda with addition of her as being absent for the August 1, 2005 special meeting. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried.

- a. Approve minutes from Regular meeting for July 12, 2005 and special meeting of August 1, 2005.
- b. Approve Bill list and accept Written Department and Committee Reports
  - Accounts Payable
  - Fire Chief's Statistics Report
  - Clerk's Budget Report
  - Building Inspector's Report
  - Treasurer's Report

**Old business**

**Cedar Springs Public Library** – Donna Clark was not present.

**Cedar Springs Park and Rec.-** Heather Zenker reported that the parks and rec. board were busy focusing on the 3 on 3 tournament. They are also working on establishing programs for the fall.

**Brockway's consent judgment-** No action taken.

**Library agreement-** No action taken.

**Discussion of personnel policy-** Motion by Gunnell to accept the personnel policy with changes made by Robert Ellick. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried.



*New Business-*

**2005 Township Property Tax Rates Resolution-** Motion by Rideout to approve the 2005 Township Property Tax Rates Resolution as written. Seconded by Ferguson.

Roll call vote:

Gunnell- yes

Rideout- yes

Ellick- yes

Ferguson- yes

Motion carried.

**Authorization for Treasurer to take Tax II and Tax III classes-** Motion by Rideout to allow the Treasurer to attend the Tax II and Tax III classes with all expenses covered. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried.

**Prairie Place site condominium resolution-** Motion by Ferguson to approve the resolution for the Prairie Place site condominium as written. Seconded by Gunnell.

Roll call vote:

Rideout-yes

Ellick- yes

Ferguson- yes

Gunnell- yes

Motion carried.

**Ashton Meadows site condominium resolution-** Motion by Ferguson to approve the resolution as written with the inclusion of moving the dry hydrant closer to the road on the site map. Seconded by Gunnell.

Roll call vote:

Ellick- yes

Ferguson- yes

Gunnell- yes

Rideout- yes

Motion carried.

**Authorization to spend \$750 for zoning maps-** Motion by Gunnell to allow the Township to spend no more than \$750 for new zoning maps. Seconded by Rideout. Motion carried.

**Authorization to spend no more than \$1,500 for computer for administrative office-**

Motion by Rideout to allow the administrative office spend no more than \$1,500 on a computer. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried.



**218 Agreement resolution (tentative)-** Motion by Rideout to approve Social Security Coverage as provided by Act 205,P.A. 1951 as amended (218 Agreement). Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried.

**Trent Ridge Propane Tank-** No action taken.

**Development agreements for Ashton Meadows & Prairie Place-** Motion by Rideout to accept the Development agreements for Ashton Meadows & Prairie Place as written. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion not carried.

**Approval for board members to attend MTA District Meeting in Grand Rapids-** Motion by Rideout to approve all of the board members to attend the MTA District Meeting in Grand Rapids totaling the amount of \$325. Seconded by Ellick. Motion carried.

#### *Correspondence*

**Trustee:** Fred Gunnell- None

**Trustee:** Rich Straub – Absent

**Treasurer:** Cynthia Ferguson- Taxes are going well. The transfer of funds between Bank One and Independent Bank have not happened yet. It is a slow process. Pam from Independent visited with Cynthia and Bob about future investments. Cynthia was sent an invitation to attend the before party w/Independent at the Blues Festival in Downtown Grand Rapids.

**Clerk:** John received the report from Michigan State regarding the soil testing at the cemetery. Bob received some estimates from the Cedar Springs mill for fertilizer and seed. John would like to have a package together for the next board meeting so that he can do something with the cemetery.

**Supervisor:** Robert Ellick- Robert met with Al Kloss regarding land that the township might be interested in purchasing for a new hall. Mr. Kloss offered 20 acres to the township for \$262,000. Robert said that he would like to make a counter offer of approximately \$160,000. He is not sure if he will or not.

#### *Additional Public Comment*

Alexander Balathy expressed to the board his disappointment in not receiving information on the development going in at Olin Lakes and M-46 sooner so that maybe action could have been taken in stopping this development.

#### *Adjournment*

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

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Heather Zenker, Deputy Clerk