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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
September 10, 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 made by Zank to approve the agenda with the addition. Supported by Straub. Motion carried, 5-0.

***Approve Consent Agenda***

Motion made by Zank to approve the consent agenda as follows with c, d, & e to be voted on individually. Supported by Straub. Motion carried 5-\*-0.

a. Approve minutes August 13<sup>th</sup> 2002 meeting.

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

August Bill List

Assessor's Report

Fire Chief's Statistics Report

Clerk's Budget Report

Building Inspector's Report

Treasurer's Report

c. Approve sending Admin. Assistant to Seminar – Straub made a motion to approve sending Linda Badgerow to the 3-day seminar for \$190.00. Supported by Mulder. Motion carried, 5-0.

d. Approve sending of 4 board members to MTA Annual convention in January – Straub made a motion to approve sending up to 4 board members to the MTA Annual convention. Supported by Zank. Motion carried, 5-0.

e. Approve purchase of digital camera – Zank made a motion to approve spending up to \$500.00 for a digital camera. Supported by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.

***Pending business***

**Cedar Springs Library** – Donna Clark, Library Director, gave a brief report on the Library.



School has started and class trips have been scheduled. Story time has started on Fridays. October 8<sup>th</sup> is the start of the Women's stress management class.

**Cedar Springs Parks and Rec.** – Ron Kern, Solon Township Representative has resigned. We will need a new representative.

### *New Business*

#### **Approve Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Solon (Home Occupations and Home Based Business)**

**Johnson** reviewed the process that has taken place to get to this point. This Ordinance is for the businesses going forward. Existing businesses will be worked with to bring them as close to the Ordinance as possible.

#### **Opened Public Comment**

Tim Brockway – Presented Board with letter. Stated that he felt the Ad Hoc committee's recommendations were not considered. Expressed concerned with the change in draft #5 that was given to the township after the PC meeting.

Greta Brockway- Stated she felt the were not allowed to voice there concerns at the PC meeting. Also Ad Hoc committee's proposals on the Ordinance were not given proper recognition.

Supervisor – The Ad Hoc committee was established to make recommendation only.

Ellen Moore (PC Chairperson) – The PC discussed the changes at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting but tabled any decision until the Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting so our attorney could have it in print. The one voted on at the Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting was then passed as the changes had been in print.

More discussion continued and concern was expressed form the audience as to if the public had adequate opportunity to voice their concerns on the draft being voted on tonight. Also concern was expressed with the square footage allowed.

Motion was made by Straub to table any decision and hold a Special meeting to hear public comment on Home Occupation draft 5-a recommended by Planning Commission to the Township Board on October 1rst @ 7:00pm. Supported by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.

#### **Public Comment closed**

Supervisor – stated meeting place date and time would be published in Cedar Springs Post, River Valley News, and North Kent Advance.

### *Correspondence*

**Trustee:** Fred Gunnell, none

**Trustee:** Rich Straub, National Vets convention in Texas went well. Will be leaving Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> for Africa trip. Would like to thank the board for passing the POW/MIA Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> day resolution at the Aug. meeting.

**Treasurer:** Ken Zank, last week to pay summer taxes.

**Clerk:** Elizabeth Mulder, October 7<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register for the November General Election.

**Supervisor:** Gary Johnson, there is a joint workshop meeting to review the survey for the master plan Thur. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm.

Has received two quotes for the demolition cost on 14166 Division Afton \$4088.00



Pitch \$6100.00  
We will be using Afton.

***Additional Public Comment***

Chief Havens- Construction on the bridge Algoma South of 18 Mile is ahead of schedule and will probably be done a week early.

***Adjournment***

Motion by Zank to adjourn. Support from Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0  
Meeting adjourned 8:40pm.

Elizabeth Mulder, Clerk  
Gary Johnson, Supervisor