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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
January 10, 2006  
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, John Rideout, Robert Ellick, Heather Zenker , Rich Straub  
**Members absent:** None

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Guests & Presentations:** None

**Public comment on agenda items -** None

**Approve agenda -** Motion made by Mr. Ellick to approve the agenda with additions. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 - 0.

**Approve Consent Agenda –** Motion made by Mr. Rideout to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Township attorney’s bill to bill list. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- a. Approve minutes from Regular meeting for December 13, 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 –** Report was submitted by library. Motion by Mr. Straub to accept report as written. Seconded by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**Cedar Springs Park and Rec.-** No report

**Placement of Clarence Summers property into 425 agreement –** No action taken.

**Property for new township hall –** No action taken.

**New Business-**

**Historical Society Contract** – Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve the contract with the Cedar Springs Historical Society as written. Seconded Mr. Grunnell. Motion carried 5 – 0. Mr. Gunnell made the motion to set the funding level at \$3000.00 per year. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion Carried 4 – 1. Mr. Ellick made the motion to appoint Mr. Straub as the Township’s representative to the Cedar Springs Historical Society. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**Appointment to ZBA** – no action taken

**Appointment to planning commission** – no action taken

**Arbor Circle Funding** – Motion by Mr. Straub to continue funding Arbor Circle at the rate of \$500.00 per year. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**Resignation of Susan Sherman from Planning Commission** – Motion by Ms. Zenker to accept resignation of Ms. Sherman from Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**Pay Rate for Fire Dept. Captains and Lieutenants** – Motion by Mr. Straub to increase captain’s and lieutenant’s pay 5% of salaried portion. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**Amendment to Dale’s Service judgment** – no action taken.

**Amendment to Compass Coach agreement** – Motion by Mr. Straub that upon receipt of the bond acceptable to the Township Supervisor the Compass Coach development can proceed with construction without the left hand turn lane being completed with the understanding that this lane must be completed no later than April 1, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**Motion to hire new fire fighters** – Motion was made by Mr. Straub to hire Bryan Russell as a fire fighter. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 5 – 0. Motion by Ms. Zenker to hire Christopher Paige as a fire fighter. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**Correspondence**

**Trustee:** Mr. Gunnell – None

**Trustee:** Mr. Straub – None

**Treasurer:** Ms. Zenker – None

**Clerk:** Mr. Rideout – Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve sending the Deputy Treasurer to the Thursday session of the MTA conference. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**Supervisor:** None

**Additional Public Comments**

Fire Chief discussed possible grant/award for fire equipment.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Mr. Gunnell to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 5 – 0. Meeting adjourned 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
John W. Rideout Clerk