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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
December 13, 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, 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. Gunnell to approve the agenda with additions.
Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Approve Consent Agenda – It was requested that the Staff meeting minutes also be included in the Consent agenda. Clerk will insure this is on consent agenda in future. Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- a. Approve minutes from Regular meeting for November 8, 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 gave monthly update. Motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve final draft of Library Agreement. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Cedar Springs Park and Rec.- Ms. Zenker reports that they are working on summer programs.

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

Property for new township hall – No action taken.

New Business-

Social Security Number Privacy Policy - The motion was made by Mr. Gunnell pursuant to public act 454 of 2004 that Solon Township shall adopt the resolution titled “Solon Township Social Security Number Privacy Policy” and that said policy shall become part of the Solon Township Personal Policy. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Roll call vote:

Mr. Gunnell	yes
Mr. Rideout	yes
Mr. Ellick	yes
Ms. Zenker	yes
Mr. Straub	yes

Ordinance to amend Pension Plan Ordinance – The motion was made by Mr. Rideout to adopt the ordinance titled “An ordinance regarding retirement benefits for employees and elected officials of the Township of Solon. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Roll call vote:

Mr. Straub	yes
Mr. Gunnell	yes
Mr. Rideout	yes
Mr. Ellick	yes
Ms. Zenker	yes

Resolution regarding retirement benefits – The motion was made by Mr. Rideout to adopt the resolution titled “A resolution regarding retirement benefits for employees and elected officials. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Roll call vote

Ms. Zenker	yes
Mr. Straub	yes
Mr. Gunnell	yes
Mr. Rideout	yes
Mr. Ellick	yes

Fire fighter’s & Planning Commission pension benefits – The motion was made by Mr. Straub to table this issue. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion failed 4 – 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Straub to terminate the current pension benefits for fire fighters as well as the two remaining members of the Planning Commission who receive them. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 – 1.

Motion to increase fire fighter’s wages – The motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to increase fire fighter’s wages by increasing the current rate of \$12.50 for the first hour to \$13.25. With the pay rate for additional hours and station time to remain the same. Additionally, the Chief and Deputy Chief’s salary will be increased by 5%. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 – 1.

Kooienga Properties conditional rezoning ordinance – Motion was made by Mr. Straub to accept the conditional rezoning ordinance for Kooienga Properties. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Roll call vote

Mr. Ellick	yes
Ms. Zenker	yes
Mr. Straub	yes
Mr. Gunnell	yes
Mr. Rideout	yes

North Kent Transit Agreement – Motion made by Mr. Rideout to accept the agreement between Hope Network West Michigan and Solon Township effective July 1, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Arbor Circle Agreement - Motion made by Mr. Rideout to accept the agreement between the Arbor Circle Corporation and Solon Township effective July 1, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Motion to amend Building Inspectors wages – Motion made by Mr. Rideout to amend the building inspectors wages from the current rate of 80% of fees to a salary of \$1,000.00 per month for the period January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Funding for Historical Society – Motion by Mr. Gunnell to support the Historical Society in the same manner as the Parks & Rec Board at \$3,000.00 per year. Seconded Mr. Straub. Motion carried 3 – 2. Mr. Ellick made the motion to enter into a formal agreement with the Historical Society. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion Carried 5 – 0.

Correspondence

Trustee: Mr. Gunnell – None

Trustee: Mr. Straub – None

Treasurer: Ms. Zenker – None

Clerk: Mr. Rideout – Community block grants

Supervisor: Mr. Ellick discussed special meeting on 12/15/2005.

Additional Public Comments

Fire Chief discussed new fire truck

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Ellick to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 – 0.
Meeting adjourned 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
John W. Rideout Clerk