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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
January 8, 2008  
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 and Heather Zenker.

**Members absent:** Rich Straub

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public comments on the agenda items:** None

**Approve agenda:** Motion made by Ms. Zenker to approve agenda. Mr. Gunnell seconded motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**Approve Consent Agenda:** Motion made by Ms. Zenker to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Ms. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**Committee Reports**

Cedar Springs Public Library – Written library report submitted.

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – Ms. Zenker reports that the parks & rec committee is currently looking for representatives for Nelson and Algoma townships.

**Old Business**

Mr. Ellick reported no additional information on the township hall issue.

**New Business**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve the highway commercial – lighting & parking zoning ordinance amendment as written. Seconded by Mr. Ellick.

Role call vote Rideout – yes  
Ellick – yes  
Zenker – yes  
Gunnell – yes  
Straub – absent

Motion carried 4 to 0.

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Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve insurance contract for property and liability coverage with Burnham & Flowers Insurance Company. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to set the rate of pay for the Building Administrator at \$500 per month plus 5% of building permits. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 to 0. Mr. Gunnell made a motion to amend the Building Inspector pay motion to reflect that the effective date would be March 1, 2008. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Ellick added to the agenda a motion to address a rate increase for the Building Inspector. Mr. Gunnell made a motion to increase the Building Inspectors pay from \$25.00 per inspection to \$35.00. Motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion failed 2 to 1. Mr. Rideout and Ms Zenker descending, Mr. Ellick abstaining.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve revisions of the personal policy as presented. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve revised holiday schedule (adding half days on Christmas eve and New Years eve). Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve meeting schedule as presented. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize the purchase of four hand held radios for the purpose of traffic control not to exceed \$600.00. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve a permit with the Kent County Road Commission for a bicycle race to be sponsored by River City Velo Cycling Team on March 30, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Rideout to reappoint Ellen Moore to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to reappoint Hal Babcock to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to reappoint Matt Blackburn to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Rideout to reappoint Shirley Hegedus to the Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Rideout to reappoint Heather Zenker to the Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

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Motion by Ms. Zenker to allocate \$1,000.00 for North Kent Transportation services. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Rideout to allocate \$1,000.00 for Arbor Circle services. Motion seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to reduce tax collection fees to \$2.50 per parcel. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion failed 4 to 0.

Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – nothing

Ms. Zenker – nothing

Mr. Rideout – nothing

Mr. Ellick – Discussed building inspection fees. Boards consensus was to have clerk do a cost analysis of revenue and expenses for the building department and discuss this at a later date.

**Public comments** – none

**Adjourn** – Motion by Mr. Ellick to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

John W. Rideout  
Solon Twp. Clerk