

**Solon Township  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
July 26, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Meeting called to order by Supervisor Ellick @ 10:00am**

**Members Present:** A.J. Anielski, Robert Ellick, Mark Hoskins, Jon Stout, Dorothy Willoughby

**Members Absent:** none.

**Also Present:** Rose Powell, Mary Coonen, Mary Evelynn Vue, Tim Smith, Mark Dykstra, Nate, Ron Perrin, Rodney Ellick, Heidi Armock

**Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items** (2-3 minutes per person. All comments by the public, staff and the Township Board shall be directed to the Chairperson.)

- Rose Powell: Passed out KDL Service Area Sheet and a sheet detailing the contributions from Solon Township and the City of Cedar Springs. She noted that the amounts from the City are not noted for years 1994-2003. She noted she believes this is a clerical error but the City will be looking into it.
- Mary Coonen: Made a statement hoping we would support the Library.

**Approve Agenda**

A motion was made by Anielski to approve the agenda, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

**New Business**

- **City of Cedar Springs Response Letter to our Counter Offer for Library Services.**

A motion was made by Ellick to enter the response letter from the City of Cedar Springs Manager into the record of the minutes, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

July 20, 2023

Solon Township  
15185 Algoma Township Ave NE  
Cedar Springs, MI 49319

RE: Library Services

Dear Mr. Ellick,

The Cedar Springs City Council discussed Solon Township's offer for library services, dated June 28, 2023 at their regular city council meeting on July 13, 2023. The City Council unanimously decided to reject the offer from Solon Township. Basically, seats on the board are non-negotiable, the term of the contract is negotiable at 3 or 4 years, the contribution in year one could be considered if year 2 contribution is equivalent to 8 mills of Solon Township's taxable value and year 3 close to 1 mill of Solon Township's taxable value. Please feel free to watch the council meeting video for full details and discussion.

Sincerely,

Darla Falcon  
City Manager

Ellick made a motion to go into closed session to consider attorney comments on library contract negotiations, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

Hoskins made a motion to return to open session at 10:38, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Anielski to approve a contract with the City of Cedar Springs for a contribution of .6 mills the first year, .8 mills the second year, and 1.0 mills the third year, with a seven member board with 4 representatives from the City and 3 representatives from Solon, with the Library remaining a Community Library as it was built and intended by the supporters and Community, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion Items:** none.

**Additional public comments** (2 minutes per person)

- Heidi Armock: Asked when we expect to get this offer to the City, which we responded hopefully next week.
- Mary Coonen: Stated she thought it was a fair offer and hopes we can settle this.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:43 by Anielski, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5-0.