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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
July 10 2007  
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 and Rich Straub

**Members absent:** none

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approve agenda:** Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve agenda with additions. Ms. Zenker seconded motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Approve Consent Agenda:** Motion made by Ms. Zenker to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Committee Reports**

Cedar Springs Public Library – Donna Clark discussed the success of the summer reading program. She also showed the Board drawings of the proposed new library.

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – no report submitted

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Fire Department pay increase to \$7.15 for station and training time**

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve a pay increase to \$7.15 for station and training time. Motion seconded by Ms. Zenker, motion carried 5 to 0.

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**Fire Department pay date**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve paying fire fighters on a monthly basis. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Discussion by Mr. Rideout as to whether it would be worth it given the size of the checks for only one month. Motion carried 5 to 0. Payday will be same as first township payroll.

**Building Inspector's pay rate**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve changing the building inspector's pay to \$800 per month. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Discussion – Mr. Rideout felt that the duties of the administrator and the inspector should be separated and a job description for the administrator drawn up with suggestions for pay and work hours. Motion carried 4 to 0 with Mr. Rideout descending. Supervisor agreed to develop a job description.

**Plumbing / mechanical inspector's pay rate**

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve changing the pay rate for inspections to 90% of fees. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion failed 5 to 0.

**Mileage for inspections**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve paying mileage to the inspectors from the township hall to the job site. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Resolution for Michigan Class Investment Pool**

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to approve the resolution supporting participation in the Michigan Class Investment Pool. Seconded by Ms. Zenker, roll call vote:

Ms. Zenker – yes

Mr. Ellick – yes

Mr. Gunnell – yes

Mr. Straub – yes

Mr. Rideout – yes

Resolution adopted 5 to 0.

**Approve investment policy**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve investment policy as presented. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Request for Fire Department to spend up to \$750.00 for uniform shirts**

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve spending up to \$750.00 for uniform shirts, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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**Correspondence**

**Trustees** Mr. Gunnell – Discussed concerns of citizen on condition of 18 Mile road. Mr. Gunnell also shared plans that were developed in the past for the township hall and suggested we may want to consider them.

Mr. Straub – nothing

**Treasurer** – thanked the board for having the confidence in her to approve Michigan Class Investment Pool.

**Clerk** – nothing

**Supervisor** – Discussed retaining wall and site

**Public comments** – Gary Shank discussed the Grand Rapids Community College milage. Mr. Carlson offered his support of Mr. Shank's comments.

**Adjourn** – Motion by Mr. Straub to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

John W. Rideout  
Solon Twp. Clerk