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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
March 10, 2009  
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, Robert Ellick, Heather Zenker, Richard Straub & John Rideout

**Members absent:** none

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public comments on the agenda items:** Steve Skelonc commented on potential raises for Board members.

**Approve agenda:**

Motion by Mr. Straub to added the following to the agenda: authorization for Treasurer to attend training, appointment to the library Board & authorization for fire committee chairperson to attend conference. Motion seconded by Mr. Gunnell, motion carried  
5 to 0.

Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve agenda, Mr. Rideout seconded motion.  
Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Approve Consent Agenda:** Motion made by Mr. Rideout to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Committee Reports**

Cedar Springs Public Library – Donna Clark discussed the Library report and introduced new member of Library Board from Solon Township.  
Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – no report

**Old Business:**

None

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## **New Business**

### Planning Commission Continuation Ordinance

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve the Planning Commission Continuation Ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub. Roll call vote: Mr. Gunnell – yes, Ms. Zenker – yes, Mr. Rideout – yes, Mr. Straub – yes, Mr. Ellick – yes. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### Zoning Ordinance Amendment

A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub. Roll call vote: Mr. Ellick – yes, Mr. Gunnell – yes, Ms. Zenker – yes, Mr. Rideout – yes, Mr. Straub – yes. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### Liquor Control Ordinance

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve the Liquor Control Ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker. Roll call vote: Mr. Straub – yes, Mr. Ellick – yes, Mr. Gunnell – yes, Ms. Zenker – yes, Mr. Rideout – yes. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### Zoning Ordinance Amendment - restaurants

A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment - restaurants as presented with modification. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker. Roll call vote: Mr. Rideout – yes, Mr. Straub – yes, Mr. Ellick – yes, Mr. Gunnell – yes, Ms. Zenker – yes. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### Resolution to establish the Supervisor's salary

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve the Resolution to establish the Supervisor's salary at \$29,500 per year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Roll call vote: Ms. Zenker – yes, Mr. Rideout – yes, Mr. Straub – yes, Mr. Ellick – yes, Mr. Gunnell – yes. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### Resolution to establish the Treasurer's salary

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve the Resolution to establish the Treasurer's salary at \$24,000 per year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Roll call vote: Mr. Gunnell – yes, Ms. Zenker – yes, Mr. Rideout – yes, Mr. Straub – yes, Mr. Ellick – yes, Mr. Gunnell – yes. The motion passed 5 to 0.

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Resolution to establish the Clerk's salary

A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve the Resolution to establish the Clerk's salary at \$24,000 per year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Roll call vote: Ms. Zenker – yes, Mr. Rideout – yes, Mr. Straub – yes, Mr. Ellick – yes, Mr. Gunnell – yes. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Resolution to establish the Trustee's salary

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve the Resolution to establish the Trustee's salary at \$90.00 per meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker. Roll call vote: Mr. Gunnell – yes, Ms. Zenker – yes, Mr. Rideout – yes, Mr. Straub – yes, Mr. Ellick – yes. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Salary increase for Administrative Assistant

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve increase in Administrative Assistant's salary to \$14.83 per hour effective April 1, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Roll call vote: Mr. Ellick – no, Mr. Gunnell – yes, Ms. Zenker – no, Mr. Rideout – yes, Mr. Straub – yes. The motion passed 3 to 2.

Salary increase for Deputy Clerk

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve increase in Deputy Clerk's salary to \$12.98 per hour effective April 1, 2009. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker. Roll call vote: Mr. Straub – no, Mr. Ellick – no, Mr. Gunnell – no, Ms. Zenker – no, Mr. Rideout – yes. The motion failed 4 to 1.

Salary increase for Zoning Administrator

A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve increase in Zoning Administrator's salary by \$600.00 to \$13822.40 per year effective April 1, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Roll call vote: Mr. Rideout – no, Mr. Straub – no, Mr. Ellick – yes, Mr. Gunnell – yes, Ms. Zenker – no. The motion failed 3 to 2.

Authorization of funding for Treasurer's conference

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to authorize funding up to \$700.00 for the Treasurer to attend the spring training conference. Mr. Straub seconded motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

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Appointment of Library Board member

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to appoint Mr. Michael Forest as a representative to the Library Board. Mr. Ellick seconded motion, motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for the Fire Committee Chairperson to attend conference

A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to authorize the fire committee chairperson to attend a training conference on conducting meetings. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Discussion Items**

None

**Correspondence**

Mr. Gunnell – nothing

Mr. Straub – Discussed pay raises for fire officers, discussion continued with input from fire chief.

Ms. Zenker – nothing

Mr. Rideout – nothing

Supervisor – Discussed performance pay for fire fighters and budget

**Public comments** – Gerald Skelonc discussed pay scale and evaluations as well as the Zoning Administrator's job performance, stating he appreciated the job he was doing. Paul Twyman spoke on placing a value on the job that fire fighters do.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

John W. Rideout  
Solon Township Clerk