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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
December 11, 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. Gunnell to approve agenda. Ms. Zenker seconded motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library – Written library report submitted.
Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – No report submitted

Old Business

Mr. Ellick reported that no one he has contacted is interested in selling the township property.

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General Noise Ordinance – Mr. Ellick opened the public meeting on the proposed ordinance at 7:40 PM. There were 53 residents in attending the public meeting. Of those attending thirty individuals expressed an opinion on the noise ordinance with three individuals in favor of some type of ordinance and the majority opposed to it. The majority of those speaking against the ordinance had some connection to the motorcycle / dirt bike sport and did not want their right to enjoy this sport impacted by a noise ordinance.

The supervisor closed the public hearing at 8:20 PM.

Mr. Gunnell made the motion to accept the ordinance as written. Motion was seconded by Mr. Straub. Role call vote:

Mr. Ellick – no
Mr. Gunnell – no
Ms. Zenker – no
Mr. Rideout – no
Mr. Straub – no

Motion failed 5 to 0.

New Business

Motion by Mr. Straub to reappoint Joanne Furhoff to the Library Board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Rideout to amend the fire department budget to increase capital outlay/equipment account by \$25,100.00. Motion seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Straub to transfer \$20,000.00 from the fire fund to the general account. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to close the township offices on January 15, 2008 for the presidential primary election. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Rideout to establish a capital building fund. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to transfer funds currently held in the certificate of deposit at Mercantile Bank from the general fund to the building fund (\$260,043.37 plus accumulated interest). Motion was seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – nothing

Mr. Straub – nothing

Ms. Zenker – nothing

Mr. Rideout – Appreciated the large turn out tonight and hoped in the future people will be able to work with their neighbors on these issues.

Mr. Ellick – Discussed property for township hall, explained that he has had some contact with property owners on 17 Mile Road, additionally the property on Algoma and Wiersma.

Public comments – Steve Skelonc on closing hall for election and fire fund transfer.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Twp. Clerk