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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
January 13, 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, Richard Straub, John Rideout, Robert Ellick and Heather Zenker.

Members absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comments on the agenda items: Questions were asked regarding current insurance contract, proposed agreement on bicycle race and copier contract. Halden Babcock commented on the current ordinance relating to consumption of liquor on premises.

Approve agenda:

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

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

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library – Donna Clark discussed the Library Corner Review.
Ms. Zenker also made note that her term was up on the library board.
Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – Minutes of parks & rec meeting in Board packet

Old Business:

None

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New Business

Consumption of liquor beer & wine on premise

Mr. Ellick introduced the township attorney Mr. Mark VanAllsburg and explained that after further research into the subject the Board would be looking to amend the ordinance for on premises consumption rather than creating one. Mr. Gunnell noted that he had researched editions of the clipper from the 70's looking for information on what took place in 1978 and before and was not able to find anything. He further stated that he had discussed this with a former supervisor and clerk and they both stated that they had no knowledge of this ordinance.

Mr. VanAllsburg discussed the rules and terminology. He stated that the Liquor Control Law of 1998 now regulates us; he went on to explain that law and how it applies to Solon Township. There was an explanation of a dry township and explained that Solon Township was not a dry township as previously thought.

It was suggested that this matter be referred to the Planning Commission to develop changes in the existing ordinance. Mr. VanAllsburg stated that we should at least make it a special land use.

Mr. VanAllsburg also stated that the Board, if it chooses to do so, could go back thirty years and make Solon Township a dry township by ordinance.

Mr. Ellick suggested that this matter be discussed at the next staff meeting so as to give some guidance to the Planning Commission. It was the consensus of the Board that any on premises consumption should be limited to a full service restaurant.

At this time the matter was referred to the Planning Commission for action in February.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to place a moratorium on applications for restaurants, bars, taverns or lounges under section 9.02d.1 as to the neighborhood commercial district or under 10.02.a as to the highway commercial district. To be in effect for 120 days unless terminated earlier by the Township Board. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Roll call vote. Straub – yes, Rideout – yes, Ellick – yes, Zenker – yes, Gunnell – yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Ellick to keep township property insurance with Burnham & Flowers insurance company with increase in deductible to \$1,000.00. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve Funding North Kent Teen Parenting Service in the amount of \$1,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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Bicycle race permit

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to approve bicycle race permit for River City Velo Cycle Team for March 29, 2009 seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Transfer of funds

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve the transfer of \$5,000.00 from the building fund to town hall project costs, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Repair of Fire truck

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding up to \$800.00 for the repair of expedition, seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Cancellation of copier contract

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to approve canceling contract with Michigan Office Solutions for servicing back room copier due to low usage. Seconded by Mr. Straub, motion carried 5 to 0.

Discussion Items

None

Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – nothing

Mr. Straub – nothing

Ms. Zenker – nothing

Mr. Rideout – Announced that he has been appointed to the Kent County Veterans Advisory Board by the Kent County Board of Commissioners.

Supervisor - nothing

Public comments – none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Township Clerk