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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
January 8, 2008
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 and Heather Zenker.

Members absent: Rich Straub

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comments on the agenda items: None

Approve agenda: Motion made by Ms. Zenker to approve agenda. Mr. Gunnell seconded motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Approve Consent Agenda: Motion made by Ms. Zenker to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Ms. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library – Written library report submitted.

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – Ms. Zenker reports that the parks & rec committee is currently looking for representatives for Nelson and Algoma townships.

Old Business

Mr. Ellick reported no additional information on the township hall issue.

New Business

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve the highway commercial – lighting & parking zoning ordinance amendment as written. Seconded by Mr. Ellick.

Role call vote Rideout – yes
Ellick – yes
Zenker – yes
Gunnell – yes
Straub – absent

Motion carried 4 to 0.

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Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve insurance contract for property and liability coverage with Burnham & Flowers Insurance Company. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to set the rate of pay for the Building Administrator at \$500 per month plus 5% of building permits. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 to 0. Mr. Gunnell made a motion to amend the Building Inspector pay motion to reflect that the effective date would be March 1, 2008. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Ellick added to the agenda a motion to address a rate increase for the Building Inspector. Mr. Gunnell made a motion to increase the Building Inspectors pay from \$25.00 per inspection to \$35.00. Motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion failed 2 to 1. Mr. Rideout and Ms Zenker descending, Mr. Ellick abstaining.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve revisions of the personal policy as presented. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve revised holiday schedule (adding half days on Christmas eve and New Years eve). Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve meeting schedule as presented. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize the purchase of four hand held radios for the purpose of traffic control not to exceed \$600.00. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve a permit with the Kent County Road Commission for a bicycle race to be sponsored by River City Velo Cycling Team on March 30, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Rideout to reappoint Ellen Moore to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to reappoint Hal Babcock to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to reappoint Matt Blackburn to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Rideout to reappoint Shirley Hegedus to the Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Rideout to reappoint Heather Zenker to the Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

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Motion by Ms. Zenker to allocate \$1,000.00 for North Kent Transportation services. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Rideout to allocate \$1,000.00 for Arbor Circle services. Motion seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to reduce tax collection fees to \$2.50 per parcel. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion failed 4 to 0.

Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – nothing

Ms. Zenker – nothing

Mr. Rideout – nothing

Mr. Ellick – Discussed building inspection fees. Boards consensus was to have clerk do a cost analysis of revenue and expenses for the building department and discuss this at a later date.

Public comments – none

Adjourn – Motion by Mr. Ellick to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Twp. Clerk