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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
August 12, 2003
Solon Township Hall
2305 19-Mile Road
Cedar Springs MI 49319

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Gary Johnson at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Fred Gunnell, Gary Johnson, Cynthia Ferguson, Ken Zank and Rich Straub

Members absent: None

Guests & Presentations

None.

Public comment on agenda items

None

Approve agenda

Motion made by Zank to approve the agenda with changes. Seconded by Straub. Motion carried, 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion made by Straub to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Zank. Motion carried 5-0.

1. a. Approve minutes from Regular Meeting July 08, 2003.
2. b. Approve Bill list and accept Written Department and Committee Reports
 - June Bill List
 - ~~Assessor's Report~~
 - Fire Chief's Statistics Report
 - Clerk's Budget Report
 - ~~Building Inspector's Report~~
 - Treasurer's Report

Old business

Cedar/ Solon District Library – Donna Clark, Library Director, gave a brief update on all the current activities. Trustee Rich Straub thanked Mrs. Clark and the Library Board for all the work they did for the special election and for her reports.

Cedar Springs Parks and Rec.- None

Trent Ridge PUD –Motion to approve with changes made to tree location made by Straub. Second by Gunnell. Roll Call vote Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Straub, Ferguson, Gunnell, and Zank. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried, 5-0.



New Business

Township Property Tax Rate for 2003 –Motion to approve new property tax rate made by Zank. Second by Gunnell. Roll Call vote Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Straub, Ferguson, Gunnell, and Zank. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried, 5-0.

Promotion of Fire Fighters –The Fire Chief and Deputy Chief request approval to promote Lieutenant Adam Stout to Rescue Captain. Request approval to promote Mike Havens to the rank of Fire Captain. Request approval to promote Charles Bouck to rank of Haz-Mat/Safety Lieutenant. Motion to approve all made by Straub. Second by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.

New Fire Fighters --Motion made by Straub to tentatively hire 3 new fire fighters on approval of the Chief and Supervisor after successful interview process. Second by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.

Fire School Classes—Gunnell made a motion to approve 2 fire fighters to attend school if hired, and 3 sets of books for classes. Second by Zank. Motion carried, 5-0.

Correspondence

Trustee: Fred Gunnell- no PC meeting in July.

Trustee: Rich Straub would like to thank the new Solon/Cedar library board for all of their hard work on the special election. Mr. Straub will be attending the National Vets Conference and will return August 20,2003.

Treasurer: Ken Zank –Kent County has indicated that as of July 2004, the PTAS system will no longer produce tax bills, this leaves the townships to do their own. BS & A is the program of choice. A quote for a new computer and printer are needed. Motion made by Straub to allow treasure no more than \$3,000.00 on necessary computer and printer. Second by Johnson. Motion carried, 5-0.

Clerk: Cynthia Ferguson- the special election on August 5th, 2003 for the Cedar / Solon District Library went very well. The Library will try to run another election before the end of the year.

Supervisor: Gary Johnson –Kent County Road Commissioners and Michigan State Police are asking for participation in determining speed limits. A representative from the township will be determined at a later date. It will be either Gary Johnson or Rich Straub. Motion to participate made by Straub. Second by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.

Additional Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion by Zank to adjourn. Support from Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0
Meeting adjourned 9:00pm.

Cynthia Ferguson, Clerk
Gary Johnson, Supervisor

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Township