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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
February 10, 2004
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, Ken Zank and Rich Straub

Members absent: Cynthia Ferguson

Guests & Presentations

None.

Public comment on agenda items

None

Approve agenda

Motion made by Zank to approve the agenda, with the addition of the Residential Poverty Exemption added to new business, Seconded by Straub. Motion carried, 4-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion made by Straub to approve the consent agenda with the following corrections, under Community Block Grant, \$500.00 to Arbor Circle, \$2,000.00 to Hope Network and \$31000, to Edgner Street project Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried 4-0.

1. a. Approve minutes from Regular Meeting January 13, 2004
2. b. Approve Bill list and accept Written Department and Committee Reports
 - December 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 –None given

Cedar Springs Parks and Rec.- Minutes were provided to the board. \$1,000 additional funding requested. Will be considered in new budget.

Planning Commission Letter of interest from Matthew Blackburn

Solon Township Representatives for Cedar Springs Parks and Rec-Tabled until March meeting.

New Business



Discussion on Solon Township owned property on White Creek: Discussion was held on finding the best price for the property. It was the consensus of the board to seek a commercial appraisal. The agreement of board members was for the township to try to sell the property by itself.

Report from Building Committee: Joel Austin gave an overview of the new addition and remodel plans for the township hall. There was discussion on an addition to the fire barn

Correspondence

Trustee: Fred Gunnell- Library is signing up first graders.

Trustee: Rich Straub- Comment on length of interrogatory from township attorney

Treasurer: Ken Zank –Taxes must be paid by February 17th, 2004.

Clerk:

Supervisor: Gary Johnson –Joel Austin is resigning the cleaning position and has recommended Kevin Zenker as his replacement. Zank motioned, Gunnell support to hire Zenker at \$10.00 per hour to perform cleaning duties.

Additional Public Comment

Mitch Havens: Requested that the snow banks be removed.

Bob Havens: Discussion on the procedure used by the township concerning delinquent taxes. Concern expressed when it comes to the elderly. It was explained that this is a county function. Treasurer will check with other townships to see what their procedure is with this issue. Question from Bob Ellick concerning attorney billing.

Rex Stalhood: Explained to the board that when he installed the new septic system he had some extra unforeseen expenses, such as extra fill and the old system being 11 feet deep instead of 8 feet. Board discussion was to see if they could do something to help.

Adjournment

Motion by Gunnell to adjourn. Support from Zank. Motion carried, 4-0

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm.

Cynthia Ferguson, Clerk
Gary Johnson, Supervisor

Minutes recorded by Linda Badgerow
Administrative Assistant