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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
January 8, 2002
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, Elizabeth Mulder, Ken Zank and Rich Straub.

Members absent: None

Guests & Presentations

Matt McConnon, with Rockford Ambulance, gave a brief report on the new station they are planning at 13- Mile Rd. & M-37. They are requesting that the Township take into consideration allocating the amount of \$4000.00 for 2 years from the Community Block Grant funds to Rockford Ambulance for the new station.

Public comment on agenda items

None.

Approve agenda

Motion by Gunnell to approve the agenda with the addition of Fire Department requested purchases to New Business. Supported by Straub. Motion carried, 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion made by Straub to approve consent agenda as follows with correction to 2002 meeting dates. Supported by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.

a. Approve minutes from December 11, 2001 meeting.

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

c. 2002 Meeting Schedule & Designated Holidays

Meetings: Township Board – 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7:30pm

Planning Commission – 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:30pm

Zoning Board of Appeals – 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 7:00pm

Holidays: *See attachment

Pending business

Cedar Springs Library Study – Donna Clark gave brief over view of the month of December. She has been working on partnering with the public schools with book purchases. Mary Johnson, Cedar Springs Library Board President, commented on the progress with the Breton Group study and would like to form an Ad Hoc committee to help make the public more aware of what has been going on. Mary Johnson questioned if the board has decided on a replacement of appointment to term on the board of Mike Metzger. Straub made a motion to reappoint Mike Metzger to the 3 years term on the Library Board. No Support. Motion



failed. Mulder made a motion to table the appointment for the vacancy on the Library Board until the February Meeting. Supported by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.

Cedar Springs Parks and Rec. –Supervisor Gary Johnson stated we still have an opening on the board that needs to be filled. We are waiting to hear from Carrie Tissue. Appointment tabled until the February meeting. Ron Kern spoke briefly on the Parks and Rec. activities. There next meeting will be the 14th of January @ 7:00pm.

New Business

Fire Department Purchases–

1. Fire Chief Havens presented the board with the request of applying for DNR matching grant for the maximum possible amount of \$2000.00. They would like to use this grant for turnout gear. Straub made a motion to approve applying for the DNR matching grant with the Clerk and/or Treasurer signing the application. Supported by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.
2. Chief Havens made the request for a turnout gear drying rack at \$938.95. Mulder made a motion to approve the purchase. Supported by Zank. Motion carried, 5-0.
3. Chief Havens requested the purchase of an Electric Actuator for Field Assembly. Motion made by Straub to approve purchase request for \$527.00. Supported by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0

Renewal of Insurance Coverage with Burnham & Flower – Motion was made by Straub to approve the annual renewal of Insurance coverage for 5,000,000.00 with Burnham & Flower for the township at the cost of \$6933.00. Supported by Gunnell. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Gunnell, Johnson, Zank, Straub, Mulder. Nays: None. Motion carried, 5-0.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment –Discussion was made on the proposed changes. Zank made a motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance (Regulations on Keeping of Animals; Special Land Use Provisions for Kennels; regulation on driveways and private streets). Supported by Johnson. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gunnell, Mulder, Johnson, Zank. Nays: Straub. Motion carried, 4-1.

Community Block Grant Approval – Supervisor Johnson gave a brief review of the Community Block Grant and requested that the board approve the Community Block Grant for the 2002-2003 with \$3000.00 to North Kent Transit and remainder to be held for current road improvements. Straub made a motion to approve renewal of the Community Block Grant as presented. Supported by Johnson. Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Straub, Mulder, Gunnell, and Zank. Nays: None. Motion carried, 5-0.

Correspondence

Trustee: Fred Gunnell. Attended meeting with Cedar Springs

Trustee: None

Treasurer: Ken Zank. Trivalent completed the connection process and am just waiting for the county connection.

Clerk: None.

Supervisor: Gary Johnson, workshop meeting is set for January 22, 2002 immediately after the Planning Commission meeting. Notice will be run in the post January 10th & 17th.



Additional Public Comment

Comments were heard from various members of the audience on Pioneer Church building at the corner of 17 Mile and Algoma. Concern was expressed with there being a traffic safety issue. Johnson stated that they had written a letter after the last fatality and a new traffic study was conducted. The township is still waiting on the results. Comment was also made on the proposed paving of Egner and that they are pleased the board opted to wait for now and not put the township in the position of paying on it for 5 years
Supervisor Johnson closed public Comment.

Adjournment

Motion by Gunnell to adjourn. Support from Zank. Motion carried, 5-0

Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm.

Elizabeth Mulder, Clerk
Gary Johnson, Supervisor