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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
May 13, 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. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

1. a. Approve minutes from Regular April 8, 2003, Special Master Plan meeting for April 16, 2003 with ZBA and Planning Commission.
2. b. Approve Bill list and accept Written Department and Committee Reports
 - April Bill List
 - Assessor's Report
 - Fire Chief's Statistics Report
 - Clerk's Budget Report
 - Building Inspector's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
3. Mike Havens Fire Officer I and II class (Last time program offered, class is \$845.00.)
Motion made by Straub. Second by Ferguson. Motion carried 4-1.

Old business

Cedar Springs Library – Donna Clark, Library Director, gave a brief update on all the current activities. 59 new patrons signed up for Library services. The summer reading program will kick off at the end of the month. 24 boxes of free books were donated to the library, they are worth \$10,000.

Supervisor Johnson thanked Mrs. Clark for her reports

Cedar Springs Parks and Rec.- None

Fire Department Ordinances

Ordinance to Regulate Outdoor Burning- Draft 2

Motion made by Zank to approve with Corrections to Penalties. Second by Gunnell.



Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Straub, Ferguson, Gunnell, and Zank. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ordinance to authorize recovering of expenses for emergency response services

Motion to adopt ordinance with Violation fines added made by Zank. Second by Gunnell

Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Straub, Ferguson, Gunnell, and Zank. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ordinance to designate fire lanes

Motion to adopt made by Straub. Second by Zank.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Straub, Ferguson, Gunnell, and Zank. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried, 5-0.

Hazardous Materials Ordinance (32) Revision.

Motion to adopt made by Gunnell. Second by Zank.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Straub, Ferguson, Gunnell, and Zank. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried, 5-0.

Township Website

Motion made to allow Matt Blackburn to update and train the administrative assistant on how to keep it up date the web page made by Zank. Second by Straub. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Establishment of Provisional District Library Board

Gunnell made a motion to approve the appointment of Joanne Furhoff, Matt Blackburn, and Jean Pierce as the three (3) members of the Provisional District Library Board, along with the recommendation to Cedar Springs Counsel of Sandy Rodriguez as the Joint member. Second by Zank. Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Straub, Ferguson, Gunnell, and Zank. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried, 5-0.

Office Administrator's Salary Increase

Straub made a motion to raise the administrator's salary by \$1.00 to \$11.50. Second by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

Summer Evening Zoning Classes

Mr. Johnson informed the board of the up coming classes and asked the board to consider sending Planning Commission members to the classes. No action is taken at this time.

Clerks Conference June 23-27

Ms. Ferguson informed the board to the up coming conference which includes an Election Accreditation class that all Clerks must attend. Motion made by Zank to send Ms. Ferguson. Second by Gunnell. Ms. Ferguson Abstained from voting. Motion Carried 4-0.

Community Association Letter

Mr. Bob Ellick read the letter to the board. Some comments were heard from the board. Mr. Johnson thanked the Association.

Correspondence

Trustee: Fred Gunnell attended the West Nile Virus workshop held by the Kent County Health Department. The seminar lasted 6 hours. Mr. Gunnell let everyone know that Kent County and the State of Michigan will not be spraying for the virus. City's and Township's



are able to choose if they would like to spray themselves at their cost. Mr. Gunnell also explained that the bug lives mostly in urban areas and would suggest not spraying at this time.

Trustee: Rich Straub informed the board that on May 30, 2003 a Memorial Day service for all Vets will be held at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans at 2pm at the band shell. In addition to the service, the names of all the veterans that lived in the home and passed this year will be read.

Treasurer: Ken Zank, nothing at this time.

Clerk: Ms. Ferguson has nothing at this time.

Supervisor: Gary Johnson, The Kent County Emergency Medical Services, INC would like the board to declare May 18 to May 24, 2003 as Emergency Medical Week and May 23, 2003 as Kids Emergency day in Solon Township. Gunnell made a motion to accept. Johnson supported. Motion carried 5-0.

Additional Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion by Zank to adjourn. Support from Straub. Motion carried, 5-0
Meeting adjourned 9:55pm.

Cynthia Ferguson, Clerk
Gary Johnson, Supervisor