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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
November 9, 2010
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, Robert Ellick, Heather Zenker, Rich Straub & John Rideout

Members absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance & invocation

Public comments on the agenda items: None

Approve agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker the motion carried 5 to 0.

Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve consent agenda. Mr. Rideout seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library – no report

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – no report

Fire Committee – no report

Old Business: None

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New Business:

Funding for MTA conference

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve funding up to \$1,175.00 for Board members to attend the 2011 MTA conference in Grand Rapids. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

Funding for repairs to property at 2391 19 Mile Road

Motion by Mr. Straub to authorize up to \$4,500.00 for the repair to the property located at 2391 19 Mile Road. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Funding for repairs to cemetery building

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve funding up to \$500.00 for new roof on cemetery building. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. The consensus of the Board was that we should install a metal roof instead of shingles. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Award snow plowing bid for 2010 - 2011

Motion by Mr. Rideout to award contract to O'Dowd snowplowing for \$1,600.00 per season plus salt. Mr. Ellick seconded the motion. The motion failed 2 to 3 with Zenker, Gunnell & Straub voting no. A second motion was then made by Mr. Straub to award contract to Marty's Construction Services for \$2,275.00 per season plus salt. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 3 to 2 with Mr. Ellick & Mr. Rideout voting no.

Set price for sale of fire truck

Motion by Mr. Straub to set the price for the sale of the mini-pumper at \$85,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

Approval of preliminary plans for new township offices/community room

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve the preliminary plans for the new township hall as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Authorization to solicit for bids for architect services

Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize the soliciting of bids for architectural services with a minimum of three bids to be obtained by the Supervisor. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

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Discussion Items

Possibility of purchasing more land for the cemetery. The Board discussed the possibility of purchasing additional land to the north of the cemetery for future use. At this time the Board felt the money would be better spent on the new township offices.

Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – none

Mr. Straub – none

Treasurer – none

Clerk – Mr. Rideout – discussed the township newsletter

Supervisor – Mr. Ellick – Stated more shingles have blown off the horse barn and may need to be repaired.

Public comments:

None

Adjourn – Motion by Ms. Zenker to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gunnell, motion carried 5 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Township Clerk