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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
January 14, 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, Elizabeth Mulder, Ken Zank and Rich Straub

Members absent: None

Guests & Presentations

Clerk, Mulder, Introduced the new clerk Cynthia Ferguson. She has been selected by the board and will be sworn in February 1, 2003.

Public comment on agenda items

Don Bozewinkle, Representative for the Middle Lake Association, presented the board with a letter from the association and again reviewed why the residence there would like to again ask the board to consider designating park as private property.

Johnson asked for comments.

Gunnell asked Mr. Bozewinkle if all the association members were in agreement on this issue. Mr. Bozewinkle, most are.

Johnson stated that if the board were to approve a resolution to get this started it would need to go through circuit court and be court ordered also the DNR and the DEQ would need to be involved.

Various comments were heard from the audience on the up keep to the park, the current condition, and parking

Johnson recommended that the Board review the questions brought up today and physically takes a look at the park and then the Board can take another look at it.

Approve agenda

Motion made by Straub to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mulder. Motion carried, 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

Mulder would like the Board to make an addition to the bill list of AGI for \$465.00 and educational reimbursement to Pat Huffman, Electrical Inspector, of \$536.95. Motion made by Zank to approve the consent agenda with the addition. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- I. a. Approve minutes from Regular December 10, 2002 & December 20, 2002 special 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. 2003 Meeting Schedule & Designated Holidays.
d. Reappointment to ZBA of Reese Rickards.

Old business

Cedar Springs Library – Donna Clark, Library Director, gave a brief update on all the current activities. Spartan Stores has donated \$4000.00 for new computers, the inner Library loan system is up 25%, and the book discussion for the “One book, one county” programs book, “Peace like a River”, is February 17, 2003 at the Cedar Springs High School Media Center.

Supervisor Johnson thanked Mrs. Clark for her reports

District Library Committee – Gunnell reported that the next meeting would be January 15th @ 1:30 pm, Cedar Springs City Hall.

Gunnell made a motion to approve Supervisor Johnson to replace Clerk Mulder on the District Library Committee. Seconded by Zank. Motion carried, 5-0.

Cedar Springs Parks and Rec. – None

Junk Refuse Ordinance- Motion was made by Zank to Approve the Junk and Refuse Control Ordinance as presented. Seconded by Gunnell. Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Straub, Mulder, Gunnell, and Zank. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried, 5-0.

New Business

Approve shelving for store room (450.00 – 500.00)

Straub made a motion to approve hiring Bill Rau to build new storage shelving for the storeroom not to exceed \$500.00. Seconded by Zank. Motion carried, 5-0.

PA 48 of 2002 – “Metro Act” -

Johnson brought the board up to date that this is an Act that the State has implemented.

Zank made a motion that we table any decision until the February regular meeting to allow for more time to review this. Seconded by Straub. Motion carried, 4-1.

Community Block Grant Program -

Johnson commented that a special meeting would be held Tuesday the 21st of January to discuss this. No action was taken.

Storm Water Drain Ordinance and Master Plan –

Johnson stated that this something the Township would need to consider and take a look at in the future. We are not in the designated area yet. No action was taken.

Private Street Ordinance –

Motion was made by Zank to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Solon (Private Street Inspections and Other Matters). Seconded by Gunnell. Roll call vote. Ayes: Straub, Mulder, Zank, Gunnell, Johnson. Abstain: None. Motion carried, 5-0.

Correspondence

Trustee: Fred Gunnell, none

Trustee: Rich Straub, will be going to Washington DC on behalf of the veterans organization.

Treasurer: Ken Zank, still collecting taxes.



Clerk: Elizabeth Mulder would like to point out the proposal in the Board packets from Betsy Davidson with AGI for maintenance of the Townships Web Site. They may want to keep this in mind in working on the budget for 2003-2004. Has enjoyed working with Cynthia Ferguson and feels that she will do a wonderful job as the new clerk. Ms. Ferguson as asked her to stay on as Deputy Clerk for a while and Mulder has agreed to do so.

Supervisor: Gary Johnson,

- The Master Plan surveys have been tallied and the results are available to the public.
- The Western Michigan Regional Planning Commission has been working with the Nelson Township Library and would like the Boards Comments on the materials provided.
- The Study for the intersection at Algoma and 17-Mile Rd has arrived and the most that could be done would be to look at making it a 4-way stop.
- The Fire Dept. would like to have a joint meeting with the Fire committee February 5, 2003 @ 6:00pm And a Joint Quarterly Meeting with the Fire Department and the Township Board @ 7:30pm following the Committee Meeting. Every one agreed this date would work and if a conflict does arise they will notify the Supervisor.
- The Bike Race is again coming this year and will be held March 30,2003.

Straub made a motion to regretfully accept the clerk's resignation February 1, 2003.

Seconded by Johnson. Abstained, Mulder. Motion carried, 3-0.

Additional Public Comment

Comment and discussion were heard from the audience on: West Nile Virus Concerns.

Trustee Gunnell would like to remind everyone that the ZBA Meetings have been changed from 7:00pm to 7:30pm to coincide with all the other regular meetings.

Gerald Skelonc commented that he would like to thank clerk Mulder for all her hard work and many years she has committed to the Township, also that he would like to apologize for the residents who have behaved badly and harassed her making the job more difficult and Stressful.

Clerk Mulder thanked Mr. Skelonc for his support and comments.

Tim Brockway asked Johnson about the Master Plans Surveys. Johnson answered that have been tallied in house; the comments have been divided into categories. A public Master Plan meeting will take place after everyone has a chance to take a look at it. We received about 1/3 of those sent out back.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm.

Elizabeth Mulder, Clerk

Gary Johnson, Supervisor