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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
March 11, 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

Heard from several members of the public on the Home Based Business Ordinance. Mr. Straub spoke directly to the public with his concerns.

Approve agenda

Motion made by Zank to approve the agenda with additions. Seconded by Straub. Motion carried, 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- I. a. Approve minutes from Regular February 11, 2003 & February 5, 2002 special meeting.
- b. Approve Bill list and accept Written Department and Committee Reports
 - February Bill List
 - ~~Assessor's Report~~
 - Fire Chief's Statistics Report
 - Clerk's Budget Report
 - Building Inspector's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
- c. Budget Amendments for 2002-2003

Mr. Johnson presented budget amendments to the board, added \$850 to Election, \$2,000 to the Clerks, \$8,000 to Var. Zone, and 7000 to Highways/Streets .
Mr. Straub motion to support, Mr. Gunnell 2nd Motion carried 5-0
- d. Tires for Fire Truck

a cap of \$2,400 is set in place for eight tires. Motion to accept made by Mr. Zank, 2nd by Mr. Straub Motion carried 5-0
- e. New Fire Fighter—Clark Swaney

Mitch Havens presented information regarding New Fire Fighter Clark Swaney.
Mr. Swaney will be on probation for one year, unless otherwise noted by the Fire Chief. Motion to accept made by Mr. Straub, 2nd by Mr. Zank
Motion carried 5-0.



Old business

Cedar Springs Library – Donna Clark, Library Director, was unable to attend this month's meeting. Clerk distributed minutes from Library board meeting.

Cedar Springs Parks and Rec. – Supervisor, Gary Johnson, stated that the Parks and Rec. Dept. will be asking for \$3,000 in the 2003-2004 Budget year.

PA 48 of 2002 – “Metro Act” -

Gunnell made a motion to accept, Seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote Ayes: Johnson, Zank, Gunnell, Straub, Ferguson. Nays: none

Home Based Business Ordinance

Motion to approve the Home Base Business Ordinance made by Gunnell, 2nd by Johnson
Roll call vote. Ayes: none Nays: Gunnell, Ferguson, Zank, Johnson, Straub Motion Failed

Storm Water Drain Ordinance and Master Plan –

Johnson informed the board there would be a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss this ordinance further at a later date.

Resolution and Agreement for Solon/Cedar Library

Motion to approve the Resolution to establish Cedar-Solon District Library and to approve District Library Agreement; and to approve termination of Cedar Springs Public Library, made by Gunnell, 2nd by Ferguson. Roll call vote

Ayes: Johnson, Zank, Gunnell, Straub, Ferguson. Nays: .none Motion carried

New Business

Pension Plan Agreement

Zank explained the updates made to the existing Pension Plan for elected officials.

Straub motioned to adopt agreement, Gunnell 2nd Motion carried 5-0

Budget Hearing Notice

The Public hearing for the 2003-2004 budget will be held on March 27, 2003 @ 7:30pm

Rouge River Watershed Councils

Gunnell motioned to approve participation, Straub 2nd. Mr. Johnson is appointed to the Rouge River Watershed Council. Motion carried 5-0

Township Website

The board is looking into several different quotes for the website. No action is taken at this time.

Correspondence

Trustee: Fred Gunnell reminded everyone that there would be a joint workshop with the ZBA, The PC, and the board on March 12, 2003 at 7:30pm.

Trustee: Rich Straub spoke about the trip to Washington DC on behalf of the veterans organization. Mr. Straub and the others were able to meet with Debbie Stabenow, and were received well. Mr. Straub would also like to voice his distain with the Home base business Ordinance. He would like it to be stated that he is in favor of Grand Fathering in all existing home based business in Solon Township. With war looming in the not so distant future, and many of our large business in troubled water; Mr. Straub feels that this is not the time to stomp on small business.



Treasurer: Ken Zank, tax season concluded on Friday February 14, 2003. The office experienced a power outage and Mr. Zank became aware that the generator is not in working order. Mr. Zank suggested we have someone in to look at it.

Clerk: Ms. Ferguson has been working with Mr. Johnson on budget issues, and is preparing for a new fiscal year.

Supervisor: Gary Johnson will be going over the businesses in question and discussing them with Mr. Gunnell and the other members of the board.

Additional Public Comment

Comment and discussion were heard from the audience on: Home based business and what will be happening with this in the future.

Adjournment

Motion by Straub to adjourn. Support from Ferguson. Motion carried, 5-0
Meeting adjourned 9:20pm.

Cynthia Ferguson, Clerk
Gary Johnson, Supervisor