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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
April 9, 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, and Ken Zank.

Members absent: Rich Straub.

Guests & Presentations

None

Public comment on agenda items

None.

Approve agenda

Motion made by Gunnell to approve the agenda. Supported by Zank. Motion carried, 4-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion made by Zank. Supported by Gunnell. Motion carried, 4-0.

- a. Approve minutes from March 12, 2002, Budget hearing minutes March 12, 2002 meeting.
- b. Approve Bill list and accept Written Department and Committee Reports
 - March Bill List
 - Assessor's Report
 - Fire Chief's Statistics Report
 - Clerk's Budget Report
 - Building Inspector's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
- c.

Pending business

Cedar Springs Library Study –Mary Johnson, president of the library board, gave a brief update on the steering committee. They will be meeting Friday April 12, 2002 to discuss further the people they have in mind to head this committee.

Donna Clark, Director of the Library, gave a brief update on upcoming events. Monthly book club has begun and is the last Monday of each month. Have seen an increase in library use.

Supervisor Johnson thanked Mary Johnson and Donna Clark for coming and the excellent work they are doing for the betterment of the library.

Cedar Springs Parks and Rec. – Ron Kerns, Solon representative, reported that the YMCA has contact them regarding a possible partnership. Mr. Kerns requested from the Township a one time emergency contribution of \$2000.00, as they are in a bind due to the many changes in leadership *Cedar Springs Parks and Rec.* the library has seen in the past year. Johnson asked if we agree to the \$2000.00 will this be enough? Also is the requested \$2000.00 in addition to the annual contribution of \$2500.00? Sue Wolfe commented that they have a 15-



month budget in place and plan on this never occurring again and would also like to request the Township consider \$3000.00 for the annual contribution.

Gunnell made a motion to give Cedar Springs Parks and Recreation a one time emergency contribution of \$2000.00. Supported by Mulder. Motion carried, 4-0.

7:45 pm Trustee Rich Straub arrived.

Vista View Site Condominium Planned Unit Development – Kelly Powell presented the board with a brief review of the proposed Vista View Development. Zank asked Mr. Powell where the school buses would do pick-ups. Mr. Powell stated that the school would come out and review the development after the roads were complete and make their decision then. Gunnell requested that in the PUD agreement page 12, section 21b that it be changed to read “shall notify the township *in writing*...” Johnson requested that on page 4, section 7a read “approved by the Kent County Health Department *and the MDEQ*.” Mr. Powell agreed to these changes.

Motion was made by Zank to adopt the Vista View Estates Site Condominium Planned Unit Development Ordinance with the above-mentioned changes on pages 4 & 12. Supported by Straub. Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Zank, Straub, Gunnell, and Mulder. Nays: None. Motion Carried, 5-0.

Vista View Estates Site Condominium Private Sewer System Agreement – Kelly Powell reviewed for the board the sewer system they would like to use in the Vista View PUD. He would like to request that it be approved tonight, as it cannot be submitted to the MDEQ with out Township approval. Discussion pursued the proposed sewer system regarding out put per day, Health Department monitoring, and alarm system. Mr. Powell stated that all copies of final contracts and monitoring reports pertaining to the Vista View Sewer System would be supplied to the township for their records. Gunnell requested that page 7, section P Guarantee be change read, “if the Sewer System has been *fully operational*.”

Motion was made by Zank to approve Agreement for Operation of Private Sewer System for Vista View Estates Site Condominiums with the above-mentioned change. Supported by Straub. Roll call vote. Ayes: Straub, Zank, Johnson, Mulder, Gunnell. Nays: None. Motion carried, 5-0.

New Business

2002-2003 Community Development Block Grant Program – Supervisor Johnson requested a motion to allow the supervisor and clerk to enter into the annual CDBG program for 2002-2003. Straub made a motion to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to enter into the Community Development Block Grant Program agreement for 2002-2003 on behalf of Solon Township. Supported by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.

Approve 2001-2002 Budget Amendments – Gunnell made a motion to approve budget amendments for 2001-2002 fiscal year. Supported by Zank. Motion carried, 5-0.

Zoning Administrator-Trustee Gunnell discussed pay increase for zoning administrator. Tabled until May 14 meeting.



Correspondence

Trustee: Rich Straub, apologized for being late. Has been busy the Vets and reported that the Governor recommended to put back into the budget monies for service organizations serving Veterans.

Trustee: Fred Gunnell, none.

Treasurer: Ken Zank, tax collection is over and finished closing the year 2001. The County was very helpful. Will be changing hour to 9-1 Monday – Thursday.

Clerk: Elizabeth Mulder, help wanted ad has been placed in the Cedar Springs Post for the position of Deputy Clerk. Cemetery spring clean up day will be this coming Saturday, April 13th.

Supervisor: Gary Johnson, Road Commission dinner is tomorrow night April 10th.

Additional Public Comment

Comment was heard from resident Bob Havens on personal property tax. Sue Wolfe, Parks and Rec. have been in existence since 1986. She also thanked the board for their support and would like to see the vacancy for the township representative filled. Tim Brockway expressed concern with the adverse effects that cell towers have due to radiation and has given the supervisor a copy of information on cell towers that he acquired.

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss pending litigation with township attorney Ross Leisman. Supported by Mulder. Motion carried, 5-0.

Entered into closed session 8:55pm.

Came out of closed session 9:55pm.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned 10:00pm.

Elizabeth Mulder, Clerk

Gary Johnson, Supervisor