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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
May 10, 2005
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, John Rideout, Robert Ellick, Rich Straub, Cynthia Ferguson

Members absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests & Presentations: None

Public comment on agenda items

None

Approve agenda

Motion made by Straub to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ellick. Motion carried.

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion made by Ferguson, Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried.

- a. Approve minutes from Regular meeting for April 12, 2005 and Special Meeting April 21, 2005
- b. Approve Bill list and accept Written Department and Committee Reports
 - April Bill List
 - Fire Chief's Statistics Report
 - Clerk's Budget Report
 - Building Inspector's Report
 - Treasurer's Report

Old business

Cedar Springs Public Library – No members present.

Cedar Springs Park and Rec.- No members were present. Minutes from last months board meeting were supplied. Received their audit from the 2001-2003 business years.



New Business-

***Resolution for authorizing Social Security coverage under Section 218 Agreement-** Motion by Straub to adopt the Resolution as written. Seconded by Gunnell.

Role call vote:

Ferguson-aye

Straub-aye

Ellick-aye

Rideout-aye

Gunnell-aye

Motion carried.

***Authorization for the purchase of office furniture for the Administrative Assistant not to exceed \$600.00-** Motion by Ferguson to purchase office furniture for the Administrative Assistant not to exceed \$600. Seconded by Rideout. Motion carried.

***Authorization for the township clerk to terminate pension programs with former employees of the township-** Motion by Ferguson to terminate pension programs with former employees of the township. Seconded by Rideout. Motion carried.

***Authorize the township to place ornamental trees along the north drive of the cemetery using township residence's contributions to pay for such with the placing of a memorial marker acknowledging said contribution-** Motion by Straub to accept the placement of ornamental trees on the north drive of the cemetery with acknowledgement to the donor. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried.

***Authorize expenditure of no more than \$450.00 for replacement of valve cover gaskets for rescue truck-** Motion by Rideout to replace 2 valve cover gaskets for the rescue truck totaling no more than \$450.00. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried.

***Authorization to raise spending limit of Fire Chief to \$250.00 without prior board approval-** Motion by Gunnell to raise the spending limit of the Fire Chief to \$250.00 without prior board approval with supporting documentation. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried.

***Deposit of reimbursement revenue to be deposited into capital fund for Fire Department-** Motion by Rideout to table until discussed with the Auditors. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried.

***Increase in Deputy Chief's pay from \$3,500.00 annually to \$4,500.00-** Motion by Gunnell to increase the Deputy Chief Position's pay from \$3,500.00 to \$4,500.00 annually. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried.



***Fire Department Staffing-**Motion by Straub to hire DeAnna Baird as a Medical First Responder. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried.

Motion by Straub to allow Robert Ellick to abstain from voting on his hiring to the Fire Department. Seconded by Rideout. Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson to hire Robert Ellick as a non-compensated employee of the Fire Department. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried.

***Treasurer and Clerk training-**Motion by Straub to allow Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer to attend Tax Software Classes on June 8th and 9th including one nights hotel stay with amount totaling \$865.00. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried. Straub wanted to mention in the minutes that this training is needed because the proper procedures were not followed in the past and the expenditure is necessary.

Motion by Ferguson to allow the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend Accounting 101 training in Mt. Pleasant on June 7th with training totaling \$160.00. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried.

***Authorize the Township Clerk to deduct from the Supervisor's salary the cost to the township to allow the Supervisor to participate in the MTA sponsored health benefit program-**Motion by Straub to accept the Resolution as written. Seconded by Rideout.

Roll Call Vote:

Gunnell-aye

Ferguson-aye

Straub-aye

Ellick-aye

Rideout-aye

Motion carried.

***ChoiceOne proposal-**Motion by Rideout to table until we receive proposals from other banks. Seconded by Straub. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Trustee: Fred Gunnell- None

Trustee: Rich Straub – The Chapter received the letter sent by Robert Ellick thanking them for the POW/MIA flag. They wanted to thank the township for the letter. May 30, 2005 @ 2p.m. the veterans home will be having their Memorial Day Program.

Treasurer: Cynthia Ferguson- She reminded the board to have their articles ready for the newsletter by the end of May.

Clerk: John Rideout-The Memorial Day Services will be held on May 30, 2005 @ 10 a.m. at Solon Cemetery hosted by the Legion. He also noted that Mitch Havens would like to put in an Application at Rockford Hardware for a credit account. Motion by Straub to allow Mitch Havens to apply for a credit account at Rockford Hardware with the stipulation that one of the board members is on the account. Seconded by Rideout. Motion carried.



Supervisor: Robert Ellick-Discussed the letter he sent to a resident regarding his property for possible township use. The resident would like to meet with Ellick in June. Robert received a \$1000 scholarship to attend the MTA Governance Academy. He also received a letter from Kent County Sheriff's Department regarding grants for Homeland Security. He is going to check into the matter further.

Additional Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion made by Straub to adjourn. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 8:26 p.m.

Heather Zenker, Deputy Clerk