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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
August 10, 2004
Solon Township Hall
2305 19-Mile Road
Cedar Springs MI 49319

Meeting called to order by Clerk Cynthia Ferguson at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Fred Gunnell, Cynthia Ferguson, and Rich Straub

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. Second by Gunnell. Motion carried, 3-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion made by Gunnell to approve the consent agenda with correction to report list. Second by Gunnell. Motion carried 3-0.

- a. Approve minutes from Regular Meeting, July 13, 2004.
- b. Approve Bill list and accept Written Department and Committee Reports
 - July Bill List
 - ~~Assessor's Report~~
 - Fire Chief's Statistics Report
 - Clerk's Budget Report
 - Building Inspector's Report
 - Treasurer's Report

Old business

Cedar Springs Public Library – None (Donna Clark on vacation)

Cedar Springs Parks and Rec.- Ferguson reported that the board packets include minutes from the last Parks and Rec. meeting. Sara Thornton has expressed an interest in representing the Township on the Parks and Rec. board. Ferguson will contact her and request that she attend the next regular board meeting September 14, 2004.

Resolution Authorizing Payment of Certain Budgeted Expenditures – Straub made a motion to approve Resolution with specific vendors to be listed at next meeting September 14, 2004. Second by Gunnell. Ayes: Ferguson, Gunnell, and Straub. Nays: None. Motion carried, 3-0.

Solon Township Noise Ordinance – Straub made a motion to table any decisions for next board meeting September 14, 2004, pending discussion at staff meeting in September. Second by Gunnell. Motion carried, 3-0.



Resolution Establishing Fee for Land Division Approvals – Straub made a motion to adopt resolution as presented. Second by Gunnell. Ayes: Straub, Gunnell and Ferguson. Nays: None. Motion carried, 3-0.

New Business

Chairperson of Future Township Board Meeting thru November 20, 2004 – Gunnell made a motion to appoint Clerk, Ferguson to chair all Township Board Meetings November 20, 2004, end of the 4 year term. Second by Straub. Motion carried, 3-0.

Treasurers Duties – Ferguson made a motion to have Deputy Treasurer, Heather Zenker, perform the duties of treasurer in the vacancy of the office and to pay her the Salary that the past Treasurer had collected. Leaving the office of Treasurer vacant until November 20, 2004. Second by Gunnell. Motion carried, 3-0.

Kent County Road Commission 2005 Local Road Program – Ferguson related to the board that Kent County Road Commission will be holding a meeting September 22, 2004 from 11:30am – 1:00pm at the North Complex. At this time future road programs will be presented and discussed.

Ferguson made a motion to approve the Township to place a notice in the Cedar Springs Post for input from the community regarding future road programs. Second by Gunnell. Motion carried, 3-0.

Resolution to Provide for the Designation of September 24, 2004 as ‘POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY’- Straub made a motion to adopt POW-MIA Recognition day resolution as stated. Second by Ferguson. Ayes: Straub, Gunnell and Ferguson. Nays: None. Motion carried, 3-0.

Approve Hope Network West Michigan 2004-2005 Vender Contract, with a budget of \$2000.00 in HUD Community Block Grant funds – Straub made a motion to approve said resolution witch runs from July1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Second by Ferguson. Ayes: Straub, Ferguson, and Gunnell Nays: None. Motion carried, 3-0.

Portable office space – Trustee Gunnell commented that it has been brought to his attention the possible need for temporary additional office space. Gunnell would like the board’s approval to look into the cost, availability and possible options, Straub made a motion to approve Gunnell to research portable office space. Second by Ferguson. Motion carried, 3-0.

Letter from Solon Township Fire Committee – Don Hamblin, Solon Township Fire Committee, read the letter of recommendation for the positions of Deputy Fire Chief and Lieutenant. (*See attached letter). Straub made a motion to accept the fire committee’s recommendations and appoint Deputy Fire Chief – Rick Vargo and Lieutenant – Rich Hays. Second by Gunnell. Motion carried, 3-0.

Gunnell commented that the board would like to express their appreciation to the fire committee for all their time and efforts that went into the recommendation.

Correspondence

Trustee: Fred Gunnell-Not at this Time

Trustee: Rich Straub- Would like to publicly acknowledge Township resident, Ike Smith for his donation of time he has put into the vets home. July 31, 2004 he was at the vets home all day with his horses and wagon, giving ride to the vets. They all expressed to Straub their appreciation of his time.



Treasurer: NONE

Clerk: Cynthia Ferguson – Would like the public to know that the board will be holding a special meeting to discuss Home Based Businesses. This meeting will include the Township Attorney and will be used to help the board in deciding the path they which to take. Ferguson would like to thank the public for all their support and patience. She plans to do everything she can to help the community heal and is proud to be part of Solon Township. The election went well and we had a tremendous turnout of an average 35% turnout.

Supervisor: NONE

Additional Public Comment

Fire Chief Havens reported that they have completed the first phase of the FEMA grant they applied for and entering the 2nd.

Resident, Bob Havens, expressed appreciation to Clerk Ferguson for all her hard work and feels that the township is in good hands.

Adjournment

Motion made by Ferguson to adjourn. Second by Straub. Motion carried, 3-0.
Meeting adjourned 8:10p.m.

Cynthia Ferguson, Clerk