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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
October 12, 2004
Solon Township Hall
2305 19-Mile Road
Cedar Springs MI 49319

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

Members present: Fred Gunnell, Cynthia Ferguson, Heather Zenker, Elizabeth Mulder and Rich Straub

Members absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests & Presentations

None

Public comment on agenda items

None

Approve agenda

Motion made by Gunnell to approve the agenda with changes (*Cedar/Solon District Library – Cedar Springs Public Library*). Seconded by Zenker. Motion carried, 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

1. a. Approve minutes from Regular meeting for September 2, 2004.
- b. Approve Bill list and accept Written Department and Committee Reports
 - September 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 – Donna Clark, Cedar Springs Library Director gave a brief report to the Board on the Libraries new carpet and renovation /and the current project of obtaining 2 more computers.

Cedar Springs Parks and Rec.- Sara Thornton, Solon Township representative to the Cedar Springs Parks and Rec. Board, introduced herself to the board. She requested that the Township think about what their future goal for parks and rec. are for the Township. The Parks and Rec. is working on a master plan and would like to have a rough draft completed by December. They are asking for the boards input.

Portable Office Space – Nothing new at this time.

New Business



Property for sale at the corner of 19-Mile Rd. and Algoma – Gunnell made a motion to authorize the supervisor to look into a “right of first refusal” proposition for this parcel. Ferguson amended the motion to include authorizing Gunnell and Ferguson to meet with the owners of the house and investigate options for possible purchase. Seconded by Straub. Motion carried, 5-0.

Zoning map update from Prein and Newhof – Mulder made a motion to approve new zoning maps from Prein and Newhof. Seconded by Zanker. Motion approved, 5-0.

Snowplow Bids – Supervisor Ferguson opened three submitted bids from Cornell Farms, Brandens Lawncare and NCS. Ferguson made a motion to approve NCS for 2004-2005 snowplowing services at \$1350.00. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.

Approve Hiring of new firefighter Brian Vanderlaan and new cadets Samuel Zachow and Jacob Watson – Motion made by Straub to approve the hiring of Brian Vanderlaan as a firefighter and two new cadets Samuel Zachow & Jacob Watson. Seconded by Zenker. Motion carried, 5-0.

Approve update of security doors – Motion made by Straub to approve replacing existing customer counter with security door and place security on the door entering the hall meeting room. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.

Correspondence

Trustee: Fred Gunnell- cemetery clean up looks good and would like to thank all those who helped.

Trustee: Rich Straub – Master Plan public meeting is set for October 19, 2004 @ 7:30. Would like to see 17 Mile Rd. considered for change to highway commercial. Would like to acknowledge township resident Ike Smith who donated his time giving rides to the veterans September 29th with his horse and cart. Expressed appreciation to the Public for being here tonight.

Treasurer: Heather Zenker – Would like to thank the board for the opportunity to serve. Is getting ready fro the winter taxes. We will be printing them ourselves.

Clerk: Elizabeth Mulder – Reported on record breaking AV’s. Straub made a motion to approve closing the Township Offices for regular business on Tuesday November 2, 2004 for the General Election. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried, 5-0.

Supervisor: Cynthia Ferguson – Would like to write a letter to the Planning Commission stating 17- Mile be considered for commercial change. She would work with the zoning administrator on this letter to be presented to the Planning Commission. Straub made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to submit letter to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Zenker. Motion carried, 5-0.

Additional Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion made by Gunnell to adjourn. Second by Ferguson. Motion carried, 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:30p.m.

Elizabeth Mulder, Clerk