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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
November 14, 2006
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 and Heather Zenker

Members absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comments on the agenda items: None

Approve agenda: Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approve Consent Agenda: Motion made by Mr. Rideout to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library report presented by Donna Clark
Cedar Springs Parks & Rec report presented by Heather Zenker

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Straub made the motion to increase station, training and meeting time pay to \$7.00 per hour for fire fighters. Mr. Rideout seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Rideout made the motion to pay supervisor for fire / medical runs effective immediately. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. Discussion followed that response time was greatly decreased due to Mr. Ellick's involvement. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Straub made the motion to approve the White Creek Road resolution supporting the citizen's request to lower the speed limit on White Creek south of 17 Mile Road. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion.

Role call vote

Mr. Rideout – yes

Mr. Gunnell – yes

Ms. Zenker – yes

Mr. Straub – yes

Mr. Ellick – yes

Motion carried 5 to 0

Board reviewed snowplowing contract for 2006 – 2007. Three bids were submitted from White Snowplowing, Pierce Landscaping & Snowplowing and Rogue River Landscape. Mr. Straub made the motion to award the contract to White Snowplowing to be paid on a seasonal basis. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Straub made the motion to appoint Joyce Vandermeij as the permanent rescue captain. Mr. Rideout seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Straub made the motion to hire Leslie Baird as a tanker driver / helper. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Ms. Zenker made the motion to hire Hollie Watson as a fire fighter / first responder. Mr. Rideout seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Ms. Zenker made the motion to hire Paul Twyman as a fire fighter. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Rideout made the motion to purchase two (2) pagers for the fire department not to exceed \$1,100. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Straub made the motion to approve the amended parks & recreation by-laws. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding wording on removal of Board members. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Ms. Zenker made the motion to approve the Arbor Circle agreement. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Public comments

None

Correspondence:

Trustees – Mr. Gunnell – none

Mr. Straub – Discussed Veteran's day and commented on how well the election was run.

Treasurer – preparing tax bills to go out

Clerk – Discussed turn out for election at 62% of voters also report from insurance company on Township owned building on property values.

Supervisor – Discussed property values, how well he feels the fire department is running and options on the township hall now that the millage question has failed.

Adjourn – Motion by Mr. Straub to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Twp. Clerk