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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
December 12, 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. Ms. Zenker seconded motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approve Consent Agenda: Motion made by Ms. Zenker to approve consent agenda with corrections to last month's minutes. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library report presented by Donna Clark. She highlighted the recent donation to the library of \$300,000.

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec report presented by Heather Zenker

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve the agreement with Hope Network of West Michigan. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to reappoint William Sevey to the Board of Review. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Straub to reappoint Brian Rosenberger to the Board of Review. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to reappoint Carolee Gunnell to the Board of Review. Seconded by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Ellick made the motion to approve the ordinance regulating private streets and driveways. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. Discussion followed on the turn around requirement contained in the ordinance.

Role call vote

Mr. Ellick – yes
Mr. Rideout – yes
Mr. Gunnell – yes
Ms. Zenker – yes
Mr. Straub – yes

Motion carried 5 to 0

Motion made by Ms. Zenker to authorize the installation of new valve kits in two of the township fire trucks at a cost not to exceed \$2400.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Mr. Rideout to authorize the purchase of three sets of turn out gear plus a pair of pants fire department at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to accept the proposed revisions to the Cedar Springs master plan as written. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to increase the assessor's pay to \$24,700 annually effective 12/16/2006. Seconded by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Straub to change building inspectors pay from fee for service to salary at a rate of \$1,000 per month effective 1/1/2007. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Straub to authorize treasurer to attend winter workshop. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Correspondence:

Trustees – Mr. Gunnell – Has been asked to represent northern townships in Kent County in MTA. Also discussed Grant writer.

Mr. Straub – Discussed returning veterans

Treasurer – preparing to take two individuals to court over unpaid personal property taxes.

Clerk – Discussed passage of cable bill legislation.

Supervisor – Discussed township property insurance, Huck's corners stated things are really starting to shape up.

Public comments

Gerald Skelone – discussed homeland security grant, snow plowing contract and asked for Bear n the woods update. Mitch Havens discussed the need for street signs for Hopping development

Adjourn – Motion by Mr. Straub to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Twp. Clerk