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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
December 15, 2004
Solon Township Hall
2305 19-Mile Road
Cedar Springs MI 49319

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

Members present: Fred Gunnell, Cynthia Ferguson, John Rideout, Robert Ellick 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. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried, 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion made by Ferguson to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Rideout. Motion carried 5-0.

- I. a. Approve minutes from Regular meeting for November 9, 2004.
- b. Approve Bill list and accept Written Department and Committee Reports
 - October Bill List
 - Assessor's Report
 - Fire Chief's Statistics Report
 - Clerk's Budget Report
 - Building Inspector's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
- c. Approve Purchase of computer for Treasurer's office.
- d. Deputy Clerk's pay rate
- e. Approve 2005 designated holidays and township schedule.

Old business

Cedar Springs Public Library – Donna Clark, Cedar Springs Library Director gave a brief report to the Board on the libraries activities. Friday morning story time has been a great success. Pat Capek, Cedar Springs City Council Member, read to the children at the last story time. The Post was there to cover the story. A new book for the book club will be announced on January 3rd and later discussed on March 22nd. The library hired Liz Mulder so they need someone to fill her place on the Library Board. An add will be placed in the Post for this vacancy.



Cedar Springs Park & Rec. Master Plan- Motion made by Ferguson to accept the Cedar Springs Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Seconded by Gunnell.

Roll Call Vote:

Straub-Aye
Rideout-Aye
Gunnell-Aye
Ellick-Aye
Ferguson-Aye

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Gunnell to go into executive session regarding resolving the Bears In The Woods case. Seconded by Straub.

Roll Call Vote:

Straub-Aye
Rideout-Aye
Gunnell-Aye
Ellick-Aye
Ferguson-Aye

Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion made by Straub to go back into regular order of business. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

Master Plan For Solon Township- Motion Made by Gunnell to approve the Master Plan as is and look at it again in 5 years. Seconded by Rideout.

Roll Call Vote:

Straub-Aye
Gunnell-Aye
Ellick-Aye
Rideout-Aye
Ferguson-Aye

Motion carried 5-0.

Property at 19 Mile & Algoma- No new research has been done except for Robert Ellick speaking to the owner about the price. The owner cut the asking price by \$11,000. This would make the selling price \$107,000. The owner said that was his final offer. Motion by Gunnell to table the issue until the next Board Meeting in January. Seconded by Straub. Motion Carried 5-0.

Amendment To Existing Animal Ordinance- Motion by Ferguson to use the ordinance John Rideout drafted and send it to the lawyer to have him finalize it. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

Increase In Fee For Electrical Inspector- Motion by Straub to table until January's Board Meeting. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.



Raise In Cemetery Burial Fees- Dropped.

New Business

Closing The Township Hall For Rentals- Motion made by Gunnell to close the Township Hall for rentals as of January 31, 2005. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried 5-0.

Funds For KCCBG For Finishing Egner Road- Robert Ellick said that we will be receiving new packets regarding this issue within the next week or so. Motion made by Straub to table until more information is received. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried 5-0.

Pay For Deputies to attend MTA Conference- Motion made by Straub to pay the deputies \$85 per diem, per day, to attend the MTA Conference in January. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence

Trustee: Fred Gunnell- The Planning Commission put a lot of work into the Master Plan for Solon Township. They will be glad that the board accepted it. He thanked the Board.

Trustee: Rich Straub – None.

Treasurer: Cynthia Ferguson-She is working on taxes and cleaning up old documents and files. There is a learning curve but she is excited and glad to be serving the community for another 4 years.

Clerk: John Rideout-There is a large learning curve but so far things are going well. He is pleased to be working here and he thinks that everyone will work well together. The Solon Township website is updated through 2002 and is going well. Motion by Gunnell to pay the Deputy Clerk, Heather Zenker, \$60 per board meeting to take minutes. Seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor: Robert Ellick-There has been some rough spots that he is overcoming, but overall he is enjoying the job. Everything seems to be moving in the positive direction.

Additional Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion made by Ellick to adjourn. Seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried, 5-0.
Meeting adjourned 9:30p.m.

Heather Zenker, Deputy Clerk