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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
September 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 and Heather Zenker

Members absent: Rich Straub

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Guest & Presentations: None

Public comments on the agenda items: None

Approve agenda: Motion made by Mr. Ellick to amend the agenda to add payment of township's share of fire truck and delete SOS resolution. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0. Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Approve Consent Agenda: Motion made by Mr. Gunnell to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Ms. Zenker Motion carried 4 to 0.

Old Business

Cedar Springs Public Library – Donna Clark presented a report on the library

Cedar Springs Parks and Rec. – Ms. Zenker reported that the Parks & Rec Board has hired a new director.

New Business

Purchase of Cemetery trees – Motion by Mr. Rideout to spend up to \$650.00 for five more trees for the cemetery. Motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker. Discussion – the money for these trees will come from existing cemetery funds with the balanced to be transferred from the clerk's lodging budget. It was also understood that in the future if individuals wish to purchase a memorial tree the cost would remain at \$180.00 thus covering the cost of the plaque as well as the tree. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Final tax rate resolution – Motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve the tax rate resolution as presented. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Discussion – none.

Roll call Rideout – yes

Gunnell – yes

Ellick – yes

Zenker – yes

Resolution declared adopted.

Change October board meeting date – Motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to change the meeting date for the October board meeting from October 10th to October 9th. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Discussion – this was requested due to a scheduling conflict for the supervisor. Motion carried 4 to 0.

POW resolution – Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve the POW-MIA resolution as presented. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell.

Roll call Gunnell – yes

Ellick – yes

Zenker – yes

Rideout – yes

Resolution declared adopted.

Motion to prepay township's share of new fire truck – Motion by Ms. Zenker to authorize the township to prepay the \$52,204.00 owed by the township for the new fire truck for a cost savings of \$900.00. Seconded by Mr. Ellick. Discussion – it was noted that the township currently earns approx. \$275.00 a month in interest on this money and it is to the township's benefit to hold the money until delivery of the truck. Motion failed 4 to 0.

Addition items – hiring of new fire personnel

Motion by Ms. Zenker to hire Daniel Spangenberg as an on call fire fighter. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to hire Jacob Watson as an on call fire fighter. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to hire Reese Rickards as an on call fire fighter. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Correspondence:

Trustees – Mr. Gunnell - none

Treasurer – busy with taxes, will be gone at end of month for training

Clerk – Gave board a report on North Kent Transit budget, Solon Township is well below budget

Supervisor – Discussed census and how well new assessor is doing in position.

Additional public comments – Mrs. Rickards had question on library.

Adjourn – Motion by Mr. Rideout to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Twp. Clerk