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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
May 11, 2010
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, Robert Ellick, Heather Zenker, Rich Straub & John Rideout

Members absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – given by Pastor Craig Owens

Public comments on the agenda items: None

Approve agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to approve agenda. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library – No report submitted

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – Ms. Zenker reported that concert in the park will begin on the 3rd Thursday in June. She also informed the board that TV 8's Maranda in the park will be at Cedar Springs schools on June 24th.

Fire Committee – No report submitted

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Old Business: None

New Business:

Public Hearing to establish Industrial Development District – The floor was open for public comments on the proposal to establish an Industrial Development District. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed.

Public hearing to grant an Industrial Tax Exemption Certificate to Jason Guyot Properties LLC – The floor was open for public comment on the proposal to grant an Industrial Tax Exemption Certificate to Jason Guyot Properties LLC. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed.

Resolution Establishing an Industrial Development District and Approving Application of Jason Guyout Properties LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate – A motion was made by Mr. Rideout and supported by Ms. Zenker to approve resolution number 10-06 to establish an Industrial Development District and to approve the application of Jason Guyout Properties LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. During discussion Mr. Gunnell and Mr. Ellick questioned Mr. Guyout as to the number of employees who would be employed full time. Mr. Guyout indicated that full time employment (at least 32 hours per week) would increase from seven (7) to fifteen (15) and will be stated in the agreement. Mr. Rideout questioned how this number could be verified and Mr. Guyout agreed to use the State of Michigan unemployment insurance agency (UIA) report and supply same to the township as requested. A roll call vote was taken and all parties voted yes.

Approve funding to prepare property located at 2391 19 Mile Rd for sale - A motion was made by Ms Zenker to approve spending up to \$4,000.00 to prepare the property located at 2391 19 Mile Road for sale. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

Approve building committee members for the new township office and hall – A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve naming Robert Ellick, Joel Austin, Heather Zenker & Duane McIntyre to a committee to develop a site plan for the property located at 15185 Algoma Ave. and a building plan for township offices and a community room to be located at that site. Motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Pay increase for Deputy Chief – A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve increasing the deputy chief's pay from \$4,000.00 to \$4,400.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout. After some discussion it was felt that since the Board had not received an evaluation from the chief on the deputy chief's performance since his initial promotion this motion was premature. Motion failed 5 to 0.

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Funding for clerk's conference – A motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve funding \$250.00 plus hotel expense for the clerk to attend the summer conference. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Discussion Items – Rebecca Topolski and Tom Pyne as representatives of the Cedar Area Select Soccer Association (CASSA) discussed the need for additional soccer fields in the area due to the growing popularity of the sport. They questioned if the board felt it would be possible to built some soccer fields on the new township property on Algoma Ave. Mr. Gunnell expressed some concern about township (public) property being used for a private purpose. Mr. Ellick noted the growth in soccer over baseball & softball in the past few years. The general consensus of the board was that soccer fields could be incorporated into the new site plan but that there remained a lot of work to be done first.

Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – Discussed the Memorial Day walk sponsored by the Historical Museum.

Mr. Straub – Discussed Memorial Day ceremonies at various locations and the DAV car show.

Treasurer – She will be gone from office week of May 18 to 21 for training.

Clerk – Nothing

Supervisor – Stated he will be out of office on June 19th & 20th.

Public comments: Bruce Hawley, republican candidate for representative from 73rd district.

Adjourn – Motion by Mr. Rideout to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Township Clerk