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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
May 10, 2011
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, Rich Straub & John Rideout

Members absent: Heather Zenker

Pledge of Allegiance & invocation

Public comments on the agenda items: None

Approve agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve agenda with additions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub the motion carried 4 to 0.

Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to approve consent agenda. Mr. Rideout seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library – Ms. Clark reported on the poem reading program and participation in the summer reading program.

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – no report

Fire Committee – no report

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Old Business:

Motion to Auditor's contract

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve contract for auditing services with Siegfried Crandall pc in the amount of \$7,100.00, the motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 4 to 0.

New Business:

Compensating Heartfield Fire Department for truck repairs

Motion by Mr. Ellick to compensate Heartfield Fire Department \$550.00 for repairs to fire truck which they purchased from Solon Township. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 3 to 1 with Mr. Rideout voting no.

Purchase of fire department turn out gear

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve funding in the amount of \$4,999.00 for purchase of turnout gear as township's portion of grant for same. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 4 to 0.

Authorization for sale of excess fire department equipment

Motion by Mr. Straub to authorize the fire chief to deposit of excess breathing tanks by offering them for sale. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellick and carried 4 to 0.

Approval of Kent County Fire Chief's standard operating guidelines

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve the Kent County Fire Chief's standard operating guidelines as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 4 to 0.

Increase in burial fees

Motion by Mr. Rideout to increase summer burial fees to \$400.00 and cremations to \$100.00 with the winter rates to remain at \$670.00 and will be collected for burials conducted between December 1st and March 15th. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 4 to 0.

Resolution to amend the zoning ordinance for feed stores

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve the ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance as presented, seconded by Mr. Rideout. Discussion followed as to changes that the Board felt were needed. Role call vote Mr. Rideout – no, Mr. Straub – no, Mr. Ellick – no, Mr. Gunnell – no, Ms. Zenker – absent. The motion failed 4 to 0.

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Approval of proposal for engineering services

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve the contract with Latitude Engineering for site plan preparation only as it relates to the construction of new township offices and community room. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 4 to 0.

Service agreement with Historical Society

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve the service agreement with the historical society, the motion was seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Discussion Items

None

Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – nothing

Mr. Straub – nothing

Treasurer – absent

Clerk – nothing

Supervisor – on site meeting for Marduk road

Public comments:

None

Adjourn – Motion by Mr. Straub to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gunnell, motion carried 4 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Township Clerk