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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
October 11, 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, Heather Zenker, Rich Straub & John Rideout

**Members absent:** none

**Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation**

**Public comments on the agenda items:**

Michael DeVries, Supervisor of Grand Rapids Charter Township addresses the board on the policy and procedures for tax abatement requests.

**Approve agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker; the motion carried 5 to 0.

**Approve Consent Agenda**

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

**Committee Reports**

Cedar Springs Public Library – written report submitted.

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – no report submitted

Fire Committee – no report submitted

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**Old Business:**

none

**New Business:**

**Charter franchise renewal**

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve the renewal of the Charter franchise agreement as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

**Snow plowing bids**

Motion by Mr. Ellick to table this item as only one bid was received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 5 to 0.

**Policy and procedures for tax abatement requests**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve the Kent County policy and procedures for PA198 & 328 for tax abatement requests. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

**Disposal of defective fire department hoses**

Motion by Mr. Straub to allow for the disposal of the defective fire hoses with the provision that the township get a statement relieving it of and liability. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

**Building department rate change for pole barns**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve amending the building fees to increase the base fee for pole barns from \$100.00 to \$130.00 and assess \$2.50 per \$1,000.00 of value. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

**Kent County solid waste management plan**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve the Kent County solid waste management plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub. On a role call vote all members voted yes and the motion carried.

**Reinstatement of fire fighter**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to reinstate fire fighter Joel Schaffer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

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**Public hearing for design plans for construction of township hall and community room**

Public hearing began at 8:15 PM. Mr. Cal Becksvoort, P.E. made a presentation on the design plans and answered questions. Len Alington and Hal and Vicki Babcock submitted questions on the plans. There were questions about placing building to north of pole barn Mr. Becksvoort will return at next staff meeting with cost figures on such a move. Public hearing ended at 8:43 PM.

**Approval of building site**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to place building north of existing pole barn contingent on drawings and drainage costs. Seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 3 to 2 with Mr. Straub and Mr. Gunnell voting no.

**Approval of final plans for construction of offices and community room**

Motion by Mr. Ellick to table until information is received on alternative building site. Motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

**Discussion Items**

none

**Correspondence**

Mr. Gunnell – nothing

Mr. Straub – nothing

Treasurer – nothing

Clerk – nothing

Supervisor – spoke on community block grant funding.

**Public comments:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

John W. Rideout  
Solon Township Clerk