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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
April 10, 2012
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: Robert Ellick, Heather Zenker, Richard Straub & John Rideout

Members absent: Fred Gunnell

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Public comments on the agenda items: none

Approve agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve the agenda with additions of debit card account & lawn care agreement for Algoma Ave. property. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker the motion carried 4 to 0.

Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve consent agenda. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library – Vickie Babcock discussed fund raisers for the library

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – no report

Fire Committee – no report

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Old Business:

None

New Business:

Approve fertilizer contract for cemetery

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve contract with Tru-Green for fertilizer and weed control for the cemetery in the amount of \$1,127.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 4 to 0.

Approve cemetery well repairs

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve spending up to \$1,350.00 for repairs to the cemetery water well. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 4 to 0.

Approve funding for cemetery spring clean up

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve spending up to \$325.00 for clean up in the cemetery. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 4 to 0.

Approve funding for township spring clean up

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve spending up to 5,000.00 for the township's spring up days. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellick and carried 4 to 0.

Authorize sale of old fire department air packs

Motion by Mr. Straub to authorize the sale of the out dated fire department air packs for \$50.00 each with the money received to be deposited into the fire fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout and carried 4 to 0.

Zoning ordinance resolution

Motion by Mr. Rideout separate the resolution and vote on each part separately. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub, the motion failed on a vote of 2 to 2 with Mr. Ellick and Ms. Zenker voting no. Ms. Zenker made the motion to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellick. During discussion Mr. Rideout and Mr. Straub voiced opposition to special land use provision for second floor residential structures. On a role call vote Mr. Ellick and Ms. Zenker vote yes, Mr. Straub and Mr. Rideout voted no the resolution was defeated.

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Approve funding for Treasurer's training

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve spending \$750.00 for the spring training conference for the treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Approve funding for Clerk's training

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve spending \$600.00 for the summer training conference for the. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub. There were concerns expressed as to why the clerk would attend this training given that he has already announced he is not running for re-election to the clerk's position. Mr. Rideout stated he did not plan to attend but would like the training available to the deputy clerk. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Contract renewal with First Telecommunication

Motion by Mr. Rideout approve renewing contract with First Telecommunication seconded by Ms. Zenker. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Approval of financing agreement for new construction

Motion by Mr. Rideout to table this item pending additional proposals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellick. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Approval of final site plan for new township hall

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve final site plan presented by engineer. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 4 to 0.

Horse barn renovations

Motion by Mr. Rideout to table this item pending solicitation for additional bids. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 4 to 0.

Renewal of White Creek property sales agreement

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve relisting property located at 14100 White Creek Ave. with Stout Group LTD for \$300,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 4 to 0.

Sale of excess fire truck light bar

Motion by Mr. Straub to sell the old light bar for \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 4 to 0.

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Approval of debit card account

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve getting a township debit card to use for travel and other approved purposes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout and carried 4 to 0.

Approval of township lawn care agreement for 15185 Algoma Ave.

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve lawn care agreement with Robert's lawn care in the amount of \$45.00 per mowing to cut the grass at 15185 Algoma Ave. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 4 to 0.

Discussion Items

None

Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – absent

Mr. Straub – Discussed the bill for an omnibus man for the vet's home

Treasurer – nothing

Clerk – nothing

Supervisor – Discussed spring clean up

Public comments:

Vickie Babcock discussed the need for community involvement in the cemetery clean up.

Adjourn – Motion by Mr. Rideout to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Zenker, motion carried 4 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Township Clerk