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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
August 14, 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: Fred Gunnell, Robert Ellick, Heather Zenker, Rich Straub & John Rideout

Members absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comments on the agenda items: None

Approve agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

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

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library - Donna Clark gave a report on a very successful summer reading program

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – no report submitted

Fire Committee – nothing to report

Old Business: None

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New Business:

Notification to proceed with construction

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to proceed with construction of township offices. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorize personnel & purposes for debit card use

A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to name Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer and Fire Chief as person authorized to use township debit card and that use be limited to spending authority unless authorized by Township Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout and carried 5 to 0.

Approve disbursement of \$195 for liquor law seminar for deputy clerk

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve funding \$195.00 for the deputy clerk to attend a seminar on liquor law, seconded by Ms. Zenker. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Approve BioCare, Inc. service agreement of \$3,956.00

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to approve funding \$3,956.00 for fire department physicals with BioCare, Inc., seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Appointment of interim fire chief

Motion by Ms. Zenker to appoint Brian Vanderlaan as interim fire chief, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

Establish pay for interim fire chief

Motion by Mr. Straub to set pay rate at \$900.00 per month as salary for interim fire chief, seconded by Ms. Zenker. After much discussion Mr. Straub requested to withdraw his original motion. Mr. Straub then made the motion to pay Mr. Vanderlaan the current chief's pay and to pay the current chief the deputy chief's pay for her assistance in the transition to the new leadership. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

Transfer \$20,000.00 from general fund to fire fund

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve the transfer of \$20,000.00 from the general fund to the fire fund, the motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout and carried 5 to 0.

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Recycle obsolete computer equipment

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve recycling obsolete computer equipment, the motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

POW/MIA resolution

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve POW/MIA resolution, the motion was seconded by Mr. Ellick. On a role call vote all members voted yes.

Treasurer's fall conference

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding \$650.00 for the treasurer's fall conference, the motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 5 to 0.

Appointment to parks & rec site plan committee

Motion by Mr. Ellick to appoint Ms. Melanie Whitten to the parks & rec site plan committee, the motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Discussion Items:

Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment
Widening of White Creek Ave. north of 17 Mile Road

Correspondence:

Mr. Gunnell – MTA meeting August 18th
Mr. Straub – none
Treasurer – Transfer of funds
Clerk – none
Supervisor – Ground breaking ceremony and work on Sherwin Road

Public comments:

Vickie Babcock on Christmas in July at flea market

Adjourn:

Motion by Ms. Zenker to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rideout, motion carried 5 - 0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Township Clerk