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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
May 12, 2009
Solon Township Hall
2305 19-Mile Road
Cedar Springs MI 49319

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Robert Ellick at 7:33 P.M.

Members present: Fred Gunnell, Robert Ellick, Heather Zenker, Richard Straub & John Rideout

Members absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comments on the agenda items: none

Approve agenda:

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

Approve Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library – Donna Clark discussed the Library’s summer reading program and the music in the park series.

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – Ms. Zenker reported that the board is still looking for a representative from the city of Cedar Springs. She also discussed the summer music in the park series.

Old Business:

None

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New Business

Approve funding for Fire Department physicals

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve the funding of the fire department physicals in an amount not to exceed \$4,400.00. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Termination of employment

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to terminate the employment of Michael Adams from the fire department for cause. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to terminate the employment of Rick Werkema from the fire department for cause. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Moving of fire fund and tax fund accounts

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to authorize the Treasurer to transfer the fire fund and tax fund from Independent Bank to Choice One Bank. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Purchase of property

A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve the resolution authorizing the township to purchase tax foreclosed property located at 15185 Algoma Ave. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Gunnell – yes, Ms. Zenker – yes, Mr. Ellick – yes, Mr. Rideout – yes, Mr. Straub – yes. The resolution was declared adopted 5 to 0.

Approve funding for road construction

A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve funding up to \$70,000.00 for road construction. The funds to be allocated as follows: Wiersma between Simmons and Algoma - \$35,000.00, Trenton between 20 and 21 mile road - \$23,000.00 and Simmons between Wiersma and Egner - \$12,000.00. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Discussion Items

The board discussed the recent reduction in revenues sharing due to cuts at the state level. It was the consensus of the board that while we need to be careful there was no need for action at the current time. The clerk will prepare budget adjustments for the decrease in revenue as well as for the money spent acquiring the Algoma Ave. property.

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Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – nothing

Mr. Straub - nothing

Treasurer – nothing

Clerk – nothing

Supervisor – Discussed possible concerns as to vacating foreclosed property

Public comments – none

Adjourn – Motion by Mr. Rideout to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Township Clerk