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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
February 12, 2008
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, Richard Straub, Robert Ellick and Heather Zenker.

Members absent: John Rideout

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comments on the agenda items: Question if costs of continuing education for plumbing inspector would be shared by other offices he also serves. Request of explanation of building administration and inspection pay.

Approve agenda: Motion made by Mr. Gunnell to approve agenda. Ms. Zenker seconded motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Approve Consent Agenda: Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library – None.

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – Ms. Zenker reports that the Daddy Daughter Dance doubled in attendance this year. A Miranda Park Party (TV 8 personality) has been secured for July 17. Attendance has been between 3,000 and 5,000 people for this event in other communities.

Old Business: none

New Business

Motion by Mr. Straub to authorize \$270 for MAYDAY training of 9 firefighters. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to authorize repairs of fire department grass fire rig unit 2780 not to exceed \$1,150.00. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Straub to authorize repairs of electrical service in fire department not to exceed \$500.00. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to authorize purchase of medical supplies for fire department not to exceed \$900.00. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to authorize purchase of miscellaneous fire fighting supplies for fire department not to exceed \$2,500.00. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to authorize purchase of turnout gear for fire department not to exceed \$6,200.00. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to authorize purchase of fire department office chair not to exceed \$100.00. Seconded by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to authorize purchase of heavy-duty shredder not to exceed \$450.00 from Township Administration budget and to be centrally located. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to approve pay rate of Building Administrator and Building Inspector changed to: 5% of all plumbing, electrical, mechanical and building inspection fees paid to the Building Administrator. Also, 80% of building inspection fees divided as: \$500 per month paid to the Building Administrator and the balance to the Building Inspector. Effective as of March 1, 2008. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve proposal of remaining balance of Community Block Grant Funds after Arbor Circle and Hope Network to be used for road improvement. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to authorize purchase of water tank for grass rig for fire department not to exceed \$425.00. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to authorize purchase of study books for Company Officers for fire department not to exceed \$250.00. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Ellick to authorize \$325.00 for Continuing Education Seminar for plumbing inspector. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Straub to rescind duplicate transfer of funds of \$20,000 from fire fund. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to rescind early reappointments of S. Hegedus & H. Zenker to Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve the Resolution Opposing the Relocation of the 63rd District 1st Division Court. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Roll call vote:
Mr. Gunnell – yes
Mr. Straub – yes

Mr. Ellick – yes
Ms. Zenker – yes
Mr. Rideout - absent
Motion carried 4 to 0.

Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – noticed work has begun on Taco Bell restaurant
Mr. Straub – The Disability Advocates of Kent County sent him a letter inviting him to next month's Kent County Legislative Lunch on Transit where he will represent the township.
Ms. Zenker – none.
Clerk's office – shared thank you to board from Arbor Circle.
Mr. Ellick – Discussed Hucks Corners.

Public comments –

Mr. Skelonc: Thank you to the board for support of Court Resolution. Request to look into the number of vehicles at home business wrecker service on 18 Mile Road and the possibility of cutting costs of medical responses to addresses closer to Cedar Springs or Sand Lake responders than to Solon Township Fire Department.
Mr. Huddleston: Objection to private road requirements when more than 4 houses are served by it.

Adjourn – Motion by Mr. Straub to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Mary Lou Poulsen
Solon Township Deputy Clerk