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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
October 14, 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, John Rideout, Robert Ellick and Heather Zenker.

Members absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comments on the agenda items: None

Approve agenda:

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

Approve Consent Agenda: Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve consent agenda.
Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library – written report submitted
Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – no report submitted

Old Business:

* None

New Business

Close Township offices November 4th for general election

Motion by Mr. Straub to close township hall for business on November 4th for the election. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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Township phone service

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve changing the townships phone service to AT&T. Motion was seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approve purchasing computer for fire department

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding of up to \$600 for purchase of computer for fire department. It was noted that bid from Addorio was for 18" screen; Fire Chief requested that this be updated to a 20" screen due to report format. Mr. Rideout amended motion to reflect a 20" screen. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Zoning permits for Ag buildings

Mr. Ellick indicated that this motion should have read accessory building and stated the motion should be put forth in that manner. Motion by Ms. Zenker to establish zoning permits for accessory buildings with a fee of \$30 for such permits. Mr. Gunnell seconded motion. Discussion, Mr. Ellick stated that such permits were needed to insure that small buildings were meeting the set back requirements. Mr. Rideout noted that in the staff meeting this item was restricted to agricultural buildings since they don't require a building permit. Mr. Straub expressed the concern that this was just another tax on the residence. Motion failed 1 to 4 with Rideout, Straub, Gunnell & Zenker descending.

Authorization for funding BS&A permits program update

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding of \$850 for upgrading and training of the BS&A permit system. Mr. Straub seconded motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Resignation from Fire Committee

Motion by Mr. Ellick to postpone this agenda item. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for officer training

Motion by Mr. Straub to authorize funding \$600 for "Officer Three" training for three officers. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for repair of fire tanker exhaust

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding of up to \$600 for the repair of exhaust system of the tanker truck. Mr. Gunnell seconded motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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Contract for fire truck Maintenance

Motion by Mr. Rideout to postpone this item until further bids are received. Motion was seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – City has approved site plan for new museum with construction to start soon

Mr. Straub – Discussed dedication of new veterans park at Grand Rapids Home for Veterans

Ms. Zenker – nothing

Mr. Rideout – Inquired if any board members were interested in attending Kent County Road Commission dinner in November. Also shared with Board a residence's comments on a curfew ordinance.

Mr. Ellick – Stated that engineer would be in on Thursday to review site. Thanked Senator Jenson for having office hours at township hall. All felt it was very well attended.

Public comments – none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.
John W. Rideout
Solon Township Clerk