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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
April 12, 2011
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 & invocation

Public comments on the agenda items: None

Approve agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell the motion carried 5 to 0.

Approve Consent Agenda

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

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library – Written report submitted, Ms Clark came in late to give a report of actives

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – no report

Fire Committee – Mr. Straub expressed concern about not being included in committee activities

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Old Business:

Motion to purchase hose tester

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve funding \$4,000.00 for the purchase of a hose tester, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Discussion, Mr. Rideout expressed concern regarding cost of the unit. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Mr. Rideout voting no.

New Business:

Public hearing on spending on community block grant funds

Mel Poling spoke regarding who would get the wood from the trees to be removed as part of the road widening. Marylou Welch spoke on concerns regarding drainage and any possible damage to her drain field.

Resolution on community block grant funds

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve resolution 11-11 as presented for community block grant funds, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Role call vote Mr. Ellick-yes, Ms. Zenker-yes, Mr. Gunnell-yes, Mr. Straub-yes & Mr. Rideout-yes. Resolution passed 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding clean up day

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve funding \$4,500.00 for the township spring clean up days, seconded by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding Treasurer's training

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding \$750.00 for the treasurer's conference, seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding for the historical museum

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve funding \$4,000.00 for the historical museum, seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding for Parks & Rec

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve funding \$4,000.00 for the Parks & Rec department, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding for cemetery fertilizer and weed treatment for the cemetery

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve funding \$1,400.00 for fertilizer and weed treatment for the cemetery, seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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Authorization for funding for cemetery clean up

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve funding \$350.00 for spring cemetery clean up, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Lawn mowing contract

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve the lawn mowing contract with Ed Imbault in the amount of \$4,880.00, seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approve contract with auditor

Motion by Mr. Straub to table, seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding for the purchase of two computers

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve funding \$1,208.00 the purchase of two computers, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding for fire department computer programs

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding \$2090.00 for the purchase of computer programs for the fire department, seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Renewal of First Telecommunication's contract

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve renewal of contract with First Telecommunications in the amount of \$460.70, seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding for farmer's market

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve funding \$1,000.00 for the farmer's market, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Discussion as to if the market should be held in light of pending construction of new offices. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization to transfer \$10,000.00 from the general fund to the fire fund

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve transferring \$10,000.00 from the general fund to the fire fund, seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for fire department to participate in live burn

Motion by Mr. Straub to allow Solon Township fire department to participate in live burn with the Algoma Township fire department. Motion seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

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Discussion Items

None

Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – nothing

Mr. Straub – questioned why he was not being involved in fire committee decisions

Treasurer – nothing

Clerk – Discuss revenue sharing numbers, informed board he was changing his work hours.

Supervisor – nothing

Public comments:

Pastor Owens invited board to attend Good Friday services to be held at high school.
Marylou Welch questioned higher tax rate for rentals

Adjourn – Motion by Mr. Straub to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gunnell, motion carried 5 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Township Clerk