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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
July 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: Vicki Babcock spoke on the proposal to remove the existing pole barn she also stated that she got the farmers market on the web page. Another speaker discussed not tearing down the pole barn and against borrowing to construct the new hall. Mrs. Allington presented a list of things the barn could be used for. Linda Caulkins and George Allington also spoke regarding removal of the pole barn. Mary Ann Myers also spoke about some possible uses and commented on disposal of barn.

Approve agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

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

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library – no report submitted

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – Ms Zenker reported that she has submitted her resignation from the Parks & Rec committee.

Fire Committee – no report submitted

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Old Business:

Building inspection fees

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve the fees as presented by the supervisor. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker. Discussion centered on the vacation issue for the building administrator not being addressed in the proposal and how the increase in fees would be split. The motion failed on a vote of 5 to 0.

New Business:

Resolution opposing incorporation

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve resolution opposing Solon Township incorporating and becoming a charter township. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell, on a roll call vote the Board voted 5 to 0 in favor of opposing incorporation.

Mileage rate increase

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve increasing mileage rate to 55.5 cents per mile. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Merit Network agreement

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve agreement with Merit Network Inc. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

Audit approval

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve 2010-2011 fiscal year audit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 5 to 0.

Fire chief review committee

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve fire chief review committee as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

Appointments to the fire chief review committee

Motion by Mr. Rideout to appoint Hanblin, Ellick, Zenker & Mathers to the fire chief review committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

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Authorization for funding for BS&A tax and assessor software

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding of \$9,000.00 for software for the tax and assessing programs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

Fireworks permit for Red Flannel Day

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve a fireworks permit from Joseph Watson for the Red Flannel day celebration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Resolution to close White Creek Ave. for a fireworks display

Motion by Mr. Straub to close White Creek Ave. from 14301 White Creek Ave. to Solon Road from 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM for the fireworks display. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout and carried 5 to 0.

Street light agreement with Consumers Power Company

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve street light agreement with Consumers Power Company. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Repair of cemetery driveway

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding up to \$500.00 for the repair of the cemetery road. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for the sale and removal of pole barn

Motion by Ms. Zenker to table this agenda item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellick and carried 5 to 0.

Contract with Latitude Engineering Inc. for permitting and construction services

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve a contract with Latitude Engineering Inc. for permitting and construction services. Mr. Straub seconded the motion and it carried 5 to 0.

Authorization of funding fire fighter physical exams

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve funding \$4560 for fighter physicals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

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Authorization of funding for fire department radio

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding \$450 for a fire department radio. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding for fire department pagers

Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize \$1,500.00 for the purchase of fire department pagers. Failed for lack of support.

Authorization for funding for fire department pagers

Motion by Mr. Ellick to authorize \$1,350.00 for the purchase of fire department pagers. Motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Discussion Items

Credit card policy – Ms. Zenker stated that she is currently working on one and expects to have it prepared for the Board’s review by the next meeting.

Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – The treasurer and he will be meeting with the township attorney to discuss financing for the new township hall on the 18th.

Mr. Straub – nothing

Treasurer – nothing

Clerk – discussed his meeting with Representative Peter MacGregor

Supervisor – nothing

Public comments:

Vicky Babcock, George & Mrs. Allington, Len Allington, Mary Ann Myers & Brenda Cole spoke on issues concerning removal of the old horse barn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Township Clerk