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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
December 13, 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, Richard 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. Ellick to approve agenda with amendments. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker; 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

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – written report submitted

Fire Committee – no report submitted

Old Business: none

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New Business:

Resolution to amend precinct boundaries

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve the resolution as presented. On a role call vote all members voted yes. The resolution passed 5 to 0.

Budget adjustments

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve the budget adjustments as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 5 to 0.

Approval of Community Block Grant funding

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding \$1,000 to Arbor Circle and \$750 to North Kent Community Services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 5 to 0.

Approval of meeting schedule for 2012

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve the meeting schedule as presented with the change of the board meeting scheduled for November 13th be changed to November 6th and the staff meeting scheduled for November 7th be changed to November 5th. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker. The motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1 with Mr. Rideout voting no.

Approval of holiday schedule for 2012

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve the holiday schedule as written with the change that the offices be closed from noon to 5PM on the day before Christmas and New Years day. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout and carried 5 to 0.

Reappointment of ZBA board member – Brynadette Powell

Motion by Mr. Straub to reappoint Brynadette Powell to the Zoning Board of Appeals with her term expiring on 1/1/2015. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker carried 5 to 0.

Approval of five member fire committee

Motion by Mr. Ellick to expand the fire committee to five persons. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

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Appointment to fire committee

Motion by Mr. Ellick to appoint Gerald Skelonc to the fire committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout and carried 5 to 0.

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Motion by Mr. Ellick to appoint Curt Steinebach to the fire committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout and carried 5 to 0.

Reappointment to Planning Commission

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to reappoint Duane McIntyre to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Resolution for the acceptance of payments by financial transaction devices

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve the resolution for the acceptance of payments by financial transaction devices. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellick. On a role call vote all members voted yes, motion carried.

Approval of contract for electrical and mechanical drawings for new offices

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve the contract with MJW Consulting for the electrical and mechanical drawings for new offices. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 4 to 1 with Mr. Ellick voting no.

Purchase of new laminator machine

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve funding \$200.00 for the purchase of a new laminator machine. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout and carried 5 to 0.

Discussion Items

Presentation by Ms. Lisa Hansen from H&S Companies. They are an accounting firm that is interested doing the township's audits.

Presentation by Len Alington discussed changing the location of the new offices and developing an overall site plan to include parks & rec and a location for the fire barn.

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Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – has started gathering information from banks for funding

Mr. Straub – nothing

Treasurer – nothing

Clerk – nothing

Supervisor – Feels the Board needs to take a look at running another building before starting construction.

Public comments:

Gerald Skelonc – He felt the board is pretty tight with the money and is spending it wisely, he felt the condition of the horse barn was questionable and that it is what it is.

Don Hamblin – Thank the Board for expanding the fire committee. He said he liked the barn but if it needs to go so be it. He felt there were more important things to be concerned about.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Township Clerk