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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
March 13, 2007
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, John Rideout, Robert Ellick and Rich Straub

Members absent: Heather Zenker

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Given by Pastor Dibell

Public comments on the agenda items:

Reese Rickards – Spoke on behalf of the Haven's

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

Approve Consent Agenda: Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve consent agenda with addition to bill list. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library report presented by Donna Clark. She informed the Board of a \$250,000 gift by the Holton family to the Library.

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec no report due to Heather Zenker's absents.

Old Business

None

New Business

Fire Department personnel issue – Motion was made by Mr. Ellick that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of consulting with the township attorney. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Meeting recessed @ 7:37 PM.

Meeting called back into regular session @ 8:24 PM

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Deputy Clerk's raise – Motion by Mr. Rideout to raise the Deputy Clerk's pay to \$12.00 per hour. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Administrative Assistant's raise – Motion by Mr. Rideout to raise the administrative assistant's pay to \$ 13.40 per hour. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Trustees' salary resolution – Motion by Mr. Rideout to set Trustees' salary at \$90 per meeting for the 2007 – 2008 fiscal year. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Yeas - Straub, Rideout, Ellick, Gunnell nays – none, absent – Zenker.

Clerk's salary resolution – Motion by Mr. Straub to set Clerk's salary at \$22,000 annually for the 2007 – 2008 fiscal year. Seconded by Mr. Ellick. Yeas - Straub, Rideout, Ellick,, Gunnell nays – none, absent – Zenker.

Treasurer's salary resolution – Motion by Mr. Rideout to set Treasurer's salary at \$22,000 annually for the 2007 – 2008 fiscal year. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Yeas - Straub, Rideout, Ellick,, Gunnell nays – none, absent – Zenker.

Supervisor's salary resolution – Motion by Mr. Gunnell to set Supervisor's salary at \$25,260 annually for the 2007 – 2008 fiscal year. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Yeas - Straub, Rideout, Ellick,, Gunnell nays – none, absent – Zenker.

Treasurer's Training – Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize Treasurer to attend annual training. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 4 to 0.

NC District & HC District zoning ordinance amendments – Motion by Mr. Rideout to accept ordinance as written. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Yeas - Straub, Rideout, Ellick, Gunnell nays – none, absent – Zenker.

Authorization to Transfer Funds – Motion by Mr. Straub to authorize Clerk to transfer funds in the general account as presented. Seconded by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Authorization to purchase new computer and software for Treasurer's office – Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize the purchase of a new computer and quick books software for the Treasurer's office not to exceed \$1200.00. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Renewal of telephone service agreement – Motion by Mr. Rideout to continue the service agreement for the Township telephone equipment. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Correspondence

Trustees Mr. Gunnell – nothing
Mr. Straub – nothing

Treasurer – absent

Clerk – nothing

Supervisor – nothing

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Public comments

Mitchell Havens addressed the township's policy as it relates to misdemeanors.

Reese Rickards suggested that Mike Havens should speak up and explain his actions.

Unidentified lady urged the township to remove Mike Havens from the Fire Department.

Jason Felde – Suggested that Mike Havens, Mitchell Havens and Robert Ellick should be fired.

Kim Rickards – Spoke of the damage to the Township's image if Mike Havens is kept on the fire department.

Cheryl Spangenberg – would like to see Mike step down from fire dept.

Adjourn – Motion by Mr. Straub to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 4 – 0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Twp. Clerk