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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
April 10, 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, Heather Zenker and Rich Straub

Members absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Given by Pastor Dibell

Public comments on the agenda items: none

Approve agenda: Motion made by Mr. Rideout to approve agenda with additions. Ms. Zenker seconded motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library report presented by Ms. Zenker, she reported on meeting with architect Cedar Springs Parks & Rec - no report

Old Business

None

New Business

T- Mobile Resolution – Motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve T – Mobile resolution as written. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Roll call vote.

Ellick – yes
Gunnell – yes
Straub – yes
Zenker – yes
Rideout – yes

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Change in May board meeting date – Motion by Mr. Ellick to change the date for the May Township Board meeting to May 7th due to conflict with election day. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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Appointment of Captain on Fire Department - Mr. Don Hamblin, Chairperson for the Fire Committee made a presentation on the recommendation for the position of Captain. That committee's recommendation was that Rich Hayes be named as the new Captain. A motion was made by Mr. Straub to appoint Mr. Hayes as a fire captain. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Transfer of money to fire fund – Motion by Mr. Rideout to transfer \$10,000 to the fire fund. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. There was discussion on the amount that should be transferred. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Mr. Gunnell dissenting.

Authorization for Fire Dept. physicals – Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize up to \$6,700 for fire department physicals including hepatitis B shots and & TB tests. Seconded by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for fit tests – Motion by Mr. Straub to authorize the fire dept. fit test not to exceed \$450. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Hiring of new fire fighter – Motion by Mr. Straub to rehire Jerry Schipper as an on call fire fighter. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Fire department resignation – Motion by Ms. Zenker to accept resignation of Robert Havens from the fire department. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding for tree removal / trimming in cemetery – Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize up to \$1600 for the removal and trimming of trees in the cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Lawn cutting bids – Sealed bids were received from the following firms:

- Brandon's Lawn care & Snowplowing - \$9,300
- Budget Lawn Care \$6,155
- CJM Lawn & Building Maintenance - \$6,600
- Manley Lawn Care & Snowplowing - \$7,100
- O'Dowd Lawn care & Snowplowing, Inc. \$8,360

The motion was made by Mr. Straub to accept the bid from CJM Lawn & Building Maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for Clerk to hire help for cemetery – Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize the clerk to hire local help, on an as needed basis to assist in the maintenance of the cemetery at a rate of \$15 per hour. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Relisting of township land on White Creek – Motion by Mr. Rideout to relist township property on White Creek with current real estate agent for an additional six months. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Property tax resolution – Motion by Mr. Straub to approve resolution as written supporting property tax relief. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Roll call vote.

- Gunnell – yes
- Straub – yes
- Zenker – yes
- Rideout – yes
- Ellick – yes

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Letter of support for Hope Network West Michigan – Motion by Mr. Rideout to sign letter of support for Hope Network West Michigan. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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Authorization to purchase vacuum sweeper for hall – Motion by Mr. Straub to authorize the purchase of a new vacuum sweeper for township hall not to exceed \$150. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Sale of air compressor – Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize the Supervisor to sell the surplus air compressor at best price. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Sale of computer equipment – Motion by Mr. Gunnell to authorize the Supervisor to sell the surplus computer equipment at best price. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization to purchase Windows 2007 for Administrative Asst. computer – Motion by Ms. Zenker to authorize the purchase of Windows 2007 to be used on Administrative Assistant's computer not to exceed \$250. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Trustees Mr. Gunnell – will not be available on the 28th for spring clean up.
Mr. Straub – V. A. cuts

Treasurer – nothing

Clerk – nothing

Supervisor – nothing

Public comments

Mitchell Havens addressed the township's handling of the fire department recent personnel issues.

Adjourn – Motion by Mr. Gunnell to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 – 0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Twp. Clerk