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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
July 8, 2008
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, Richard Straub, John Rideout, Robert Ellick and Heather Zenker.

Members absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comments on the agenda items: None

Approve agenda:

Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve agenda, Ms. Zenker seconded motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library – Written report submitted

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – Ms. Zenker reported on the Miranda in the park party.

Old Business:

Construction / remodeling of township hall – No activity reported

Renewal of contract with Hope Network

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve contract with Hope Network. Motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

New Business

Motion to close township offices August 5th due to elections

Motion to close township office on August 5th for the primary election made by Mr. Rideout, seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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Resolution to set alternate day for Board of Review

Motion to approve resolution to set alternate day for Board of Review made by Ms. Zenker, seconded by Mr. Rideout.

Roll call vote:

Rideout – yes

Straub – yes

Ellick – yes

Gunnell – yes

Zenker – yes

Motion carried 5 to 0

Fireworks display permit

Motion to approve fireworks display permit for Joseph Watson, 15913 Albrecht made by Mr. Straub, seconded by Ms. Zenker. Discussion – comments were made as to how well this was handled in the past. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Acceptance of propane pricing for 08/09

Motion to approve propane contract with Van Andel Propane for the 08/09 heating season at a rate not to exceed \$2.599 per gallon made by Mr. Rideout, seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for fire department personal to attend MFR training

Motion to authorize fire department personal to attend medical first responder training made by Mr. Straub, seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Renewal of motion for burning ordinance

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve revision of open burning ordinance with changes to Section 7 (b), (d), (g) §1 & §4. Seconded by Mr. Straub.

Role call vote:

Straub – yes

Ellick – no

Gunnell – yes

Zenker – no

Rideout – Yes

Resolution carried 3 to 2.

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Discussion items

Introduction of Mr. Bruce Hawley, democratic candidate for State House of Representatives.

Mr. Hawley introduced himself and shared his position on issues involving state government.

Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – Thanked Board for donation of printer to Museum. Stated that the museum would be in position to start construction in near future.

Mr. Straub – Discussed vets carnival

Ms. Zenker – discussed confusion caused by article in township newsletter

Mr. Rideout – Handed out letter from insurance carrier suggested they look at other carriers but expressed doubt a better deal could be found.

Mr. Ellick – Discussed – fire calls and house on N/W corner of Algoma and 19 Mile Road consensus of Board was that we should consider buying property for possible expansion of town hall/fire barn. Motion was made by Mr. Rideout to have Ms. Zenker and Mr. Ellick explore the purchase of the property. Motion was seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Public comments – Chris Curless commented on the possible purchase of property.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Township Clerk