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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees

April 14, 2009

Solon Township Hall
2305 19-Mile Road
Cedar Springs MI 49319

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Robert Ellick at 7:37 P.M.

Members present: Fred Gunnell, Robert Ellick, Heather Zenker, Richard Straub & John Rideout

Members absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comments on the agenda items: none

Approve agenda:

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to amend the agenda to add funding for the cemetery fertilizer / seeding and the First Telecommunication contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Approve Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library – Donna Clark discussed the Library’s poem reading program, a fund raising program and the travelogue program.

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – Ms. Zenker handed out minutes of last meeting.

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Old Business:

Ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance (restaurants as a special land use)

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve the ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance (restaurants as a special land use) as presented with one correction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout. Role call vote: Mr. Straub – yes, Mr. Rideout – yes, Mr. Ellick – yes, Ms. Zenker – yes, Mr. Gunnell – yes. The resolution was accepted 5 to 0.

New Business

Lawn Care Bids

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve the bid from Mike Hancock in the amount of \$4,700. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. Motion failed 3 to 2 with Ms. Zenker, Mr. Straub and Mr. Gunnell descending.

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve the bid from Ed Imbaugh in the amount of \$4,880. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Mr. Rideout descending.

Termination of temporary moratorium on building permits for restaurants

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve terminating the temporary moratorium on building permits for restaurants. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Resolution to appoint a member representative to the PAR plan

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve the resolution to appoint member John Rideout as the township's representative to the PAR plan. Mr. Ellick seconded the motion. Role call vote: Mr. Rideout – yes, Mr. Ellick – yes, Ms. Zenker – yes, Mr. Gunnell – yes, Mr. Straub – yes. The resolution was accepted 5 to 0.

Authorization for Clerk & Deputy Clerk to attend summer clerk's conference

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to authorization funding up to \$900.00 for training and lodging for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend the summer clerk's conference. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding for remodeling of township hall

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to authorization funding up to \$14,000.00 for the remodeling of the back offices and to authorize and direct the Supervisor to begin work as soon as possible. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

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Selection of building contractor for renovations

After reviewing three bids for the remodeling work Mr. Straub made the motion that Kevin Robinson be awarded the work with a bid of \$6,380.00 with additional work for brick and electrical be at the Judgment of the Supervisor. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding for repairs to township property

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to authorize the supervisor to spend up to \$500.00 for the repair of the siding and roof of the township property located on the corner of Algoma Ave. and 19 Mile Road. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding for clean up day

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to authorize funding up to \$4,500.00 for the township spring clean up week, this to cover the cost of container service, rental of equipment and any help the Supervisor deems warranted. Mr. Straub seconded motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding for Historical Museum

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to authorize funding of \$5,000.00 for services of the historical museum. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding for Parks & Rec

A motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to authorize funding of \$4,000.00 for the parks & recreation department. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding for purchase of BS&A personal property tax program

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to authorize funding of \$1,000.00 for purchase of BS&A personal property tax program. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Transfer of funds to fire fund

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to authorize transferring \$10,000.00 from the general fund to the fire fund. Mr. Rideout seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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Funding for cemetery fertilizer and seeding

A motion was made by Mr. Rideout to authorize funding of \$1,500.00 for weed control and seeding of cemetery. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 1 Mr. Ellick descending.

First Telecommunications Service Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Ellick to approve the service agreement with First Telecommunications for parts replacement only at a cost of \$225.00 per year. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Discussion Items

None

Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – nothing

Mr. Straub - nothing

Treasurer – nothing

Clerk – Informed Board that township would not be leasing postage meter due to cost

Supervisor – Discussed possible brake problems with fire truck.

Public comments – none

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Township Clerk