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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
December 14, 2010
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, Rich Straub & John Rideout

Members absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance & invocation

Public comments on the agenda items: None

Approve agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Straub to approve consent agenda. Mr. Ellick seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Committee Reports

Cedar Springs Public Library – Donna Clark reported on Christmas activities at the library.

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – Heather Zenker shared with the Board the proposed changes to the By-Laws. She asked that the Board review them and be prepared to vote on them at the next meeting.

Fire Committee – no report

Old Business: None

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New Business:

Renewal of township property & liability insurance

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve contract renewal with Pinnacle Insurance Partners in the amount of \$6,286.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

AT&T permit extension

Motion by Mr. Straub to the permit extension with AT&T. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Correction to holiday schedule for 2010

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve correcting the holiday schedule for 2010 to show December 23 & 30 as designated holidays. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Mr. Ellick voting no.

Approval of 2011 holiday schedule

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve 2011 holiday schedule with December 26, 2011 & January 2, 2012 as the holidays for Christmas and New Years respect. Mr. Straub seconded the motion. The motion failed 2 to 3 with Ms. Zenker, Mr. Rideout & Mr. Gunnell voting no. A second motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve 2011 holiday schedule with December 22, 2011 & December 29, 2011 as the holidays for Christmas and New Years. Mr. Rideout seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Mr. Ellick voting no.

Approval of 2011 meeting schedule

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve 2011 meeting schedule as presented. Mr. Rideout seconded the motion and it carried 5 to 0.

Appointment of Gerald Skelonc to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to reappoint Gerald Skelonc to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on 1/1/2012. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Appointment of Richard Hays to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion by Ms. Zenker to reappoint Richard Hays to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on 1/1/2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 5 to 0.

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Appointment of Reese Rickards to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion by Mr. Straub to reappoint Reese Rickards to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on 1/1/2014. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Appointment of Matt Blackburn to the Planning Commission

Motion by Mr. Straub to reappoint Matt Blackburn to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on 1/1/2014. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Appointment of Keith Swade to the Planning Commission

Motion by Ms. Zenker to reappoint Keith Swade to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on 1/1/2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

Appointment of Hal Babcock to the Planning Commission

Motion by Mr. Rideout to reappoint Hal Babcock to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on 1/1/2013. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Appointment of Ellen Moore to the Planning Commission

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to reappoint Ellen Moore to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on 1/1/2014. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Appointment of Rick Sevey to the Board of Review

Motion by Ms. Zenker to reappoint Rick Sevey to the Board of Review for a term expiring on 1/1/2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

Appointment of Mark Hoskins to the Board of Review

Motion by Ms. Zenker to reappoint Mark Hoskins to the Board of Review for a term expiring on 1/1/2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout and carried 5 to 0.

Appointment of Rod Rozeveld to the Board of Review

Motion by Mr. Rideout to reappoint Rod Rozeveld to the Board of Review for a term expiring on 1/1/2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

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Appointment to the Library Board

Motion by Mr. Rideout to appoint Robert Ellick to the Library Board for a term ending 1/1/2014. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Approve contract with architect

Motion by Ms. Zenker to table motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

Resolution to approve Supervisor as authorized agent for sale of township property.

Motion by Ms. Zenker to appoint the supervisor as the authorized agent to sign for the township for the property located at 2391 19 Mile Road. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. A role call vote was held with all members voting yes. The resolution carried 5 to 0.

Motion to accept funds from Volunteer Fire assistance grant program

Motion by Mr. Rideout to accept funds from Volunteer Fire assistance grant program and designate \$4,999.00 in matching funds from the 2011 – 2012 budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

Discussion Items

The Cedar Springs Master Plan – no Comments were offered

Correspondence

Mr. Gunnell – none

Mr. Straub – none

Treasurer – none

Clerk – Mr. Rideout – discussed the changes from the Liquor Control Commission regarding Sunday morning sales and the need to act immediately. No interest by the Board shown.

Supervisor – Mr. Ellick – will be closing on sale of house tomorrow.

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Public comments:

Gerald Skelone discussed wisdom of building new township offices and hall without it being fully funded with cash on hand.

Kim Schreuder and Ronda Penning spoke on the Bellowood Animal Shelter and their request for a gaming resolution. There was some discussion as to if it was a shelter as defined by the state or a kennel. After considerable discussion they decided to hold their request until they could get a clearer understanding of all the issues involved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

John W. Rideout
Solon Township Clerk