

Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
March 27, 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:** John Rideout, Robert Ellick, Rich Straub, Fred Gunnell & Heather Zenker

**Members absent:** none

**Public comment:**

Mr. Gerald Skelonc had numerous questions about the budget and the pay increases through out the proceedings and was allowed to discuss them as the board addressed them.

**Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda by Mr. Straub, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve the year-end bills, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**New Business**

Budget adjustments

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to approve adjustments to FY 2007 – 2008 budget as presented, seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Pay increase for deputy clerk

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve pay raise of sixty cents (\$0.60) per hour to \$12.60 per hour for the deputy clerk, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Discussion – Mr. Rideout expressed the opinion that many of the raises proposed for consideration far exceeded the cost of living and suggested that the raises be held to 4 to 5 percent. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Pay increase for Assessor

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve pay increase of \$10,000.00 for the Assessor with the understanding that the Assessor would be increasing his office hours by 33% from twelve (12) hours per week to sixteen (16) hours per week, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Pay increase for Administrative Assistant

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve pay raise of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour to \$14.40 per hour for the administrative assistant, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Mr. Rideout descending.

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Trustee's salary resolution

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve Trustee's salary resolution keeping the rate of pay the same as last year at \$90.00 per meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Rideout.

Role call vote:

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

Motion passed 5 to 0

Clerk's salary resolution

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve Clerk's salary resolution increasing pay rate from \$22,000.00 per year to \$24,000.00 per year, seconded by Ms. Zenker.

Role call vote:

Zenker – yes  
Straub – yes  
Gunnell – yes  
Ellick – yes  
Rideout – no

Motion passed 4 to 1

Treasurer's salary resolution

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve Treasurer's salary resolution increasing pay rate from \$22,000.00 per year to \$24,000.00 per year, seconded by Mr. Straub.

Role call vote:

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

Motion passed 5 to 0

Supervisor's salary resolution

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve Supervisor's salary resolution increasing pay rate from \$25,260.00 per year to \$29,500.00 per year, seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Discussion – Mr. Ellick read a statement as to his accomplishments for the past year

Role call vote:

Gunnell – yes  
Ellick – yes  
Rideout – no  
Zenker – yes  
Straub – no

Motion passed 3 to 2

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**Budget Resolution**

Motion made by Ms. Zenker to approve the 2008 – 2009 budget as presented and the tax rate of .8245 mills. Seconded by Mr. Straub.

Role call vote:

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

Motion passed 5 to 0.

**Correspondence:**

Trustees – Mr. Gunnell – Blue prints for addition to historical museum have been approved

Mr. Straub – nothing

Treasurer – nothing

Clerk – Spoke on census update

Supervisor – Noted that another public hearing has been set for changes to Meijer's project. Planning commission has changed scheduled meeting dates. Discussed work on Huck's Corners project.

Public comments – none

Motion by Mr. Straub to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.