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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
April 8, 2008  
Solon Township Hall  
2305 19-Mile Road  
Cedar Springs MI 49319

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Robert Ellick at 7:35 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:** Mr. Lee VanderMeulen asked that the DEQ resolution be addressed at the meeting.

**Approve agenda:**

Motion by Mr. Ellick to add DEQ request for resolution to agenda under new business. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve agenda with addition. Mr. Gunnell seconded motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

**Committee Reports**

Cedar Springs Public Library – Donna Clark made presentation on library activities.  
Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – no report submitted

**Old Business:**

Construction / remodeling of township hall – No activity reported

**New Business**

Fire Station over head door replacement/repair

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding to replace one of the fire station overhead doors at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. This would include the cost of emergency repairs already completed. Mr. Straub seconded motion. Discussion as to if this should be turned into insurance company for reimbursement. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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Reduction in Bond for Meijer's project.

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to approve reducing the required bond for the Meijer's project to \$150,000.00. Ms. Zenker seconded motion. Discussion – Mr. Lee VanderMeulen was present representing Meijer's. The concern is that the current ordinance requires a much larger bond, which Meijer's and the board felt, was unnecessary. Motion carried 5 to 0.

DEQ request for resolution

Motion was made by Mr. Gunnell to have a resolution written denying request for ownership of the Cedarfield water and septic system. Mr. Straub seconded motion. Discussion – there was some concern as to if it was proper to approve resolution that was not yet written, consensus was that due to time restrains that we approve resolution and if township attorney advised the action was not proper than we would hold a special meeting to address it again. Role call vote – Mr. Straub – yes, Mr. Gunnell – yes, Mr. Ellick – yes, Mr. Rideout – yes, Ms. Zenker – yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Transfer of funds to Fire Fund

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve the transfer \$10,000.00 from the general fund to the fire fund. Seconded by Mr. Rideout. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Transfer of funds to Building Fund

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve the transfer \$10,000.00 from the general fund to the building improvement revolving fund. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding spring clean-up

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve funding township spring clean up not to exceed \$4,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Renewal of realtor agreement for White Creek property

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve extending current contract for three months at current 10% of sale price. Mr. Gunnell seconded motion. Discussion – Board discussed if current commission could be negotiated and if asking price should be increased due to pending development in the area.

Tree removal from township property

Mr. Ellick is seeking Board approval to remove four (4) trees from township property, located close to fire station drive to improve maneuvering area for fire trucks. He will cut the trees himself and make use of firewood. Additional funding of \$200 for the removal of the stumps. Mr. Rideout made motion to approve removal of trees and stumps. Mr. Straub seconded motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization to fund cemetery road improvements

Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize up to \$1,500.00 for grading the roads in the cemetery and adding lime stone as needed. Ms. Zenker seconded motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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Authorization for Clerk to attend MAMC conference  
Motion was made by Mr. Straub to authorize Clerk to attend MAMC conference in June. Ms. Zenker seconded motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**Correspondence**

Mr. Gunnell – nothing  
Mr. Straub – veterans issues  
Ms. Zenker – nothing  
Mr. Rideout – discussed early voting legislation  
Mr. Ellick – Discussed road commission issues  
                    Gravel road grading  
                    Mcphail improving sight distance

**Public comments** – None

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

John W. Rideout  
Solon Township Clerk