



**Solon Township**  
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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
August 12, 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. Rideout to approve agenda with addition of Priority Health agreement, Mr. Straub 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 – No report submitted

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

**Old Business:**

Construction / remodeling of township hall – Motion was made by Mr. Ellick to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiating strategy for purchase of property. Motion seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Motion carried 5 to 0. Entered into closed session at 7:35 P.M.

Returned to general session at 7:41 P.M.

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**New Business**

Amendment to zoning ordinance – Wind Energy Conversion Systems

Motion by Mr. Ellick to accept the wind energy conversion systems amendment to the zoning ordinance as presented. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Roll call vote Rideout – no, Straub – yes, Gunnell – yes, Zenker – yes, Ellick – yes. Resolution accepted 4 to 0.

Motion to revise fee schedule

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve revising fee schedule for site plan reviews. Motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for Treasurer to attend MMTA fall conference

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve Treasurer attending the fall conference of MMTA at a cost not to exceed \$800.00. Seconded by Mr. Ellick. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Resolution for authorized financial institutions

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve resolution authorizing financial institutions for deposits. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Discussion – Mr. Rideout expressed the opinion that banks with poor ratings should not be included authorized institutions. Roll call vote: Straub – yes, Gunnell – yes, Zenker – yes, Ellick – yes, Rideout – no. Resolution accepted 4 to 1.

POW/MIA Resolution

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve POW/MIA resolution as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Rideout. Role call vote: Gunnell – yes, Zenker – yes, Ellick – yes, Rideout – yes, Straub – yes. Resolution carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding - \$600 for grass rig brakes

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding of \$600.00 for brakes for the grass rig. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Authorization for funding – additional road construction

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding not to exceed \$22,300.00 for road repaid/construction on Wiersma from White Creek Ave west until funding are exhausted. Seconded by Mr. Straub. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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Discussion Item – Diversification of bank funds.

Ms. Zenker discussed with the Board the need for the Township to diversify its funds to insure that the funds are protected under the FDIC. She also explained the Investment Pool Agreement with Kent County.

Kent County Investment Pool Agreement

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve Kent County Investment Pool Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Discussion – concern was expressed by Mr. Straub & Mr. Rideout the document was outdated and put the Township in an unfavorable position when it came to withdrawing funds. Motion failed 2 to 3 with Mr. Straub, Mr. Ellick and Mr. Rideout descending.

**Correspondence**

Mr. Gunnell – nothing  
Mr. Straub – nothing  
Ms. Zenker – nothing  
Mr. Rideout – nothing  
Mr. Ellick – nothing

**Public comments** – none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

John W. Rideout  
Solon Township Clerk