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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
August 9, 2011  
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**

**Public comments on the agenda items:**

Mr. Len Allington thanked the board for its efforts and hopes the board will do what is good for the township now and the future.

Vicky Babcock – thank the board for its consideration

**Approve agenda**

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

**Approve Consent Agenda**

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

**Committee Reports**

Cedar Springs Public Library – no report submitted

Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – no report submitted

Fire Committee – no report submitted

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**Old Business:**

Removal of pole barn

Motion by Mr. Rideout to remove this item from the agenda with the pole barn would continue as is. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**New Business:**

**Purchase of computer for assessor**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve funding \$600.00 for purchase of computer for assessor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 5 to 0.

**Parks and Rec committee appointment**

Motion by Mr. Straub to appoint Ms. Stephanie Morris to the parks & Rec committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellick and carried 5 to 0.

**Consumers Power Co. right of way**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve easement with Consumers Power Co. onto the north / south cemetery road for maintenance only, no poles or cabling to be permitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub and carried 5 to 0.

**Request to use township property for parking**

Motion by Mr. Straub to allow Stephanie Soloman, 15301 Algoma Ave. to use the township property for parking on August 13, 2011. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 5 to 0.

**POW/MIA resolution**

Motion by Mr. Straub to approve POW/MIA resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rideout. Role call vote all voted yes.

**Resolution to begin construction of township offices/community room**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to the resolution to begin construction of the new township offices & community room. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straub. Discussion followed on the wisdom of beginning construction in the spring or waiting additional time and as to the wording of the resolution as to the time line. On a role call vote Rideout – yes, Zenker – yes, Straub – yes, Gunnell, Ellick – no. The resolution carried 4 to 1.

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**Discussion Items**

Town hall project – no further discussion

**Correspondence**

Mr. Gunnell – nothing

Mr. Straub – nothing

Treasurer – BS&A will be installing new system on computers and as such system will be down.

Clerk – nothing

Supervisor – Discussed needed repairs to fire barn roof and option of rebuilding roof with greater pitch.

**Public comments:**

Several residents spoke of issues involving new hall in summary:

- One resident discussed the need for a LEED certified building
- One resident discussed holding off construction until everything could be built at the same time.
- Develop a site plan for entire property
- Handicap accessibility

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

John W. Rideout  
Solon Township Clerk