



**Solon Township**  
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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees  
March 8, 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 & John Rideout

**Members absent:** Rich Straub

**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 4 to 0.

**Approve Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Zenker to approve consent agenda. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

**Committee Reports**

Cedar Springs Public Library – no report  
Cedar Springs Parks & Rec – no report  
Fire Committee – no report

**Old Business:** Motion to purchase hose tester. Clerk to contact neighboring cities/townships to see if there is any interest in a joint purchase.

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**New Business:**

**Listing of property at 14100 White Creek Ave.**

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to approve listing the property at 14100 White Creek Ave. with Stout Group LTD for a period of twelve months with a commission of 8%. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 4 to 0.

**Pay raise for office staff (Admin. Asst., Deputy Clerk, Zoning Admin. & Assessor)**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve a pay raise of 2% for the Admin. Asst., Deputy Clerk, Zoning Admin. & Assessor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 4 to 0.

**Resolution to establish supervisor's pay rate**

Motion by Mr. Gunnell to set supervisor's salary at \$30,090.00 per year. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellick – no, Zenker – no, Rideout – yes, Straub – absent, Gunnell – no. The motion failed 3 to 1.

**Resolution to establish treasurer's pay rate**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to set treasurer's salary at \$24,480.00 per year. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. Roll call vote Zenker – no, Rideout – yes, Straub – absent, Gunnell – no Ellick – no. The motion failed 3 to 1.

**Resolution to establish clerk's pay rate**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to set clerk's salary at \$24,480.00 per year. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. Roll call vote Rideout – yes, Straub – absent, Gunnell – yes, Ellick – no Zenker – no. The motion failed 2 to 2.

**Resolution to establish trustee's pay rate**

Motion by Mr. Ellick to set trustee's salary at \$92.00 per diem. Ms. Zenker seconded the motion. Roll call vote Straub – absent, Gunnell – no, Ellick – yes, Zenker – no, Rideout – yes. The motion failed 2 to 2.

**Resolution to establish supervisor's pay rate**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to set supervisor's salary at \$29,500.00 per year. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellick – yes, Zenker – yes, Rideout – yes, Straub – absent, Gunnell – yes. The motion carried 4 to 0.

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**Resolution to establish treasurer's pay rate**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to set treasurer's salary at \$24,000.00 per year. Mr. Ellick seconded the motion. Roll call vote Zenker – yes, Rideout – yes, Straub – absent, Gunnell – yes, Ellick – yes. The motion carried 4 to 0.

**Resolution to establish clerk's pay rate**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to set clerk's salary at \$24,000.00 per year. Mr. Ellick seconded the motion. Roll call vote Rideout – yes, Straub – absent, Gunnell – yes, Ellick – yes, Zenker – yes. The motion carried 4 to 0.

**Resolution to establish trustee's pay rate**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to set trustees salary at \$90.00 per diem. Mr. Gunnell seconded the motion. Roll call vote Straub – absent, Gunnell – yes, Ellick – yes, Zenker – yes, Rideout – yes. The motion carried 4 to 0.

**Authorization for funding for printers for elections.**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to authorize \$200.00 for printers for elections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellick and carried 4 to 0

**Set date for budget hearing**

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve March 29, 2011 as the date for the annual budget hearing. Mr. Rideout seconded the motion and it carried 4 to 0.

**Adjustments to 2010 – 2011 budget**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to make adjustments to budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 4 to 0.

**Amendment to zoning ordinance**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to approve ordinance #11-01, (ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance). Seconded by Mr. Gunnell. Role call vote Rideout – yes, Straub – absent, Gunnell – yes, Ellick – yes Zenker – yes. The motion carried 4 to 0.

**Funding for township pumper repair**

Motion by Mr. Rideout to approve funding of \$580.00 for repair of township pumper. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenker and carried 4 to 0.

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**Authorization for fire department to participate in live burn**

Motion by Ms. Zenker to allow Solon Township fire department to participate in live burn with the City of Cedar Springs fire department pending okay from insurance company. Motion seconded by Mr. Gunnell and carried 4 to 0.

**Temporary moratorium on medical marijuana**

Motion by Mr. Ellick to approve temporary moratorium on medical marijuana. Seconded by Ms. Zenker. Role call vote Rideout – yes, Straub – absent, Gunnell – yes, Ellick – yes Zenker – yes. The motion carried 4 to 0.

**Discussion Items**

None

**Correspondence**

Mr. Gunnell – nothing

Treasurer – She is currently settling with county on taxes

Clerk – none

Supervisor – Mr. Ellick discussed proposed road work and scheduled a meeting with the architect for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM.

**Public comments:** Ms Powell thank the Board for allowing her to list the property on White Creek in the past.

**Adjourn** – Motion by Ms. Zenker to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ellick, motion carried 4 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

John W. Rideout  
Solon Township Clerk