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TO: Township Board

FROM: Andrew Dymczyk, Township Manager 

SUBJECT: Solon Road Speed Study– Resolution #2021-04-08

DATE: April 8, 2021

We have received a petition from residents and property owners requesting a 20 mph reduction of speed on Solon Road to address safety concerns. Jurisdiction of public roads falls under the Clinton County Road Commission with speed regulation of public roads governed by the Michigan State Police. Solon Road is currently 55 mph and the residents who have signed the petition would like to see the speed limit set at 35 mph.

In order to change the speed of Solon Road, the Township would need to pass a resolution identifying the road, the traffic safety problem, the solution this reduction will fix and commitment from the Township that we will abide by the 85th percentile speed for the speed study. The Clinton County Road Commission will provide the Michigan State Police with crash history data for the last 5 years and some additional corresponding paperwork.

Attached is a resident letter outlining the concerns on Solon Road. Of the 25 residences on Solon Road, 17 have signed the petition requesting a reduction of speed to 35mph. The petition will be made available for review at the April 12th Board of Trustees meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Strategic: Public Safety

Strategies: Explore, develop, and implement options that improve safety and educate residents on the role they can play in making their community safer.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve Resolution #2021-04-08 requesting a 20 mph speed reduction addressing resident safety concerns on Solon Road.

Andrew Dymczyk and the Board of DeWitt Township,

Between Turner Rd and Old 27, there are 19 houses on Solon rd. I did my best going door to door getting signatures, during a pandemic, when many people are not comfortable speaking to "solicitors". I hope these signatures help bring awareness to the fact that Solon road is an unmarked road/ 55 mph and the residents of Solon Rd. would like this changed.

It is not always a busy road, but during morning/evening commutes it is substantially busier and the speed is dangerous. I would hope the speed study could be done during those times. The main times are; early morning work traffic 7am to 8am, 4pm-6pm evening commute and later in the evenings.

I live at 1495 W. Solon road, exiting my driveway can be scary. Looking towards the west there is a blind spot and people driving east have almost hit me or others leaving my home many times. East of my home is the second hill. One resident, Mary, lives in the middle of that terrible hill. She told me she's seen daylight under people's tires. They're going so fast they get air. Anyone turning east from Myers Rd onto Solon Rd. runs the risk of being rear ended as there is a substantial blind spot that makes it impossible to see any vehicle coming from the west on Solon Rd, especially one going 55 mph.

Please take us seriously, 35mph does not seem like an unfair request. We are a short road and our connecting road, Turner road, is 35 mph. The other, Old-27 is 4 lanes and it's 55 mph. I do not think it is safe to have our road 55 mph. Children ride bikes on Solon Rd, Addington place has traffic that gets lost trying to find the nursing home often and many people do U-turns right in front of our house at Solon Rd and Myers intersection. Development is happening all the time, making our little road busier by the day.

Please help us reduce the speed limit on Solon Rd.

Thank you,

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DeWitt, MI 48820

**RESOLUTION
R2021-04-08**

At a regular meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board held at the Township Hall, 1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI on the ____ day of _____, A.D., 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members _____

ABSENT: Members _____

The following Resolution was offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____.

WHEREAS, DeWitt Charter Township recognizes a concern for public safety on Solon Road at the current 55mph speed limit; and

WHEREAS, a reduction of 20mph to 35mph would resolve this public safety concern for residents; and

WHEREAS, the residents of DeWitt Charter Township understand the setting of road speed limits is the responsibility of the Michigan State Police; and

WHEREAS, DeWitt Charter Township will accept and abide by the 85th percentile speed for the speed study.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Township's request to the Michigan State Police to address safety concerns on Solon Road by a reduction of speed.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

The foregoing Resolution declared adopted on the date written above.

Adam Cramton, Clerk