

Solway Town Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2010

Chairperson Scott Welsh called the Regular Solway Town Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Solway Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisors Ron Gajewski and Clare R. Stromlund, Clerk Regena Merritt, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and five concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2010 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION by Gajewski seconded by Stromlund and carried to accept the following Treasurer's report dated July 31, 2010.

Checking 12494 - 12546

Beginning Balance	\$185,585.77	
Receipts	\$56,682.06	
Transfers	0.00	
Disbursements	\$39,452.00	
Ending Balance	\$205,815.83	\$205,815.83

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 113,752.52	
Interest/Deposits	\$28.98	
Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$113,782.50	\$113,782.50

Total Accounts **\$319,598.33**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

7/16/10 Young and Associates – Fire Department's Workers' Compensation Insurance Certificate. The Township requires the Fire Department to submit Certificates of Insurance as stated in the contract for service between the Township and the Fire Department.

7/17/10 MN Department of Health – Nitrate report for town hall drinking water shows compliance with safe drinking water rules.

7/21/10 MN Revenue – Market Value Credit reductions for 2010. This is the same information the township received this spring. No board action.

7/22/10 Tyler/Annette Smedshammer – Letter giving permission for township to complete work for a turnaround on the Peterson Rd.

7/22/10 Ryan Ewald – Letter giving permission for the township to complete work for a turnaround on the Peterson Rd.

8/10/10 WLSSD – Agreement with ST. Louis County Sheriff's Department to provide additional assistance to District staff in enforcing the WLSSD Solid Waste Ordinance and responding to solid waste complaints in the communities located within the WLSSD. There is a short survey enclosed to identify areas where there may be unresolved solid waste issues/complaints. Supervisor Gajewski and the Clerk will complete the survey and return it to WLSSD.

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8/11/10 MN Dept of Health – Revisions to Total Coliform Rule. Informational; no board action.

8/11/10 Bryan Hildre – Letter of resignation from his position as hall custodian.

8/12/10 SLC Planning and Development – CDBG Funding information. No board action.

8/12/10 Technology Exchange Newsletter – Informational; no board action.

8/16/10 John Powers via email – CLUP meeting notice Tues Aug 24, 2010. No board action.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: The Treasurer has additional bills as follows:

- Regena Merritt in the amount of \$78.15 for mileage and reimbursement.
- An additional amount to Como Oil and Propane in the amount of \$94.50 for grease for the roadside mower.
- John Childers in the amount of \$105.29 for reimbursement for fuel for the roadside mower.
- Equipment Specialists in the amount of \$546.87 for repairs to fire trucks #3, #4, and #1.
- DHW Consulting for the Aggregate Tax Audit in the amount of \$798.81.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to pay all outstanding bills as presented by the Town Treasurer.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Nothing to report.

ROAD: a) The Clerk has contacted the Kern's on the Heine Road regarding the maple trees growing up in the hedge in the right-of-way of Heine Road. The Kern's would like to save the trees if possible and donate them to the Township. They are consulting Gruessendorf's Nursery to see if it is possible to remove the trees from within the hedge without killing them. The board feels it is not possible to remove the maple trees without damaging them, and the township has no need for them.

b) The Clerk received a complaint from A-1 Disposal that there are tree limbs growing into the road at the corner of Hanson and Rose Roads. The limbs are scrapping the side of the garbage truck when it goes by. Leon Forstrom and Ron Gajewski trimmed the tree branches back and also trimmed the limbs obscuring the "Stop" Sign at the Seville and Rose Road.

c) Mr. Juten is planning on doing the brushing this coming week. It should take him three days to complete the work.

d) The turnaround at the end of the Peterson Road has been completed, and the road has been re-aligned to the west. The west side has been brushed / trees removed and ditched. This turn around will be used by the county and school district. Jim Lindquist completed this work.

e) Roadside mowing has been completed for a second time by John Childers.

FIRE: a) Jeff Nelson reported for the Fire Department. There have been 36 calls year-to-date, most of them medical calls. The extraction tools that were purchased with one of the FEMA Grants have arrived. The air bag stabilizers have not yet been received. The truck is coming along and if it cannot be completed before the time allotted by FEMA, an extension has already been applied for in case it is needed.

b) Veronica Childers will paint the man doors and front roof supports at the fire hall.

c) The Department has been discussing demonstrations and activities for the Fall Fun Day and is planning to have Bingo.

e) The Department will be cleaning the bus garage at the Munger School Site on Thursday September 9th at 7:00 p.m. The firefighters are welcome to take whatever is not needed by the township, but still usable, and what is left will go into the town dumpster.

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RECYCLING: a) Approximately 40 households took advantage of the Household Hazardous Waste clean-up sponsored by WLSSD. Items collected are as follows:

110 gal latex paint	5 lbs mercury
5 lbs pesticides	150 lb aerosols
10 lbs base	5 lbs acid
30 gallons of flammable liquids	10 gals of sewerable liquids
50 gal oil paint	120 lbs adhesives/tars
15 gal antifreeze	20 lbs of rechargeable batteries
210 fluorescent bulbs	

HALL: a) Supervisor Gajewski mentioned that at the last Country Music Show the air conditioner had a hard time keeping the hall cool. There were about 100 people in attendance and it got quite warm in the building. The board is wondering if another unit is needed. The board directed Supervisor Gajewski to get an estimate for an additional air conditioner unit.

b) Brian Hildre has resigned from his position as hall custodian. Veronica Childers has expressed interest in this position. Veronica has done hall cleaning in the past when she worked for the cleaning company that had the hall cleaning contract. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to hire Veronica Childers as hall custodian effective September 1, 2010.

PARK: a) The basketball hoops supports need painting. The board tabled this issue until next spring.

b) The monthly playground inspection shows no hazards and that the parks are in good shape.

CEMETERY: a) One burial: Donald Gustafson, August 13, 2010.

b) Leon Forstrom has re-filled the sinking gravesites. Chairperson Gajewski completed a cemetery inspection along with the monthly playground inspection. No safety hazards were found.

COMMITTEES: a) The next Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee meeting will be August 24, 2010 to review the results of the survey sent to township residents and property owners.

b) The Fall Fun Day is set for Saturday September 11, 2010. A Special Events Committee meeting will be held Weds August 18th at 6:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: a) Cleaning of the Munger School Site garage was addressed under Fire Department.

NEW BUSINESS: a) The rental contract through Metro Sales for the town office copy machine/fax/printer is up for renewal. The township gets "state contract" pricing. Metro Sales has contacted the Town Clerk and the new contract includes an updated machine and all toner and repairs at a 15% - 20% savings over the last contract. The Clerk is very satisfied with Metro Sales repair service. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to sign the 60-month contract with Metro Sales for a copy machine/fax/printer.

b) Mr. Don Walsh from DHW Consulting updated the board on the Aggregate Tax audit. He has completed Wissota and found the Aggregate Tax to be in order. Kivi Trucking audit was completed today and Gobel Aggregate will be done next Tuesday. He has contacted Northland

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Bituminous, Jim Lindquist, Country Trucking and Excavating, Sathers Construction and Excavating and Mahnke Trucking. He will keep us updated as the audits are completed.

C) The Clerk reported that Gobel Aggregate has not sent a reporting form or any tax due for the second quarter of 2010. The Clerk contacted Don Proulx, the owner of Gobel Aggregate, and was told by him that the office manager must have forgotten and he would call to remind her. No report was received by the Clerk so a registered letter to Gobel Aggregate was sent. The letter was not picked up by Gobel after three notices from the Post Office, and was returned by the mail carrier to the town hall office. Gobel Aggregate has never before been late with Aggregate Tax reporting. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to direct the Town Clerk to contact Township Attorney John Bray to pursue collecting the Aggregate Tax for the second quarter of 2010.

MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting after the board completes signing checks. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.