

Solway Town Board Meeting Minutes
April 13, 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 eight concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2011 Town Board Meeting. MOTION made by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2010 Special Board Meeting. This Special Meeting was held to meet with Mr. John Powers to gain insight into his proposed approach for updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and get a quote from him for his work. The Board has a quote from ARDC in the amount of \$18,000. Mr. Power's quote is \$10,500. At that meeting the Board hired Mr. Powers to assist the Town Board and CLUP Committee with updating the Conditional Land Use Plan.

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

Checking 12308 - 12359

Beginning Balance	\$178,703.79	
Receipts	\$245.00	
Transfers	0.00	
Disbursements	\$22,347.82	
Ending Balance	\$156,600.97	\$156,600.97

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 113,633.92	
Interest/Deposits	\$34.56	
Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$113,668.48	\$113,668.48

Total Accounts **\$270,269.45**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

3/20/10 Minnesota Power - Notice of Public Hearings to be held regarding power rate increases. No board action.

3/25/10 WLSSD - Draft Ordinance establishing standards for fats, oils and grease reduction. No board action.

3/26/10 ARDC - Training opportunity for Township officials. No board members will attend this training.

4/1/10 MN Association of Townships Agency – Township Insurance package. The board directed the Clerk to make sure that the insurance package has all buildings and vehicles listed.

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4/6/10 SLC Auditor's Office - Annual Automark & M-100 maintenance information. The Clerk will take the machines to the county office for the regular scheduled maintenance.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: The Treasurer has two additional bills. The first bill is from Butch Lund for work on the township phones, and the second is for Regena Merritt for reimbursement in the amount of \$42.50. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to pay all outstanding bills as presented by the Treasurer.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) The Clerk has received a Liquor License renewal from Saginaw Grand Lake Station. There have been no complaints received at the town office regarding the Grand Lake Station. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to grant a renewal of the Liquor License for the Saginaw Grand Lake Station.

b) The Clerk has received a Liquor License renewal from the Munger Tavern. There have been no complaints received at the town office regarding the Grand Lake Station. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to grant a renewal of the Liquor License for the Munger Tavern.

c) Mr. Rod Chiles addressed the town board regarding a notice he wanted in the Township Newsletter and he said was not in there. Supervisor Gajewski explained that his notice was on the bottom of the front page.

Mr. Les Dougherty from Dougherty Aggregate appeared before the board to let the board know that he does roadwork including brushing and would be happy to give quotes on any work the Board is planning.

ROAD: a) The Annual Road Inspection will be held Friday April 30th at 9:00 a.m. This inspection will include a sign inventory.

b) There are several cracks opening up in the parking lot blacktop. Leon Forstrom will fill the cracks on the basketball courts. The board would like to have Supervisor Gajewski get quotes on the crack sealing. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to have Supervisor Gajewski get quotes for blacktop crack-filling and sealing.

c) Supervisor Gajewski has spoke with Gnesen Township Supervisor and was told they allow other township to rent their brushing equipment for \$2,100 a week. They will also run the equipment for \$100. per hour, or the township could have one of their own employees run the equipment. The board would like other quotes for the roadside brushing. Supervisor Gajewski will contact CAL Contracting and Les Dougherty for quotes. Jim Lindquist mentioned that John Childers mowing the roadsides has kept the brush down.

RECYCLING: a) The Clerk reported that the phone line in the recycling shed is now working.

HALL: a) The phone in the hall office is now a secure line and not accessible from the kitchens or warming shed. Mr. Butch Lund has completed this work.

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- b)** Leon Forstrom is looking for a “spring bolt” for the front door to the hall. This door does not lock well if the top bolt is not put in place. There have been times when the upper bolt was found unlocked by those using the hall.
- c)** Supervisor Gajewski has quotes for purchase and installation of a new flagpole from 2009. The Board directed Supervisor Gajewski to look into getting updated quotes and any new quotes for a new flagpole.
- d)** The Clerk would like to update that hall computer by purchasing an updated version of Microsoft Office and Windows operating system. This would cost approximately \$300. The Treasurer mentioned that the office computer is slow and six or seven years old. The Treasurer feels the board can get a new computer for under \$600. The board discussed putting money into the older computer to update it versus using that money to purchase a new computer. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to have the Clerk purchase a new office computer for under \$600.

- PARK:**
- a)** There is an old scoreboard on the ballpark that is no longer in use. The board directed Leon Forstrom to take down the old scoreboard.
 - b)** One of the soccer goals is in need of repair. Supervisor Gajewski will contact Rick Flesvig who will contact Gary Skibicki to weld the corner of the soccer goal where it has come apart.
 - c)** The new rubber for the pitcher’s mound has been installed.
 - d)** Per Cookie Saline’s request, Supervisor Gajewski looked into the fields scheduling for practices and games. Supervisor Gajewski reported that the games can be scheduled for all summer, but practices are to be scheduled two weeks in advance. Jan Denzler had mentioned to Ms. Saline that he would bring in some lime sand for the baseball fields and wanted to know if this is all right with the Town Board. The board has no problem with Mr. Denzler bringing in lime sand for the baseball field.
 - e)** Supervisor Gajewski reported from his inspection that there are no hazards at the park or the cemetery.

- CEMETERY:**
- a)** The Clerk reported that there is still one unmarked grave at the cemetery. It is for Andrew Olson. There is a wooden cross now marking the gravesite. The Clerk has spoke with the father, Mr. Shane Olson, last fall and was told the family was in the process of ordering a marker at that time. The Board directed the Clerk to write a letter to Mr. Olson explaining that we need a permanent marker for the grave.
 - b)** Leon Forstrom reported that there are shrubs planted with a fence around them at a grave in the cemetery. The board would like to notify the owner to have the fence removed before Memorial Day. The Clerk and Mr. Forstrom will find out who to contact regarding having the fence removed.
 - c)** Chairperson Gajewski completed a cemetery inspection along with the monthly playground inspection. No safety hazards were found.

- COMMITTEES:**
- a)** There was a Special Meeting held to review the proposal from Mr. John Powers to update the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The minutes from this meeting were approved at tonight’s meeting. When Supervisor Gajewski contacts Mr. Powers he will set up the first meeting for the board, Mr. Powers and the CLUP Committee to meet.

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OLD BUSINESS: a) Ms. Marilyn Arnold contacted the town hall office to let the board know that this summer she plans on beginning construction of her cartway off of the Morris Thomas Road.

NEW BUSINESS: a) There was no new business.

MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting after the board completes signing checks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.