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Chairperson Ron Gajewski 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 was Supervisor Clare R. Stromlund, Clerk Regena Merritt, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and six concerned citizens. Supervisor Scott Welsh was out of town on vacation.

MOTION made by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2009 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2009 Special Board Meeting.

MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to accept the following Treasurer's report dated June 30, 2009.

Checking 11902 - 11949

Beginning Balance	\$107,158.94	
Receipts	\$94,614.00	
Transfers	0.00	
Disbursements	\$40,974.06	
Ending Balance	\$160,798.88	\$160,798.88

Savings

Beginning Balance	\$0.00	
Interest	0.00	
Deposits	0.00	
Withdrawals	0.00	
Ending Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$113,294.52	
Interest/Deposits	\$37.24	
Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$113,331.76	\$113,331.76

Total Accounts **\$274,130.64**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

6/11/09 Shari Melton - Ms. Melton is inquiring if any of her family is buried in Solway Cemetery. Clerk Merritt contacted Ms Melton to answer her question.

6/24/09 MN Association of Township Agency - Increase in coverage limits. No board action.

6/25/09 MN Dept of Natural Resources - Wildlife posters for town hall.

6/30/09 Awes Seidel Diversified Insurance - Certificates of insurance for workers-compensation and general liability insurance for the fire department. The Fire Department is required to have proof of insurance per their contract with the township. No board action.

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6/30/09 - St Louis Cnty Auditor - M100 ballot counter warranty. This is addressed under Outstanding Bills.

7/7/09 - Solway Planning and Zoning - Letter from the Township Planning and Zoning Committee recommending approval of the Conditional Use Permit for Prairie Restorations. This recommendation has been passed on to St. Louis County Planning and Zoning.

7/9/09 - Mark Kivi Aggregate Tax report and payment for 2nd quarter of 2009.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: The Treasurer has the following list of additional bills. St. Louis County Auditor in the amount of \$660.00 for the four-year warranty on the M-100 ballot counter; Metro Sales in the amount of \$299.82 for the quarterly rental on the copy machine, and \$9,083.00 to Cloquet Interiors for carpet and vinyl tile downstairs. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to pay all outstanding bills.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Lance Erceg appeared before the to request authorization to Sell/Serve Intoxicating liquor outside the designated serving area for an outdoor party on July 24, 25 and 26, 2009. Neither the Town Board nor the Town office has received any complaints regarding the Saginaw Grand Lake Station. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried for Erceg Enterprises, INC. d/b/a/ Saginaw Grand Lake Station to serve sell/serve intoxication liquor outside the designated serving area on July 24,25 & 26, 2009.

b) Merete Muellner appeared before the town board with a complaint that when she rented the town hall for her wedding on June 20, 2009 the downstairs was under construction and they had to do a considerable amount of clean-up before they could use the hall. She was never notified that he basement was under construction. They also had to move the fridge and stove so they could set up downstairs. The hall was left in good condition after their rental. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to return \$100 of the rent paid by Merete Muellner for rental of the town hall on June 19, 20 and 21, 2009, and not to bill for Sunday the 21st giving them a free day.

ROAD: a) The Clerk received a call notifying her that the "Sandberg Road" sign on Highway #2 is missing. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund to replace the "Sandberg Road" sign at Highway #2.

b) The town office was notified by the Cloquet Post Office that due to an overgrown hedge, there is a blind corner on Heine Road. The Post Office asked that this hedge be trimmed back as soon as possible. The mail carrier reported that there are times when children riding on bicycles are not seen by him until he gets around the corner in the road. This hedge is in the township right-of-way. The clerk spoke with the landowner Lynn Kern and he stated that he would like to see the hedge trimmed down for safety reasons. Kerbie Merritt trimmed the hedge and the mail carrier is happy with the results.

c) John Childers has completed the roadside mowing on all township roads and the board is very satisfied with the job. The Town Board thanks John Childers for his volunteer service.

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FIRE: a) Fire Chief Wayne Suliin reported that there were 9 calls the month of June. These calls included two fire and seven medical calls. There have been nine calls so far the month of July.

b) Chief Suliin has submitted a FEMA grant in the amount of \$225,000 to replace tanker #2. The department has also applied for a FEMA equipment grant to purchase stabilizing bags to use on the scene of a vehicle accident to roll a vehicle off a pinned victim, and other equipment in the amount of \$40,000. There is a 5% match that will come from the township for both of these grants. The department has not heard from FEMA regarding either of these grants.

c) Chief Suliin reported there is a tank leak on truck #6. This tank is still under warranty so it is expected that the tank manufacturer will cover this repair. Steve Adamski has installed bleeders on all the fire hall compressor lines. This has solved the problem of water in the truck brake lines. Mr. Adamski has most of the maintenance work completed on truck #6. There is a tank gauge sensor for truck #6 on order that will need to be installed. Alex Air has certified the compressor at the fire hall. There is one new applicant for the department bringing the total number of members to eighteen. All the department firefighters except one are First Responders.

d) The Fire Department is planning to participate in the Fall Fun Day that is planned for September 26th. The department plans to have the "bouncer" for the kids, and also the EDITH trailer. This trailer simulates a house fire to teach what to do in case of a fire.

RECYCLING: a) The Township had received a recycling operations grant in the amount of \$6,483.78 on May 26, 2009. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to adopt Resolution #69 accepting a grant from WLSSD as follows:

SOLWAY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #69

Accepting a Grant from Western Lake Superior Sanitary District

WHEREAS, Solway Township, St. Louis County, operates a recycling program in agreement with WLSSD; and

WHEREAS, WLSSD may have funds available for communities for expenses incurred by local communities for operating recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, Solway Township submitted a grant application in the amount of \$6,483.78 on April 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, WLSSD approved the grant request and awarded \$6,483.78 in funding on May 26, 2009;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Solway Town Board accepts the WLSSD grant of \$6,483.78 on July 14th, 2009.

Supervisor Stromlund moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Chairperson Gajewski, and it was declared adopted on the 14th day of July, 2009 upon the following votes: Yeas – Clare R. Stromlund and Ronald Gajewski. Nays – none. Absent – Scott Welsh.

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HALL: a) New appliances are needed for the remodeling of the downstairs kitchen. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to spend up to \$1,000 for a range and refrigerator in the downstairs kitchen. Chairperson Gajewski will purchase these appliances.

b) Deputy Clerk Mary Saline has a few suggestions for the town hall rental agreement. First there is a place on the agreement for confirmation of residency. This confirmation can be made from the St. Louis County website, or from the renters drivers license or Minnesota State I.D. Ms. Saline has also suggested the rental rate after the one free rental for the downstairs be set at \$25.00. There was some discussion on whether the board should charge differently for weddings, and if there should be one charge for a combined Friday, Saturday and Sunday rental for weddings. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to accept new rental contract and rates, but not the Friday, Saturday and Sunday combined package.

c) A remote control model airplane group has asked to use the town hall on a regular basis. The group did not attend tonight's meeting. The board is concerned that it is not a community based group because there is only one member of the group that resides in the township. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried that the town board declines the request of the model airplane group to hold meetings at the town hall as they are not a community group.

d) Chairperson Gajewski announced that the Dog Agility Trials are this coming weekend and the public is welcome.

e) The board discussed the pay scale for painting at the town hall. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to pay Supervisors their regular pay; Pete Hildre \$17.00 per hour; Bryan Hildre and Leon Forstrom \$13.00 per hour for painting inside the town hall.

PARK: a) Pete Hildre is planning to paint the baseball backstop poles as time permits.

b) The hedge at the Munger School Site needs to be trimmed. Kerbie Merritt will do this as soon as possible.

c) The Board would like John Childers to try to get extra blades for the mowing tractor to have on hand. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to have John Childers try to purchase extra blades for the roadside-mowing tractor.

CEMETERY: a) Dorothy and Carmine Priola were buried at the township cemetery on June 27, 2009.

b) Chairperson Gajewski completed a cemetery inspection along with the monthly playground inspection. No safety hazards were found.

COMMITTEES: a) Special Events Fund Day is scheduled for September 26, 2009. The Adolph Store will provide the food.

OLD BUSINESS: a) The Township had received one Aggregate Tax report for the second quarter of 2009, which are due on July 14th. This is also under Correspondence.

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NEW BUSINESS: a) Leon Forstrom mentioned that when changing the blades on the roadside mowing tractor he and John Childers are using Mr. Forstrom's own impact wrench. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to have Leon Forstrom purchase an electric impact wrench to be kept at the Munger Site garage for the amount of \$100 or less.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting after the board completes signing checks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.