

The Solway Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Solway Town Hall by Vice Chairperson Clare Stromlund, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisor Ron Gajewski, Treasurer Cindy Moe, Clerk Regena Merritt, Deputy Clerk Terri Jensen and five concerned citizens. Absent was Chairperson Scott Welsh.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting of April 12, 2016.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the tentative monthly Treasurer's report dated April 30, 2016.

April 30, 2016

**Checking:15850-15892**

Beginning Balance	<b>\$349,034.00</b>	
Receipts	4,942.42	
Disbursements	<u>\$-13,063.71</u>	
Ending Balance	<u>\$340,912.71</u>	<b>\$340,912.71</b>

**Money Market**

Beginning Balance	<b>\$ 108,746.39</b>	
Interest/Deposits	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	<u>\$108,746.39</u>	<b><u>\$108,746.39</u></b>

**Total Accounts** **\$457,780.39**

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:**

**04/01 Lorilee Blais, Western Lake Superior Sanitary District** - Sample grant request letter supporting expanded services at recycling centers. Support letters sent by Clerk Merritt on April 5, 2016.

**04/07 Phil Chapman, St. Louis County Deputy Assessor** - Letter re: battery replacement for election equipment. No Board action taken.

**04/07 Proctor Journal** - Via E-Mail Affidavit of Publishing Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting. No Board action taken.

**04/07 Duluth News Tribune** - Via E-Mail Affidavit of Publishing Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting. No Board action taken.

**04/07 Pine Journal** - Via E-Mail Affidavit of Publishing Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting. No Board action taken.

**04/07 Kivi Aggregate** - 2016 1st Quarter Aggregate Tax Form. *(Not in packet)*

**04/08 South Ridge School** - Letter requesting donation. Board declined as not discussed at Annual Meeting.

**04/11 Solway Planning & Zoning Advisory Committee** - Timothy Ludwig Variance. Committee voted to recommend approval of variance.

**04/11 Jim Sathers** - 2016 1st Quarter Aggregate Tax Form. *(Not in packet)*

**04/11 Gobel Aggregate, Inc.** - 2016 1st Quarter Aggregate Tax Form. *(Not in packet)*

**04/11 Kris Leroy, MAT Agency** - Via E-Mail. Answer to Clerk's Liability Question re: Community Education Program. No Board action taken.

**04/12 Coon's Aggregate Supply** - 2016 1st Quarter Aggregate Tax Form. *(Not in packet)*

**04/12 Munger Tavern & Grill** - Request for Renewal of Liquor License. Board granted renewal.

**04/14 Margaret Dunsmore, County Assessor** - Letter re: Local Board of Appeal & Equalization confirmation of meeting date & information packet. No Board action taken.

**04/30 South Ridge School** - Letter requesting donation. Board declined as not discussed at Annual Meeting.

**OUTSTANDING BILLS:** MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski, and carried unanimously to pay all outstanding bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list as presented by the Town Treasurer for a total amount of \$21,716.74.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERN:** a) None

**ROAD:** a) Steve Tverberg will be contacted by Supervisor Gajewski regarding the filling of potholes on the Jeffrey Road.

b) Jim Lindquist started April 12, 2016, grading the township roads; however, the grading on Wargin Road will be held off until the road dries out.

c) Supervisor Gajewski will request a quote from Sinnott Blacktop for crack filling, sealing and relining the parking lot along with repairing, sealing and relining the tennis court/basketball court area.

d) MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to obtain three more handicapped signs and designate three additional handicapped parking sites in the town hall parking lot.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** a) Fire Chief Priolo reported there have been 38 calls year-to-date: 24 medical, 12 fires and 2 vehicle accidents. A majority of the calls have been due to mutual aid response requests.

b) The new pump has been installed on Tanker 3.

c) Fire Department Member, Jeff Nelson, has applied for a Department of Natural Resources Grant for the water site on Frank Haydon's property. As of today's date, nothing has been heard from the DNR.

d) Fire Department Member, Jeff Keppers, will be talking to an individual regarding the installation of bigger pipes to top off the trucks.

e) Fire Department will be looking at purchasing name tags to wear during events; i.e., bingos, pancake breakfast.

f) Fire Department is still checking into the pull tab situation at Saginaw Union Station. Fire Chief Priolo reported that new member, Martina, is checking where the certification classes are going to be held.

**g)** There are currently five department members that need Fire 1 & 2 Training. Per department by-laws all fire department members need to have fire and medical training. The fire department is still paying for all fire department members physicals.

**RECYCLING:** **a)** Ron Gajewski will talk to Darlene Miller about planning a retirement party for Jim Miller in July.

**b)** Leon will replace the base siding board.

**c)** Paul Dunaiski will keep track of how often the bins inside the shed are full and let Clerk Merritt know about possibly having more bins delivered.

**HALL:** **a)** MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to purchase two high chairs not to exceed \$100.00 apiece.

**b)** Deputy Clerk Jensen will contact Hermantown/Proctor Community to see if there are any upcoming events to put into the Solway Section Lines Newsletter.

**c)** Leon Forstrom and Paul Dunaiski have painted the foundation of the town hall.

**d)** An additional shelf will be constructed by Leon Forstrom for the Senior's closet.

**e)** Leon Forstrom screwed down the metal strip holding the outside carpet on the steps of the town hall.

**PARK:** **a)** The monthly Township Properties Safety Inspection Report as completed by Gajewski shows no hazards and the parks, fields and township grounds are found to be in good condition.

**b)** The entire bill for spreading the taconite tailings onto the Witte Trail came to \$4,600.00. The township's responsibility came to \$1,090.00 after Shelton Construction's donation of \$1,600.00 and \$1,910.00 donation from the Witte Memorial Fund. Clerk Merritt will send a card to Shelton's for their donation in constructing the Witte Trail.

**c)** Clerk Merritt will create trail signs that have location markers and walking distances.

**d)** Paul Dunaiski will look at the benches at Northwoods and send Clerk Merritt a picture of them.

**e)** Paul Dunaiski is working with the Eagle Scouts regarding constructing of the benches for the Witte Trail. The materials for ten benches will be purchased by the township, and the labor will be supplied by the Eagle Scouts. The Solway Section Lines Newsletter will have an article telling Township Residents how they can purchase a bench or make a donation toward purchasing a bench. A quote was received from Todd Signs of \$40.00 to purchase a memorial plaque to go on donated benches. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to spend approximately \$3,500.00 and attempt to recoup some of these funds through donations.

**f)** MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to have Clerk Merritt purchase VISITOR and HOME signs for the baseball dugouts and not to exceed \$100.00 including shipping and handling.

**e)** Leon Forstrom look at welding a bumper around the wheel of the mower deck to help protect the fences.

**CEMETERY:** **a)** Leon Forstrom will place fill in the burial sites where the ground has settled.

**b)** MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept a quote from Jim Lindquist for the delivery of a couple yards of fill at \$18.00 a yard. The fill will be used as needed where the ground has settled after burials.

**c)** MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to spend up to \$400.00 to purchase new shrubs from Grussendorf Nursery to replace any winter killed shrubs.

**COMMITTEES: a)**

- OLD BUSINESS:** a) Clerk Merritt has ordered the security cameras.  
b) Local Board of Appeal and Equalization has been completed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** a) MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the quote from Jim Lindquist for three yards of top soil at \$18.00 a yard. The top soil is to be used to cover the septic and around buildings as needed.

b) Leon Forstrom will look at Menards to purchase the materials to repair the warming shed.

c) MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to allow any board member to attend the Short Course at Black Bear on June 30, 2016, at township expense.

d) Clerk Merritt will be sending in the confirmation to attend the County Association of Township Banquet in Cotton. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to have the township pay for any board member and quest who wish to attend.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.