

Ron Gajewski, Clerk Regena Merritt, Deputy Clerk Terri Jensen, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and four concerned citizens. Clare R. Stromlund was not in attendance due to illness.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the December 10, 2013 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to accept the following: Tentative Treasurer's report dated December 31, 2013.

Checking:14456-14514

Beginning Balance	\$179,614.24	
Receipts	148,306.92	
555Transfers	\$0	
Disbursements	<u>\$-29,183.17</u>	
Ending Balance	<u>\$298,737.99</u>	\$298,737.99

Money Market

Beginning Balance		
Interest/Deposits	\$ 108,493.18	
Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$108,493.18	<u>\$108,493.18</u>

Total Accounts

\$407,231.17

***Missing Check Numbers 14502-14510 from printing error on check order**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

12/12 Minnesota Department of Public Safety/FEMA – Project completion and Certification Forms for 2012 flood damage completed by Town Clerk and sent on January 2, 2014.

12/12 Solway Volunteer Fire Department - Pump Test Certifications received by Town Clerk via e-mail on December 13, 2013.

12/16 Western Lake Superior Sanitary District – Receipt of Biosolids Digest Newsletter. No board action taken.

12/19 St. Louis County Auditor – Letter to remind clerks of changes in Minnesota Statutes for the upcoming 2014 March Township Elections.

12/19 Solway Volunteer Fire Department – Signed contract for fire protection services.

12/26 Great Northern Transmission Line – Informational letter from Minnesota Power preparing a route permit application for submittal to Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. No board action taken.

1/8 Scott Welsh – Receipt of Affidavit of Candidacy.

1/9 St. Louis County Public Works – Reminder Letter to Townships/Municipalities that all maintenance requests are to be done via formal letter or e-mail from Township Clerks. Thus maintaining a paper trail.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: The following are additional bills presented by the Treasurer:

Town hall rental deposit refund:

- Sandi Schubitzke in the amount of \$25.00
- Colleen Kirkman in the amount of \$25.00

Bills pertaining to Solway Volunteer Fire Department:

- Fire Department yearly contract in the amount of \$40,000.00
- Midway Sewer to pump holding tank in amount of \$185.00
- Nick Priolo in the amount of \$165.00 for flooding ice rink.
- Bob Priolo in the amount of \$143.00 for flooding ice rink.
- Jeff Nelson in the amount of \$121.00 for flooding ice rink.
- Jeff Keppers in the amount of \$77.00 for flooding ice rink.
- Bill Mulek in the amount of \$66.00 for flooding ice rink.
- Sean Monson in the amount of \$33.00 for flooding ice rink.
- Josh Hughes in the amount of \$33.00 for flooding ice rink.
- Chris Tverberg in the amount of \$22.00 for flooding ice rink.
- Hermantown Hall (water usage) in the amount of \$12.00

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh, and carried unanimously to pay all outstanding bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list and the additional bills presented by the Town Treasurer for a total amount of \$81,511.32.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: Use of hall by Harbor Square Dancers September 26 – 28, 2014, for open instructional square dancing class. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to allow Harbor Square Dancers use of the hall September 26 – 28, 2014 and directed the Town Clerk to handle hall rental fees as usual.

ROAD: a) Supervisor Gajewski had contact with Mr. Bob Egge, Minnesota State Highway Engineer, regarding installing a “Stop” sign with perimeter lighting at the Canosia Road and Hwy #194 intersection. Mr. Egge told Supervisor Gajewski a twenty (20) year history of accidents at that intersection is being compiled and put into a report. The Board is requesting a copy of this report.

b) The Township received calls regarding Jerry and Sandberg Roads icy conditions and would like additional sand/salt on the roads. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to sand all township roads. The Board requested the Town Clerk send an e-mail to St. Louis County requesting additional sand be applied to roads as needed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: a) Total calls for Year 2013 are as followed: 29 fire, 60 medical, 10 vehicle and 19 mutual aid for a total of 99 calls.

b) Year 2014 has had 2 fires and 1 mutual aid so far for the Fire Department.

c) Supervisor Welsh will attend the business meetings held the Third Thursday of each Month in the event Supervisor Clare R. Stromlund is unable to do so.

d) Tanker #2 is back in-service after repairs made to frozen drafting pump; repairs are covered under warranty.

RECYCLING: a) No questions or problems mentioned.

HALL: a) Leon Forstrom mentioned to the Board about needed repairs to side and front doors, as well as the doors not being secure and their lack of energy efficiency. Supervisor Gajewski asked for Leon Forstrom to check into costs for new doors. The Board directed Supervisor Gajewski to obtain quotes from Perrault's for more weather efficient front and side doors and also a quote to repair handicapped door panic bar. Supervisor Gajewski would like to get input from the Town electorate at Annual Meeting before replacement of the front doors. The Town Clerk will add this item to the Annual Meeting Agenda.

PARK: a) The monthly playground inspection shows no hazards and the parks to be in good condition.

CEMETERY: a) Supervisor Gajewski completed a cemetery inspection along with the monthly playground inspection. No safety hazards were found.

COMMITTEES: a) Final plans are being completed for The Winter Fun Day which is scheduled for January 25th 1PM to 6PM.

OLD BUSINESS: a) AWAIR will not be addressed at Urban Short Course this coming April as the Board thought. An e-mail will be sent to Kent and Kyle to see if AWAIR to be addressed at Spring Short Course in Carlton. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to see if AWAIR will be addressed at Spring Short Course.

b) The Board of Audit will be an agenda item at the February 11, 2014 Town Board Meeting.

c) The Budget Meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2014 at 5:00pm at the Solway Town Hall.

d) The County Association of Townships next Meeting will be January 22, 2014 at the Cotton Town Hall.

e) The Duluth Association of Townships Meeting next Meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2014, 6:30 pm at Rice Lake Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS: a) Newsletter out to residents by first week in January.

b) The next ACTS Meeting is January 21, 2014, 6:30 pm at Proctor City Hall.

c) The Township Clerk completed and returned the FEMA Project Completion and Certification Forms as addressed under Correspondence.

d) Scott Welsh filed Affidavit of Candidacy for Election.

e) No Citizen of the Year nominations have been received so far.

f) Legislative and Research Committee Meeting will take place February 25 – 27. Township Clerk, Regena Merritt, will be attending this Meeting through the county association. Motion was made by Supervisor Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously that the expenses for this meeting should be paid by the Township for any board member able to attend.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.