

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 were Supervisors Clare Stromlund and Scott Welsh, Clerk Regena Merritt, Treasurer Cindy Moe, four concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the September 11, 2012 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the following Treasurer's report dated September 30, 2012.

Checking 13729 - 13777

Beginning Balance	\$233,052.34	
Receipts	806.40	
Transfers	0.00	
Disbursements	\$-58,033.47	
Ending Balance	<u>\$175,825.27</u>	\$175,825.27

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,396.05	
Interest/Deposits	\$00	
Withdrawals	\$00	
Ending Balance	<u>\$108,396.05</u>	\$108,396.05

Total Accounts **\$341,448.39**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

- 9/18 John Bray - New office address and phone number to be kept on file. The Town Board has been happy with Mr. Bray's work in the past and will continue to use him as the Township attorney. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to continue to use John Bray as the Township attorney even though he is affiliated with another firm.
- 9/18 Perrault Construction - Proposal for Munger Site garage roof. To be discussed under Park.
- 9/21 Minnesota Department of Health - Grant Information. No board action.
- 9/24 First National Bank of Proctor - Annual Privacy Disclosure. No board action.
- 10/4 Great Northern Transmission Line Project - Open House Meetings regarding a high-voltage transmission line from the Minnesota - Canada border to a receiving substation near the Iron Range. There is a meeting at Hermantown Government Services Building on Wednesday Nov 7th. No board action

OUTSTANDING BILLS: The Treasurer has the following additional bills: Adjust Leon Forstrom reimbursement an additional \$45 for a total of \$147.72; Jim Lindquist in the amount of \$2528.00 for road grading; Scott Welsh in the amount of \$25.00 for cell phone reimbursement; Midway Sewer in the amount of \$185 for pumping the town hall septic tank. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh, and carried unanimously to pay all outstanding bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list and the additional bills from the Treasurer for a total amount of \$29,414.28.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) None

ROAD: a) John Childers informed the Board that the roadside mower needs a new blade. The board discussed the need for any additional blades and decided to purchase two. MOTION by Welsh,

seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to purchase two blades for the roadside mower for a total amount of \$200.

b) The roadside mowing is complete for this year.

c) Chairperson Gajewski contacted Shelton Excavating for snowplowing rates and was told that the rates will be the same as last year. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to hire Shelton Excavating to plow the town hall and fire hall sites for the Township this coming winter.

d) No word yet from FEMA regarding the application for reimbursement for money spent by the Township for road repairs due to the June 20, 2012 storm.

e) The Clerk has not been able to get any more information on the new owners of the house at 7053 Heine Road. The new owners need to be contacted regarding the hedge that is in the Township road right-of-way.

f) Brushing of Township roads is completed for the amount of \$2,700.

g) Chairperson Gajewski was in contact with Shelton Excavating and was told that they will be out to finish grouting the rock between the culverts tomorrow.

h) Ditching has been completed near 3710 Mattson Road where there was a problem with water flowing from the road into their yard.

FIRE: a) Work is complete on the Silverado truck donated by Enbridge Corporation and the truck has been delivered to the fire hall.

b) The overhead lights on doors 1,3, & 4 are out. There are extra bulbs at the Fire Hall that the firefighters can use to replace the burned out bulbs.

c) There has been no work on the FEMA grants.

d) The Department will be helping with a Bingo during the Halloween Carnival.

e) The Town Board will hold a recognition dinner for the Fire Department on October 23rd. Invitations will be sent to current and retired members and the Flamettes.

Fire Chief Wayne Suliin reported three medical calls and one fire for the month of September.

Fire Chief Suliin also mentioned that the date for the Fall Bingo might be changed so it is not held during hunting season. Hopefully this will make it easier to get volunteers to work the Bingo.

RECYCLING: a) Veronica Childers plans to paint the Recycling Shed trim as soon as weather permits.

b) Leon Forstrom and Chairperson Gajewski will clean out the Recycling Shed.

HALL: a) A mirror has been installed in the upstairs bathroom. Treasurer Moe mentioned that the grab bars in the upstairs bathroom are starting to rust. The Board would like Leon Forstrom to shop for another grab bar. The Board discussed getting a different type, maybe one that comes up from the floor.

b) A new flag has been purchased and installed that is the correct size for our town hall flag pole.

c) The Town hall septic has been pumped.

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

b) At the September meeting, the Board discussed two quotes to put a roof on the Munger Site garage. One quote from Perrault in the amount of 29,900, and the second from RWC Inc. in the amount of \$36,470. The Board wanted more detailed quotes and has received them from both RWC, Inc and Perrault's. The quotes are similar, but Perrault's quote is less. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to hire Perrault Construction to put a new roof on the Munger School Site garage for the dollar amount of \$31,000. Chairperson Gajewski will notify both Perrault Construction and RWC, Inc.

c) The Township soccer fields still need to be fertilized. The Munger Site is still being used.

d) Chairperson Gajewski mentioned that the biffie at the Munger Site can be removed the end of October. The Clerk will notify Portable John Company.

CEMETERY: a) A.J.'s has two more times paid to water the trees and shrubs planted at the cemetery. This should be enough for this season.

b) The gravesite decorations have been removed for this year.

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

d) John Childers has cut outside of the cemetery fence to the west and north. He obtained permission from the property owners to do this.

COMMITTEES: a) The Special Events Committee will meet October 22nd to finalize plans for the Halloween Carnival.

OLD BUSINESS: a) Newsletter went out the first week in October.

b) The Town office has received several calls regarding trucks going into the pit owned by Olson's (formerly the Hietalahti pit) when this pit is closed. The Clerk was contacted by Tim Gobel who is hauling into the pit. He explained that the present owner is trying to reclaim the pit to make it look better. They are not doing any mining or hauling gravel out.

NEW BUSINESS: a) The Minnesota Association of Townships is holding its annual conference in St. Cloud November 15th and 16th. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried all in favor to allow any Board members able to attend be allowed to do so at Township expense.

b) The Supervisors need to appoint election judges for the November 6th General Election. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to appoint Clare Stromlund, Ron Gajewski, Joan Gajewski, Bonnie Siiro (head judge), Amy Johnson, Leon Forstrom, Kareen Nelson, and Delores Vogel as election judges for the November 6th General Election.

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 7:45 p.m.