

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, three concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the January 8, 2013 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Final December 31, 2012 report, and the monthly report dated January 31, 2013.

December 31, 2012 Final:

Checking 13875 -13923

Beginning Balance	\$182,283.46	
Receipts	119,560.91	
Transfers	\$0.00	
Disbursements	\$-40,129.69	
Ending Balance	<u>\$261,714.68</u>	\$261,714.68

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,423.68	
Interest/Deposits	\$4.18	
Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	<u>\$108,427.86</u>	\$108,427.86

Total Accounts

\$370,142.54

January 31, 2013:

Checking 13924 - 13973

Beginning Balance	\$261,714.68	
Receipts	22,599.40	
Transfers	\$0.00	
Disbursements	\$-33,983.48	
Ending Balance	<u>\$250,330.60</u>	\$250,330.60

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,427.86	
Interest/Deposits	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	<u>\$108,427.86</u>	\$108,427.86

Total Accounts

\$358,758.46

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

1/24 MN State Board of Assessors	Letter regarding Jan Jackson
1/26 Valeria Witte	Nomination for Citizen of the Year
1/30 Town of Midway	Letter regarding fire contracts
2/1 Jim Perrault Construction	Quote to wrap bare wood door posts and header
2/1 Minnesota Revenue	Aggregate Tax Collected Report
2/4 Jan Jackson	Letter regarding her license/ 90 day contract
2/4 St. Louis Cnty Auditor Office	Permanent Absentee Applications
2/5 Wells Fargo Public Financing	Request for proof of insurance
2/7 St. Louis County Assessor	Letter regarding Jan Jackson

OUTSTANDING BILLS: The Treasurer has six additional bills as follows:

- Regena Merritt - \$31.78 reimbursement cell phone and mileage
- Scott Welsh - \$25.00 cell phone reimbursement
- Solway Fire Department - \$155.00 for ice rink work
- Solway Fire Department - \$255.00 for reimbursement for bill paid to Midway Sewer.
- Midway Sewer - \$425.00 to pump holding tank.
- Como Oil - \$744.54 for fire hall fuel.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund, 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 \$63,340.96.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Because of an issue with the Township Assessor's license, the Board has contacted St. Louis County to inquire about assessing services. Cory Leinwander from the County Assessor's office was at the meeting to explain the process the county would take if they were to do the assessing in Solway Township. Mr. Leinwander had part of the report from the State Board of Assessors regarding Jan Jackson. The County Assessor's office will forward in writing the process agreed upon with the Town Board. MOTION by Welsh seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to have St. Louis County take over property assessing effective immediately.

ROAD: a) There are not road issues.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: a) The rental and service contract between Solway Fire Department and the Township has expired. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Clare and carried unanimously to contract for one year, with the Solway Volunteer Department for fire protection and first response medical care for the sum of \$40,000.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to enter into a one-year Lease Agreement with the Solway Volunteer Fire Department the sum of \$1.00.

Resolutions to the problem with the holding tank and drain in the Fire Hall were discussed.

Midway Township has made a request to the Solway Fire Department to contract for Fire Services. The board discussed the issue and decided not to allow use of our Fire Hall and trucks. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously that after consulting with the Solway Fire Department the Town Board is not interested in contracting with Midway Township for fire service.

RECYCLING: a) Jim Miller reported that attendance use has continued to increase.

HALL: a) Pete Hildre will begin painting the Town Hall office in a couple of weeks. An additional cabinet is also being added.

PARK: a) The monthly playground inspection shows no hazards and the parks to be in good condition.
b) There is a quote from Jim Perrault Construction to wrap the bare wood around the overhead door posts and headers at the Munger School Site garage with white heavy gauge metal. The amount of this quote is \$1,200. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to have Jim Perrault Construction cover the exposed bare wood around the overhead door and headers on the Munger Site garage for \$1,200.

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

COMMITTEES: a) Chairperson Gajewski announced that the Winter Fun Day was well attended.

OLD BUSINESS: a) The St. Louis County Association of Township Officers will not have a bus to St. Paul for Lobby Day. The Board could drive themselves, or take a bus from Duluth. No Board members will be attending.

b) Ron Gajewski has filed for the office of Township Supervisor, no others have filed.

c) The Proctor Journal is making copies of the Centennial Book for \$15.00 each. The Clerk will pick them up as soon as they are finished.

NEW BUSINESS: a) The Town office has received a nomination for Jeff Nelson for Citizen of the Year. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to have Jeff Nelson as the 2013 Solway Citizen of the Year.

b) By state statute the Town Board needs to appoint an Absentee Ballot Board. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to appoint Mary Busch, Leon Forstrom, and Bonnie Siiro to the Absentee Ballot Board for the 2013 Township Election.

c) MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to appoint Mary Busch, Leon Forstrom, Bonnie Siiro and Clare Stromlund as election judges for the March 12, 2013 Township Election.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.