

Solway Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Solway Town Hall by Chairperson Clare R. Stromlund, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was Supervisor Ron Gajewski, Clerk Regena Merritt, Deputy Clerk Terri Jensen, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and seven concerned citizens. Supervisor Welsh was not in attendance as he was out of town.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the April 8, 2014, Town Board Meeting.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes of April 8, 2014. This Special Meeting was held to open bids for a new fire rescue truck.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the following Treasurer's report dated April 30, 2014.

Checking:14677-14725

Beginning Balance	\$197,227.80	
Receipts	14,751.68	
Disbursements	<u>\$-19,696.12</u>	
Ending Balance	192,283.36	\$192,283.36

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,520.54	
Interest/Deposits	\$17.55	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	\$108,538.09	<u>\$108,538.09</u>

Total Accounts

\$300,821.45

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

4/10 WLSSD - Public Hearing regarding a permit allowing a Solid Waste Recycling Facility Located at 7018 Maple Grove Rd. This is an existing facility designed to process Recyclables. It has been permitted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency since December of 2013, and Has previously received zoning approval at this location from St. Louis Count Planning and Community Development. WLSSD reviews all facilities within its jurisdiction. The Town office or Board Members have not received any complaints or comments regarding this recycling facility. No Board action is necessary.

4/10 St. Louis County Elections Division - Upcoming Automark / M100 Maintenance & Election Information for Township Clerks. No board action.

4/17 South Ridge School PTSO - Letter asking for donation for their scholarship program. The Board would need approval from the electorate at the annual meeting to donate to South Ridge PTSO. The annual meeting is held in March making it too late for a donation this year. The Clerk will notify the PTSO and let them know this.

4/22 Couri Ruppe Law Office - Notice of a free Township Legal Seminar in October at the Cotton Town Hall. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously That whoever can attend the Legal Seminar in October at the Cotton Town Hall may do so at Township expense.

4/23 Gobel Aggregate - Letter notifying the Township of their address change.

4/29 St Louis County - Notice of filing for 2014 General Election.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: The Treasurer has one additional bill; a \$25 hall rental deposit refund to Lind Eilefson. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund to pay all outstanding bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list and the additional bill presented by the Town Treasurer for a total amount of \$28,037.86.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Hermantown Mayor Wayne Boucher along with Kevin Peterson from the YMCA addressed the Board regarding the Arrowhead Regional Health and Wellness Center. This would be a regional wellness center for southern St. Louis County. The Center would be located on the Hermantown School District Campus and will be run in collaboration with the YMCA. The City of Hermantown had approved \$30,000 for a study to determine need, then went to Minnesota Legislators asking for \$250,000 for planning and pre-design. There is no word yet if the money was granted. The pre-design stage would determine the type of services to be offered. The YMCA would require membership, but there are programs in place to help with the fee so no one should be turned away because of inability to pay. The Arrowhead Health and Wellness Center Steering Committee is not asking for any money from the Township, only a Resolution in support of the project. There is a Draft Resolution with the letter presented by the committee that states the "full board" is present. As we do not have a full board present this issue will be tabled to the June Meeting. MOTION by Gajewski seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to table the Arrowhead Regional Health and Wellness Center Resolution of support until the June Town Board Meeting.

b) Shelly Eldridge from Ehlers Public Financing was asked to appear tonight regarding financing for a Township fire rescue truck. The dollar amount of the project is \$135,000 and will be financed with General Obligation Certificates of Indebtedness. First payment will be due Feb 1, 2015 with the last payment on Feb 1, 2020. The interest rate will be approximately 1.5%. Ehlers Company will solicit competitive bids for purchase of the Certificates from local banks in the area. Treasurer Moe feels this is a very good way to finance the truck purchase. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to finance a new fire rescue truck through Ehlers Public Financing and to adopt Resolution #91 Providing for the Sale of \$135,000 General Obligation Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2014A. A copy of the resolution is added as the last page of the minutes.

ROAD: a) During the Road Inspection it was noted that the ditches on Jerry and South Sandberg Roads need to be cleaned. The Board asked for and received a quote from Jim Lindquist in the amount of \$4,500 to clean these ditches. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to hire Jim Lindquist to clean the ditches on Jerry and South Sandberg Roads for the amount of \$4,500. Ditching to the South Mattson Road will be looked at later in the summer.

Per the Road Inspection report 143 loads of class-5 gravel will be applied to township roads. The Board has a quote from Shelton's Excavation to haul class-5 to township roads in the amount of \$17.75 per yard. The second quote is from Jim Lindquist in the amount of \$18.00 per yard. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to have Shelton Excavating furnish class-5 gravel to the township roads for \$17.75 per yard.

Supervisor Gajewski reported that he has contacted Carlton County regarding the "Stop" and street signs at the Lindrose and St. Louis County Roads. This is in Carlton County's jurisdiction and they will be replacing the "Stop" sign. Cedarway Road has a bent stop sign that Leon

Forstrom and Supervisor Gajewski will try to fix. The "Dead End" sign on the Tondryk Road needs replacing. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to purchase and install a "Dead End" sign on the Tondryk Road.

There is an issue with visibility at the corner of Morris Thomas and Sandberg. Supervisor Gajewski will contact Steve Tverberg at St. Louis County Public Works to see what can be done.

There are branches in the right of way on the Baily, Gaus, Peterson and Van Gassler Roads that will interfere with mowing the roadsides. There is garbage in the roadsides on the Sandberg and Sough Jeffrey Roads. Both of these will be taken care of by Leon Forstrom.

The "Jeffrey" Road sign at Highway #2 is missing. Supervisor Gajewski contacted Minnesota Dept of Transportation to have the sign replaced and was told that the state does not replace street name signs. The sign will be purchased from St. Louis County.

The Perimeter lighting on the Stop signs at Canosia and Hwy #194 have not been installed.

Supervisor Gajewski has contacted Rick Flesvig to replace the lights on the northeast and southwest corners of the town hall.

b) The Board discussed the condition of the parking lot and decided to discuss this at the June Meeting.

c) Dust Control on Township Roads will be added to the June Agenda to give the Board time to receive information and pricing.

d) The Clerk received a complaint from a resident on the Baily Road complaining of drainage on the road. The resident felt there might be a problem with the culvert. The Clerk contacted Leon Forstrom who looked at the Road and reported tonight that the water had gone over the road, but was now level with the road. Jim Lindquist had cleaned the ends of the culvert as it was noticeably plugged during the road inspection. Since there still is a problem the Town Board asked Mr. Lindquist to replace the culvert.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: **a)** Fire Chief Al Mitchell reported the Department has had 32 calls year to date,

b) Fire Chief Mitchell mentioned that Stainless and Repair would like to set a date to finalize the new fire rescue truck details. Brian or Derek from Stainless and the Fire Department will go over the contract step by step and have a Township Official sign the contract to begin work. Chief Mitchell will contact the Town Clerk with the date of the meeting.

c) Tanker #3 is now back in service.

d) The Department has hired two new members.

e) There is a banning burn on so no fire permits will be issued.

f) The department is participating in a school bus casualty practice at the Proctor bus garage.

RECYCLING: **a)** Jim Miller said everything is going smoothly at the recycling shed.

b) The Clerk will get a set of keys for the Recycling shed for Paul Dunaiski as he sometimes works for Jim Miller.

HALL: **a)** The front doors have been ordered through Perrault Construction, and will hopefully be installed before the next Town Board meeting.

- b) The sewer at the town hall had been running very slow. The septic tank had been pumped by Midway Sewer, but there still seems to be a problem and Midway is coming back tomorrow with a snake to try to unplug the line from the tank to the hall building.
- c) Leon Forstrom will paint the steps as soon as weather permits.
- d) Supervisor Gajewski picked up a new flag for the town hall.

PARK: a) The baseball diamond is now in use.

- b) Terri Jensen has received a U-10 to U-18 schedule for the townsite fields. The Munger School Site field is not yet usable. Terri Jensen will let Dawn from the AYSA know when it may be used.
- c) The Townsite message sign along Highway #2 is leaning as a result of the high winds. Leon Forstrom will try to push it back and put gravel around the base.
- d) Leon Forstrom and Supervisor Gajewski will work on setting up the tennis and volleyball courts.
- e) The monthly properties inspection report completed by Supervisor Gajewski shows no hazards and the parks and township grounds to be in good condition.
- f) There are two quotes for portable toilets for the town hall and they both are very close to what the township now pays. The Board is very satisfied with the present portable toilet company. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to continue to contract with Portable John who presently provides portable toilets at the town hall and Munger School Site soccer field.

CEMETERY: a) Supervisor Gajewski completed a cemetery inspection as part of the monthly properties inspection. No safety hazards were found.

- b) Supervisor Gajewski reported that there will be a Memorial Service at the Township Cemetery.
- c) Leon Forstrom reported that dirt will be needed shortly at the Township Cemetery. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to purchase a load of dirt for the Township Cemetery. The Town Clerk will coordinate with Leon Forstrom when to order the dirt.

COMMITTEES: a) None active at the present time.

OLD BUSINESS: a) Supervisor Gajewski reported that there were 23 appellants (some with more than one parcel) at the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. There are 11 re-inspections. The meeting will be reconvened Monday May 19th at 4:00 PM.

- b) Supervisor Gajewski reported that the Urban Short Course he and Clerk Merritt and Treasurer Moe attended on April 24th was very informative and something the Board should think about attending next year.
- c) The County Association of Townships elections were held April 23rd at their annual meeting in Cotton. Cindy Moe was elected as District 5 Director and Regena Merritt was elected as the South End at Large Director.

NEW BUSINESS: a) A Midway Supervisor mentioned to Supervisor Gajewski that through the Proctor Schools there might be grants available for athletic equipment for the township.

- b) The Clerk mentioned that the Primary Election will be on the regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting date in August. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to hold the August Town Board Meeting on Tuesday August 19th, 2014.

c) The Minnesota Association of Townships summer short course will be June 26th in Carlton. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously that any Town Board member who is able to attend the Minnesota Association of Townships short course in Carlton do so at Township expense.

d) The Town Clerk will be attending the Minnesota Association of Townships Legislative and Research conference June 2nd and June 3rd.

e) Deputy Clerk Terri Jensen asked the Board if her 18 year old son Jason could do “job shadowing” with Groundskeeper Leon Forstrom. This is a high school requirement for Jason. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to allow Jason Jensen job shadow Leon Forstrom on May 20th, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 2:00PM. Jason will sign the needed paperwork for liability issues.

MOTION by Supervisor Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight’s meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.