

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 Scott Welsh, Clerk Regena Merritt, Deputy Clerk Terri Jensen, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and seven concerned citizens. Supervisor Gajewski was not in attendance as he was out of town.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the May 13, 2014, Town Board Meeting.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the following Treasurer's report dated May 31, 2014.

Checking: 14726-14780

Beginning Balance	\$192,283.36	
Receipts	825.00	
Disbursements	<u>\$-28,037.86</u>	
Ending Balance	\$165,070.50	\$165,070.50

Money Market

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

Total Accounts

\$273,608.59

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

5/22 Shelton Excavating – Certificate of Insurance. Town Clerk will keep this on file.

5/28 St. Louis County – Information regarding dust control for roads. To be discussed under Road.

6/1 Minnesota State Demographer – Annual population and household estimates. This information is not to be released prior to July 15, 2014.

6/9 Jim Lindquist – Certificate of Insurance. Town Clerk will keep this on file.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: The Treasurer has four additional bills; a \$25 hall rental deposit refund to Tammy Mead and Sherry Riley; a \$125 hall rental and damage deposit refund to Tammy Vittorio; \$14.04 to Menards for bug spray. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously 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 \$40,166.39.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Todd Hagen from Ehlers Public Financing was at our meeting tonight to report on 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 2.5%. Ehlers Company has solicited competitive bids for purchase of the Certificates from local banks with North Shore Bank of Commerce having the lowest rate for the Township and was given the bid. The Board had asked about a shorter term for the loan, but the interest rate increases with the shorter term and there is no penalty

for prepaying or paying off of the debt ahead of time. The Board needs to pass Resolution #92 that has the details and interest rates included. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 92 authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of \$129,000.00 general obligation certificates of indebtedness, Series 2014A.

ROAD: a) Dust control information has been received from St. Louis County Public Works. The Clerk reported that Supervisor Gajewski received a verbal quote from Jake Demenge for \$1.00 per gallon. The Board has had Mr. Demenge apply dust control in the past and is very satisfied with his work. The Board likes that Mr. Demenge can usually get the work completed before the county can. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to have Supervisor Gajewski contact Jake Demenge to set up dust control for township roads.

b) Per the Road Inspection report Shelton Excavating started yesterday to apply 143 loads of class-5 gravel to township roads. Jim Lindquist is grading the roads as the gravel is applied.

c) A “Dead End” sign for the Tondryk Road is ready for pick up at the county building on the Midway Road.

d) Leon Forstrom will check the Woodgate Road to see if the downed trees in the right-of-way have been removed.

e) Steve Tverberg from St. Louis County Public Works will check the Sandberg – Morris Thomas Road intersection for visibility. The Township has asked that this intersection be cleared of brush for visibility.

f) Jim Lindquist will do ditching/cleaning ditches on the corner of Jerry and Sandberg Roads the first week of July.

g) There are cracks in the Town Hall parking lots that are not closing. The Board will discuss whether to have them filled at the June Town Board Meeting.

h) Jim Lindquist has straightened the street sign on the corner of St. Louis River & Lindrose Roads.

i) The downed trees on Bailey, Gaus, Peterson, and Van Gassler roads have been removed.

j) The perimeter lighting on the “Stop” signs at the intersection of Canosia Road and Hwy #194 have not yet been installed.

k) The Clerk received a complaint last month from a resident on the Baily Road complaining of water over the road. The resident felt there might be a problem with the culvert. Jim Lindquist had cleaned the ends of the culvert as it was noticeably plugged and deteriorating during the road inspection. When it rained this past month, the water was again over the road. Since there still is a problem the Town Board asked Mr. Lindquist to replace the deteriorated culvert. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to have Jim Lindquist replace the culvert on the Baily Road.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: a) There are no Fire Department members present.

Chairperson Stromlund reported that he met with Fire Chief Al Mitchell, Fire Department Treasurer Jeff Nelson, Mike Garrick from Cloquet Ford, Mr. Derrick Backaus from Stainless and Repair and Town Clerk Regena Merritt. The meeting was to make a final decision on a few details on the chassis and sign the agreement to purchase the vehicle. The details and changes agreed upon were as follows:

- Electric windows and mirrors
- All LED lighting
- Extend pole lights with 500 watt portable generator and two outlets
- Light bar to be half red, and half blue
- Two upper warning lights at the rear of the truck
- Center counsel to be maximized for radio and EMS storage

Payment for the chassis will be made directly to Stainless and Repair, after Stainless and Repair does inspection of the chassis. As the bid has been accepted by the Town Board Chairperson Clare R. Stromlund signed the Sales Contract in the amount of \$47,490.00.

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

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

b) Leon Forstrom will paint the back steps at the town hall as soon as weather permits.

c) Midway Sewer has "snaked" the sewer lines from the town hall and they are now working better. This might not be a permanent fix for the problems that have occurred over the past couple of months with slow drainage.

d) The parking lot lights on the hall building are still not working. Leon Forstrom reported that the other lights in the parking lot are not coming on as they are supposed to.

PARK: a) The large soccer field at the Town Hall site is in use and Leon Forstrom and Supervisor Gajewski will set up the U-8 field by July 1st.

b) The Townsite message sign that was leaning has been straightened, and is now stable.

c) Paul Dunaiski will trim the hedges at the Munger site soccer field as weather permits.

d) The monthly Safety Inspection Report for township properties completed by Supervisor Gajewski shows no hazards and the parks and township grounds to be in good condition.

e) Leon Forstrom asked the Board for permission to purchase five new flags for the pavilion before July 4th. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to purchase five new flags for the pavilion.

f) The Board discussed the need for a Field Coordinator. This has previously been done by volunteers. The fields have become increasingly busy and there needs to be someone the coaches and schools can contact to schedule practices and games. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund to hire Terri Jensen as the Township Fields Coordinator at the pay rate of \$15.00 per hour.

g) Terri Jensen is getting phone calls from a resident who uses the soccer field for private lessons when it is not in use. The resident wants to know whether the field is in use each day. The Board stated that when the fields are vacant, the resident may use the field, but it is not part of the Field coordinator's job to report to an individual daily when the field is not in use. The resident will have to drive by the field to check for themselves.

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

b) Six of the hedge plants at the cemetery are dying. The Clerk will look into replacement plants. The Board asked the Clerk to call Grussendorf's to get pricing on replacement plants.

c) Leon Forstrom and the Town Clerk will coordinate purchase of dirt needed at the Township Cemetery.

d) One burial: Charles Broman, May 29, 2014

e) The Board remarked that the cemetery looked good on Memorial Day.

COMMITTEES: a) None active at the present time.

OLD BUSINESS: a) The Board of Appeal and Equalization meetings are completed. All went well working with the county assessors.

NEW BUSINESS: a) Minnesota Association of Townships short course will be June 26th in Carlton.

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