

The 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 were Supervisors Ron Gajewski and Scott Welsh, Clerk Regena Merritt, Deputy Clerk Terri Jensen, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and five concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the June 10, 2014, Town Board Meeting.

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

**Checking:14781-14834**

Beginning Balance	\$165,070.50	
Receipts	290.00	
Disbursements	<u>\$-40,166.99</u>	
Ending Balance	\$125,193.51	<b>\$125,193.51</b>

**Money Market**

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,538.09	
Interest/Deposits	\$17.94	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	\$108,556.03	<b><u>\$108,556.03</u></b>

**Total Accounts**

**\$233,749.54**

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:**

**6/26 PERA** – Informational letter explaining that there now are two people working in the Duluth PERA office. For informational purposes; no board action.

**7/2 Rose Hennessy, Pension Division Director, State Auditor's Office – via email** – Notice of overdue reports for the Fire Department Relief Association. The Clerk forwarded the emails to the Fire Department and Casey Modich who takes care of the retirement for the department.

**7/3 St. Louis County Election Division – via email** – Notice to Clerk that voting machines have been updated and are ready to pick up. Town Clerk will pick up machines.

**OUTSTANDING BILLS:** The Treasurer has four additional bills as follows: \$7,643.00 to Jim Lindquist for grading township roads; \$24.76 reimbursement to John Childers for the purchase of a turnbuckle for the roadside mower; \$5,800.00 to the Dust Dr. for application of dust control to township roads; Four registrations to the Minnesota Association of Townships short course in the amount of \$240.00. 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 presented by the Town Treasurer for a total amount of \$50,948.02.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS:** a) The Board discussed a resolution in support of the pursuit of a regional health and wellness center in Hermantown. 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. There is no money involved in the support of this facility. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #90 in support for the pursuit of a regional health and wellness center as follows:

**SOLWAY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #90**  
**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE PERSUIT OF A REGIONAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER**

WHEREAS: Preliminary discussions have occurred exploring the possibility of a regional health and wellness center for South St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS: Support and representation from government bodies in the region is vital in addressing the health and wellness needs of individuals and families throughout South St. Louis County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED that the Solway Town Board provides its support for the pursuit of a regional health and wellness center.

Supervisor Gajewski moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Welsh, and it was declared adopted on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014 upon the following votes: Yeas – Ronald Gajewski, Clare R. Stromlund, and Scott Welsh.

Supervisor Gajewski reported that the drains in the town hall are still running slow. Midway Sewer was called to use a camera on the septic lines. It was found that there is a broken tile under the basement floor in the downstairs office area. Shelton's were called and they installed new piping that by-passed the break. Shelton's checked the septic tank and it was again full. They then dug a test hole in the leaching field area and found the ground was saturated. This means the septic system is not working correctly. This system was originally installed in 1973. Larry Shelton has been asked by the Board to present a quote to replace this septic according to the suggestions from the St. Louis County inspector who inspected the system along with Mr. Shelton. Mr. Shelton has contacted a state certified septic designer who will be drawing up plans. The quote includes two 1500 gallon septic tanks, time closed panel and a 6-foot by 75-foot treatment area. The system is planned so when there is heavy use as on a weekend, the system will cycle and pump more often. Price includes seeding the excavated area and abandonment of the old septic tank. Also it includes hooking onto existing pipe outside of blacktop and fixing the bad joint near the building. There will be an additional charge of \$1,800 if the Board chooses to replace the line in its entirety from the building under the blacktop and include patching the blacktop. The Shelton Excavating quote is \$21,300 or \$23,100 with the additional work. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to hire Shelton Excavating to replace the septic at the town hall in the amount of \$23,100 per the quote discussed tonight including the additional work of replacing the line to the building under the blacktop and patching the blacktop.

**ROAD: a)** Dust control application to township roads was completed on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**b)** A "Dead End" sign has been installed on the Tondryk Road.

**c)** Leon Forstrom will remove the downed trees in the right of way on the west side of Woodgate Road, near Rose Road.

**d)** The Board discussed ditching on the South Mattson Road. This is something that was noticed as being needed during the Road Inspection this past April. The Board tabled this issue to the August Town Board meeting.

**e)** Ditching has been completed on the corner of East Jerry and Sandberg Road intersection.

- f) Some cracks have been showing up in the parking lot blacktop. The Board decided to hold off on parking lot blacktop crack filling.
- g) There is not yet any perimeter lighting on the "Stop" sign at Canosia Road and Highway #194. Supervisor Gajewski has contacted the Minnesota Traffic Engineer 10 days ago and is waiting to hear back from him.
- h) Jim Lindquist has straightened the street sign on the corner of the St. Louis River & Lindrose Roads.
- i) The Culvert on Bailey Road has not yet been installed.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** a) There are no Fire Department members present. There have been 45 calls year to date. Truck #6 CAFS system is being looked at by Hansen's and is not in service at this time.

- b) Pump testing has been completed on the fire trucks.
- c) There is not update on the Rescue rig that is being built by Stainless and Repair.
- d) Supervisor Gajewski mentioned that the bolsters in front of the fire hall doors need to be painted.

**RECYCLING:** a) Solway Township has received an Operations Grant from Western Lake Superior Sanitary District in the amount of \$7,954.00. The Board will accept this grant by resolution.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #93, accepting a grant from Western Lake Superior Sanitary District as follows:

**SOLWAY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #93**  
Accepting a Grant from Western Lake Superior Sanitary District

WHEREAS, Solway Township, St. Louis County, operates a recycling program in agreement with WLSSD; and  
WHEREAS, WLSSD may have funds available for communities for expenses incurred by local communities for operating recycling programs; and  
WHEREAS, Solway Township submitted a grant application in the amount of \$7,954.00 on April 30, 2014; and  
WHEREAS, WLSSD approved the grant request and awarded \$7,954.00 in funding on July 07, 2014;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Solway town Board accepts the WLSSD grant of \$7,954.00 on July 8, 2014.

Supervisor Gajewski moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Welsh, and it was declared adopted on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014 upon the following votes: Yeas – Clare R. Stromlund, Ronald Gajewski and Scott Welsh. Nays – none.

**HALL:** a) The main floor doors arrived without the glass installed in them. Perrault's has notified the manufacturer and stated that as soon as the glass arrives they will be here to install the doors.

- b) The back steps need to be painted. Leon Forstrom will take care of this as weather permits.
- c) One of the storm windows in the town hall is broken. Leon Forstrom will take the window to Proctor Builders for repairs.

- d) The septic system problems were discussed under Citizen's Concerns.
- e) The filters in the town hall air conditioner need to be cleaned. Mr. Forstrom will see to this.
- f) Supervisor Gajewski was approached by June Haedt asking if the town would like some of the plaques and awards that her husband Wally received as a Township Constable. She was thinking there might be a place to display them at the hall. The Board decided that there really is no place to display them at the hall. The Clerk will contact June to let her know the Board's decision.

**PARK:** a) New corner flags are needed for the small soccer field. Motion by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to purchase new flags for the small soccer field. The Town Clerk will order the flags.

b) Two of the lower playground footings need to be lowered. Supervisor Gajewski will talk to Larry Shelton about this.

c) Supervisor Gajewski mentioned that he was notified by Nick Priolo that the Town Hall site biffie had been tipped over. Supervisor Gajewski notified Portable John who brought a clean biffie and took the one that had been tipped for cleaning.

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

e) Leon Forstrom has purchased new flags for the pavilion at the town hall site.

f) Supervisor Gajewski noticed that the pavilion is in need of repairs. Some of the fascia 2 by 4 boards are rotted and need to be replaced. The gable ends need to be painted. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to make the needed repairs to the pavilion.

g) Supervisor Gajewski reported that new "HOME" and "VISITORS" signs are needed at the ball fields. Leon Forstrom will get new signs.

**CEMETERY:** a) No safety hazards were found at the cemetery during the monthly Township Properties Safety Inspection as completed by Supervisor Gajewski.

b) Six of the hedge plants at the cemetery are dying. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to spend \$250 to replace the dying plants at the cemetery. Supervisor Gajewski and Leon Forstrom will purchase and the replacements plants and get them planted.

c) There have been two burials at the cemeneter. Frances Peterson on June 13<sup>th</sup> and James Carr on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMITTEES:** a) The Special Events Committee will meet on Monday July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM.

**OLD BUSINESS:** a) Clare R. Stromlund, Regena Merritt, Terri Jensen and Ron Gajewski attended the Minnesota Association of Townships training in Carlton, MN on June 26th.

**NEW BUSINESS:** a) The Town Board need to appoint election judges for the Primary Election on August 12, 2014. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to appoint Bonnie Siiro, Clare Stromlund, Scott Welsh, Leon Forstrom, Ron Gajewski, Terri Jensen and Kareen Nelson (alternate) as election judges for the August 12, 2014 Primary Election.

MOTION by Supervisor Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.