

Chairperson Scott Welsh 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 Supervisor Ron Gajewski and Clare R. Stromlund, Clerk Regena Merritt, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and five concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the July 9, 2013 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the following Treasurer's report dated July 31, 2013.

Checking 14212-14267

Beginning Balance	\$79,977.16	
Receipts	179,434.15	
555Transfers	\$0.00	
Disbursements	<u>\$-560,455.64</u>	
Ending Balance	\$208,955.67	\$208,955.67

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,447.72	
Interest/Deposits	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	\$108,447.72	\$108,447.72

Total Accounts

\$317,403.39

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

- 7/12 Office of the Minnesota Sec of State** - Election laws updates. No board action.
- 7/22 WLSSD** - Recycling shed operations grant approved \$6,265.00. The Board will pass Resolution #83 accepting this grant under Recycling.
- 7/23 Couri & Ruppe** - Township legal seminar in Cotton on October 5, 2013.
- 7/24 Commissioner Keith Nelson** - Copy of draft Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Program Ordinance. No board action.
- 7/31 Minnesota Revenue** - 2014 State aid notice. Solway will receive \$658.00 in state aid.
- 7/31 Minnesota Association of Townships** - District 10 meeting notice. No board action.
- 8/5 Minnesota Power** - Information regarding Notice of Certificate of Need Application for Transmission Line.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: The following are additional bills presented by the Treasurer:

- Clare Stromlund - \$25.00 for cell phone reimbursement.
- Scott Welsh - \$25.00 for cell phone reimbursement.
- Ron Gajewski - \$117.41 reimbursement for National Night Out expenses.
- APS - \$145.63 charges for patrol at wedding reception.
- Minnesota Power - \$236.00 for power at the fire hall.
- Minnesota Power - \$257.00 for power at the town hall.
- Minnesota Power 107.91 for power to township roads.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to pay all outstanding bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list and the additional bills from the Town Treasurer for a total amount of \$12,964.22.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) The Clerk received a request from the Saginaw Grand Lake Station to temporarily expand the serving area of their County Liquor License outside the designated serving area on August 16, 2013. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to recommend authorization to expand the designated serving area on August 16, 2013 at the Grand Lake Station.

b) The Clerk had a request from Butch & Lynn Lund to put a sign on the Stonelake Road warning drivers that the road is narrow and has soft shoulders. Butch and his two sons are the three families living on the Stonelake Road. Stonelake is a dead end road with not much traffic. The shoulders on this road are very soft. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to have the Clerk contact St. Louis County public works to find out what a "soft shoulder" sign will cost.

ROAD: a) The Clerk received a quote from Keith Anderson for snowplowing. The Board will get additional quotes from area businesses that do snowplowing and report at the next Town Board meeting.

b) Supervisor Gajewski reported that he and Leon Forstrom repaired a mailbox at 5973 Rose Road that was damaged by the roadside mower.

c) Jim Lindquist reported that the cost to ditch the South Hanson Road will be an additional \$2,300 as there is more ditching material to be removed than he originally thought, and he will need to haul the ditching material further than expected. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve this additional amount for ditching the South Hanson Road and to take the additional amount from the Aggregate Tax Fund.

d) Supervisor Gajewski reported that Fire Chief Al Mitchell is concerned about the Canosia Road and Highway 2 intersection. Six or seven years ago the road had "rumble strips" warning drivers of an upcoming intersection. When St. Louis County resurfaced Canosia Road they did not put the rumble strips back on the south approach. Stop signs with perimeter lights around the stop sign edge have been suggested. The State of Minnesota will need to be involved in any plans for improvements to the intersection as the signs are in their right of way. Supervisor Gajewski will contact the State for suggestions to improve the safety at this intersection.

e) Supervisor Gajewski reported that it takes John Childers much work to keep the belly mower on the roadside tractor in working order. The Board is wondering if there is a new mower available that will work on our tractor. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to explore the options available to replace the mower with newer equipment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: a) & b) There are no Fire Department members present tonight to give a report.

c) Ice guards were installed on the fire hall roof. This should keep the vent stacks from breaking from snow and ice loads.

d) Supervisor Gajewski is looking for a way to prevent the line from the fire hall floor drain from freezing. Supervisor Gajewski is researching a heating blanket to cover the drain pipe. He will see what he can find and report at the August Town Board Meeting.

e) Fire Chief Al Mitchell is not present to discuss his concerns about the Intersection of Canosia Road and Highway 2. Some of this was reported by Supervisor Gajewski under Road.

RECYCLING: a) Supervisor Gajewski reported that the shingles on the recycling building are in bad shape, and some are missing. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to have Supervisor Gajewski get estimates on new shingles for the recycling shed.

b) The Township has received a Recycling Center Operations Grant in the amount of \$6,265.00 MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to adopt Solway Township Resolution #83 as follows:

SOLWAY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #83
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 \$6,265.00 on April 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, WLSSD approved the grant request and awarded \$6,265.00 in funding on July 22, 2013;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Solway town Board accepts the WLSSD grant of \$6,265.00 on August 13, 2013.

Supervisor Gajewski moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Stromlund, and it was declared adopted on the 13th day of August, 2013 upon the following votes: Yeas – Clare R. Stromlund, Ronald Gajewski and Scott Welsh Nays – none.

Adopted this 13th day of August, 2013

HALL: a) Supervisor Gajewski noticed a problem with the water pressure. When drawing water the pressure varies and the pump is going on and off. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to have Supervisor Gajewski and Leon Forstrom check out the water pressure tank and if there is a problem to go ahead and get it fixed.

b) & c) Supervisor Gajewski reported that the southwest exterior lights on the town hall building and the top light facing west in the upper parking lot are out. MOTION Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to have Rick Flesvig correct the problem with the town hall building and parking lot lights that are out.

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

b) The small soccer field is set up with new corner flags and goal nets.

c) Supervisor Gajewski mentioned that the measurements for the baseball diamond are not correct. He is wondering if when the new bases are installed they should be put on the correct lines. The old bases could be covered up and the new ones installed on the correct lines and measurements. The Board agreed this should be done.

d) Supervisor Gajewski reported that township resident Paul Dunaiski has volunteered to help paint the garage at the Munger Site. \$750 has been approved at the June Town Board meeting for this project. Supervisor Gajewski would like to have the garage washed before it gets painted and will ask Firefighter Jeff Nelson if someone from the Fire Department is available to wash it down.

e) A.J.'s has finished cutting the hedge at the Munger School Site. Supervisor Gajewski reported that the trimming done on the Munger Shaw Road side is rough and will ask AJ's to touch it up.

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

b) The Clerk has a concern regarding the way the cemetery regulations state that "the current charge for those who have not resided in Solway Township at any time is \$1000". The intent of Bill Peterson when he donated the property for the cemetery was for Solway Township residents only. This has been addressed at an annual meeting by Mr. Peterson. The Clerk will take out the sentence that mentions those who have not resided in Solway from the regulations.

c) Leon Forstrom has some samples of decorative black plastic fence posts and chain fencing to mark the sides of the driveway at the cemetery. Mr. Forstrom was directed at the July Town Board Meeting to explore what is available for fencing. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to purchase enough of the fence posts and chain to do the entire cemetery making sure it will be high enough to be seen in the winter. The Board figures this will cost \$120.

COMMITTEES: a) The Special Events Committee's National Night Out celebration was a great success. The Board estimates about 250 people attended. We did run out of food by the end of the evening which is something to remember for next year's planning.

OLD BUSINESS: a) The Clerk contacted the Proctor Journal to get the status of the Solway Centennial books they are reprinting and to let them know there are some pages duplicated on the one that they had completed. The Journal explained that they copied the original that was brought to them exactly. The Clerk checked the books at the office and found they do have pages duplicated. Supervisor Gajewski had an original printing and when compared them the pages are not only out of order, but some are missing. Supervisor Gajewski brought the first edition book to the Journal for them to copy. Apparently the error was from the last printing about 8 years ago. The Board would like to put an article in the newsletter so that anyone who purchased a book with the errors may come to the hall and exchange it for a correct edition. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to order 70 books to allow for any with the errors to be exchanged.

b) The Great Northern Transmission line open house meeting was attended by about 30 people who seemed to get any questions they had answered.

NEW BUSINESS: a) There is only one producer who has not paid this quarter, although they have sent in the reporting form. The Town has collected \$18,689 in Aggregate Tax this past quarter.

b) Supervisor Gajewski mentioned that he noticed in the minutes from 2011 that the wages for flooding the ice rink are \$11 per hour. We will inform the Fire Department that any firefighter who does the rink flooding will be paid this amount per hour in the future.

c) Because the Esko sports fields are under construction, the varsity and Jr varsity teams have asked to use our fields. In 2008 they used our soccer fields and the Board charged \$500. Supervisor Gajewski feels after the season is over some sod will need to be put in front of the goals. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to charge the Esko soccer team \$700 for use of the fields this fall. Supervisor Gajewski will notify the Esko athletic department of the Board's decision.

d) There is a need for additional part-time personnel for help with summer grounds keeping and building maintenance. The Board would also like to hire someone to help fill in at the Recycling Shed when Jim Miller is off. Paul Dunaiski showed interest in helping out in these positions. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to offer this position to Mr. Dunaiski at the maintenance assistant scale of \$11 per hour.

e) The Minnesota Association of Township's Annual Conference and Meeting will be held in Morton Minnesota at the Jackpot Junction Conference Center November 21, 22, & 23, 2013. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously that any Town Board member who wants to attend the Minnesota Association of Township's Annual Conference and Meeting may do so at Township expense. The Town Clerk will make the hotel reservations.

f) The Duluth Area Townships annual picnic is this Thursday at 6p.m. at Rice Lake Town Hall.

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