

Solway Town Board Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2011

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

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to approve the minutes as written from the July 12, 2011 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION by Welsh seconded by Gajewski and carried to accept the following Treasurer's report dated July 31, 2011.

Checking 13086 - 13136

Beginning Balance	\$120,620.67	
Receipts	\$159,691.16	
Transfers	0.00	
Disbursements	\$-42,199.55	
Ending Balance	<u>\$238,112.28</u>	\$238,112.28

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,182.75	
Interest/Deposits	\$22.97	
Withdrawals	00	
Ending Balance	<u>\$108,205.72</u>	\$108,205.72

Total Accounts \$346,318.00

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

7/15 Mr. Jerry Kuklis – letter asking about driveway permits for Solway Township. Clerk Merritt called Mr. Kuklis and explained that if he builds on a Township Road he will need to notify the Township to obtain a driveway permit.

7/15 via email – Notice of redistricting training for election officials. This is an online training for the clerk.

7/22 Office of the Legislative Auditor – Survey regarding consolidation of local governments. The Clerk and Supervisor Gajewski will fill out the survey and return it to the state.

7/25 AFSCME letter asking for employee information including name, date of hire, rate of pay, job title, worksite department and location, whether or not the job class is covered by a collective bargaining agreement. The Clerk will contact Township Attorney John Bray to ask what information he is required to send.

7/26 Office of the State Auditor – Survey to collect information from local governments to determine how effective relationships are built between local governments and community partners. The clerk will complete this survey online.

7/28 St. Louis County Planning and Zoning – Notice of Public Hearing regarding ordinance #60. No board action.

8/2 St. Louis Planning and Community Development – Public Hearing on 2010 Program accomplishments and Community Development Block Grant Program Kickoff for 2011.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

Treasurer Moe has additional bills as follows:

- Joe Miller, Cindy Moe Frank Dedomencies, Kelly Amundson and Shyann McGregor all \$25 hall rental refunds.
- Leon Forstrom reimbursement in the amount of \$476 .77 for mileage and fencing.
- Jim Lindquist in the amount of \$2,662.00 for grading and roadwork.
- Shelton Excavating in the amount of \$1,680.00 for shoulder prep work on the Jeffrey Road.
- Regena Merritt in the amount of \$16.65 for mileage.
- Minnesota Power in the amounts of \$171.00, \$245.00, and 363.00 for street lights, town hall and fire hall.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski, and carried to pay all outstanding bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list and also the additional bills presented by the Town Treasurer.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Owner of the Grand Lake Station has asked to expand the designated serving area of the County Liquor License to serve outdoors on August 19 and 20, 2011 and also September 17, 2011. The Town Board has received no complaints with the Grand Lake Station and is not opposed to them serving outdoors. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried to allow an expanded serving area for Kristina Carl d/b/a/ Saginaw Grand Lake Station on August 19 and 20, 2011 and also September 17, 2011.

ROAD: a) Paving on the Jeffrey Road is completed. The Board will re-check this road during the annual road inspection next spring.

b) The board had asked Mr. Tom Jacobson if he would be interested in serving as Noxious Weed Inspector for the Township. Mr. Jacobson informed the board that he would be very interested after he retires, but does not have the time now. The board asked Mr. Jacobson if he knows of anyone else with the knowledge for this position that might be interested to let the Town Board know. The Board also discussed with having Mr. Jacobson hold an informational seminar in the evening regarding noxious weeds in the area. There will be an article in the newsletter to see if residents would be interested in an educational seminar on this topic.

c) Jim Lindquist has completed ditching on the Sandberg Road, the turn around on Van Gassler and installed the culvert on Tondryk Road. These projects where from the road inspection and assigned to Mr. Lindquist.

d) John Childers reported that the roadside mower needs constant work. Supervisor Gajewski suggested that we check into state contract for purchase of a roadside mower. The Clerk will check with the state purchasing departments to see if there is something available.

FIRE: a) Jeff Nelson reported for the Fire Department that there have been 43 calls Year-to-date. These include 11 fire calls, 30 medical calls, 2 motor vehicle accidents.

b) The Town Board will hold a recognition dinner for the Volunteer Fire Department on Thursday, October 13, 2011. It has been suggested to the board to invite retired members and

their spouses along with the Flamettes and spouses to the recognition dinner. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to hold a Solway Volunteer Fire Department recognition dinner and to invite all retirees and spouses, and members of the Flamettes and spouses.

c) Jeff Nelson also reported the following:

- Solway fire trucks will be in the Hoghead parade.
- Chief Wayne Sulliin hopes to submit a FEMA grant for approximately \$160,000 to replace tanker truck #3.
- The Fire Hall will be open for the Fall Fun Day.
- Jeff Nelson is working on a grant from Essentia for medical supplies.
- Truck from Enbridge is still a possibility.

RECYCLING: **a)** The siding on the recycling shed has been repaired and Veronica Childers will paint as weather permits.

HALL: **a)** Carpeting has been installed on the handicapped accessible ramp.

b) The outside lights on the town hall have been repaired.

c) It was reported by a renter the toilet in the upstairs bathroom needed repairs. Leon Forstrom completed the repairs.

d) Billy Shelton has asked to use some of the hall tables and chairs for the Proctor School REA3D Fundraiser. He will need approximately 10 tables and 100 chairs. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried to allow Billy Shelton to use some of the tables and chairs from the town hall for a one night fundraising event.

PARK: **a)** The monthly playground inspection shows no hazards and that the parks are in good shape.

b) The wooden playground equipment is the process of being painted.

c) Leon Forstrom has completed patching the concrete on the outside corners of the warming shed.

d) Repairs to the bus garage roof are scheduled for this Thursday if weather permits.

e) Supervisor Gajewski reported that both of the soccer fields will be in use this fall.

f) 200-feet of orange fencing has been installed on the township property adjoining the Barb Mattson property. This was done per a request from Ms. Mattson because she has had ATV's and snowmobiles crossing onto her property from the town property.

g) The light out by the well on the Munger Field has been repaired.

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

c) Some discussion regarding possible planting of trees was held.

COMMITTEES: **a)** There will be a Special Events Fall Fun Day planning meeting August 30th at 6:30 PM. The Clerk will send out reminders to committee members.

OLD BUSINESS: **a)** The Town has received a check from Pioneer Abstract for the billed Welsh Cartway expenses in the amount of \$1,821.56. No further progress has been made.

b) There is no news on the Aggregate Tax lawsuit with Northland.

NEW BUSINESS: a) The Clerk received a letter from AFSCME asking for a list of all current Town of Solway Employees to include their full name, date of hire, rate of pay, job title, worksite department and whether or not the job class is covered by a collective bargaining agreement. The Board has directed the Clerk to contact Township Attorney John Bray asking exactly what information we are required to give.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting after the Board completes signing checks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.