

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

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the July 10, 2012 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the July 2, 2012 Special Town Board Meeting to discuss storm issues and damage done to the Mattson, Wargin and Jeffrey Roads and to the Munger Site soccer field.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried all in favor to accept the following Treasurer's report dated July 31, 2012.

Checking 13629 - 13679

Beginning Balance	\$156,833.28	
Receipts	\$190,386.47	
Transfers	0.00	
Disbursements	\$-98,529.07	
Ending Balance	\$248,690.68	\$248,690.68

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,355.08	
Interest/Deposits	\$13.36	
Withdrawals	\$00	
Ending Balance	\$108,368.44	\$108,368.44

Total Accounts \$357,059.12

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

7/11 Arrowhead Regional Development Commission - Meeting announcement regarding broadband internet access for the arrowhead region of Minnesota. The Board asked the clerk to get information from this meeting.

7/12 Western Lake Superior Sanitary District - Recycling Shed operations grant in the amount of \$6,818.00 was received.

7/20 St. Louis County Election Division – Primary Election notice to post. The Clerk has posted the notice of Primary Election.

7/26 St. Louis County Planning and Zoning – Forty-five day Conditional Use Permit for St. Louis County gravel pit on Sandberg Road in Solway Township. This pit will be used for road repairs needed due to the flooding that occurred on June 20, 2012.

8/8 St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant – Program Kick-off information. No board action.

8/9 St. Louis County Election Division – Election roster and forms.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: The Treasurer has the following additional bills not listed on the Outstanding Bills List:

James Lindquist	\$5,839.00	Grading of township roads
Proctor Journal	\$310.65	National Night Out mailing
Metro Sales Inc.	\$68.36	Copy machine rental
Portable John	\$198.00	Portable toilet rental
Joan Gajewski, Ron Gajewski, Bonnie Siiro, Mary Busch	\$28.50	for election judge training
Ron Gajewski	\$232.33	Reimbursement for National Night Out supplies, mileage
Regena Merritt	\$76.06	Reimbursement for mileage and cell phone
Cindy Moe	\$66.32	Reimbursement National Night Out supplies and mileage
Scott Welsh	\$25.00	Reimbursement for cell phone

MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh, and carried unanimously to pay all outstanding bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list and the additional bills from the Treasurer for a total amount of \$15,638.34.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) none

ROAD: a) Chairperson Gajewski reported from the FEMA informational meetings he attended on July 20th, and August 8th. Hopefully FEMA will reimburse 75% of the road repair costs from the June 20th flooding. This may include administrative wages and the cost of holding a Special Town Board Meeting. Chairperson Ron Gajewski and Town Clerk Gena Merritt have completed the paperwork to apply for this FEMA money.

b) The Town Board discussed having township roadsides brushed. Chairperson Gajewski contacted Jake Demenge who did the work last year and he stated he would be able to do brushing in August. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried with all in favor to have Jake Demenge do roadside brushing on all of the township roads.

c) Chairperson Gajewski reported that the residents near the Sandberg Road gravel pit owned by St. Louis County have been notified of the pit opening. This is a 45-day permit opening the pit in response to the damage done to public roads during the June 20th storm.

d) Ditching on the South Hanson Road is complete.

e) Heine Road hedge property owners not notified. The new owners are not listed on the parcel information county website. The Clerk will keep checking to find the name of the new owners.

f) Supervisor Welsh mentioned some problems with run off on the north end of the Jeffrey Road at the July Town Board Meeting. At that meeting Jim Lindquist was asked to look at the area and get a quote to the board for this meeting. He has a quote for \$400 to do this work. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried with Supervisor Welsh abstaining to have Jim Lindquist ditch the north end of the Jeffrey Road to help with drainage.

g) The Clerk reported that she received a call from Julie Johnson on the South Mattson Road regarding drainage from the road flowing into her yard. The board asked Jim Lindquist to look at this area to see if ditching would help, and have a quote at the next Town Board Meeting.

h) There is a tree down on the Woodgate Road. Leon Forstrom will check this out as soon as possible.

It was brought to the Town Boards attention that the two culverts on the installed on the South Mattson Road do not have gravel in between them, and the water would flow between the

culverts as well as through the culverts. Chairperson Gajewski will contact Shelton Excavating to discuss this matter.

FIRE: Fire Chief Wayne Suliin reported that the Fire Department had 52 calls year-to-date. There were 11 calls for July that include three mutual aid and two vehicle accidents.

The Department currently has 22 members, and two new hires. There was one resignation last month.

a) The Silverado truck that is being made into a grass fire fighting rig by Stainless and Repair has more rust damage to the body than originally thought. The Clerk has an email and pictures of the damage. Stainless and Repair estimates another \$2,000 to fix this. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to spend an additional \$2000 to fix the rust on the Silverado Fire Department truck.

b) The overhead outdoor lights above doors 1, 3, & 4 on the fire hall are out and need to be replaced. The Department mentioned that if the Town gets the bulbs the Department would replace them. The Department will check to see if extra bulbs are on hand.

c) The Board thanked the Fire Department for their participation in the National Night Out. The Department thought it was a great success and had a few more ideas for next year.

d) The Department is very happy with the work done by Hansen's on trucks #1 and #6.

e) The Department has applied for a FEMA grant to replace tanker #3 and a DNR grant for in the amount of \$1,000 for wild land fire gear. Chairperson Gajewski mentioned that another township installed an underground reservoir with a Firewise grant money that included in-kind hours from residents in lieu of matching dollars. The residents did fire protection work on their homes that counted towards the in-kind match. The Department has discussed an underground reservoir and questions if the overall cost would justify installing one. There is a question on how to winterize the tank. The Department presently has a dry hydrant at Coon's pit that is working well and has very good water. Chief Suliin will check with the Cloquet DNR to see if a Firewise grant could be used for an underground tank.

RECYCLING: **a)** Jim Miller reports that things are going good. He mentioned that he is sometimes asked by residents dropping off recyclables if there is anything to clean their hands with and is wondering if hand sanitizer could be purchased. The Board discussed how best to have something to clean hands with at the shed and decided to try individual wrapped hand wipes. The Clerk will research what is available.

HALL: **a)** It was reported to the Board that the downstairs refrigerator is making noise. The fridge is still working. The Board decided to put a thermometer inside and check to see that it is keeping cold before having repairs made.

b) Supervisor Stromlund mentioned that he has been asked by a few residents to have a mirror installed in the upstairs bathroom. One was taken down before the remodeling. This mirror was not in good shape. There is a mirror on the back of the bathroom door. The Clerk and Treasurer will look into getting another mirror.

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

b) The Board mentioned that they have received many compliments on how nice the township grounds look. The Board thanked Leon Forstrom for his work.

CEMETERY: a) AJ's Landscaping has been watering the newly planted trees and shrubs at the cemetery. Chairperson Gajewski reported that one of the maple trees looks like it is dying. He will contact A. J's to let them know.

b) Dirt storage enclosure will be built when the weather cools down.

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

d) Chairperson Gajewski would like to send a thank you to the Department of Corrections for their work at the township cemetery.

e) There are some spots in the cemetery that need to be seeded. Heavy rains washed some of the grass seeds away. A bag of seed will be purchased to be used to fill in the bare spots.

COMMITTEES: a) The National Night Out was a great success. The Special Events Committee will reimburse the Township \$152.10 for expenses. The Special Events Committee has paid \$100 to Hansen's for giving train rides during the National Night Out.

OLD BUSINESS: a) Election Judge training was completed along with the Public Accuracy Testing of the voting machines on August 2nd.

b) The Primary Election went fine.

NEW BUSINESS: a) Nothing.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.