

September 1, 2009

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 was Supervisor Scott Welsh. Clerk Regena Merritt, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and one citizen. Supervisor Clare R. Stromlund was on vacation.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2009 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to accept the following Treasurer's report dated August 31, 2009.

**Checking 12010 - 12054**

Beginning Balance	\$175,846.56	
Receipts	\$ 0.00	
Transfers	0.00	
Disbursements	\$12,626.42	
Ending Balance	\$163,220.14	\$163,220.14

**Savings**

Beginning Balance	\$0.00	
Interest	0.00	
Deposits	0.00	
Withdrawals	0.00	
Ending Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Money Market**

Beginning Balance	\$ 113,370.27	
Interest/Deposits	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$113,370.27	\$113,370.27

**Total Accounts** **\$276,590.41**

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:**

**8/14 MN Dept of Transportation** - Solicitation for Enhancement Projects. This is a federally funded program that targets projects that are historic, scenic or environmental in nature and/or focus on facilities for bicycles and pedestrians. These projects require a \$50,000 minimum with a 20% match from the township. Townships cannot apply on their own, only through the county or ARDC. No board action.

**8/14 Duluth Lawn & Sport** - Price for front end loader will be discussed under Park.

**8/17 SLC Land Dept** - Tax forfeited land sale. The Town Board is not interested in obtaining this property. No board action.

**8/24 MN Revenue** - Information on Unallotment of Market Value Credits. No board action.

**8/24 Lake Country Power** - Notice of capital credit allocation. No board action.

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**OUTSTANDING BILLS:** In addition to the prepared list of bills, the Treasurer has three additional bills as follows: Jim Lindquist in the amount of \$1,092 for grading township roads; A-1 for hall garbage service in the amount of \$148.31; Superior Products for 100 folding chairs in the amount of \$2,518.82. MOTION by Welsh seconded by Gajewski and carried to pay all outstanding bills.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS:** a) none

**ROAD:** a) John Childers is re-cutting township roadsides and intersections as needed to keep weeds down and to help with visibility.

b) Supervisor Welsh reported that he cleared a downed tree on the Jeffrey Road.

**FIRE:** a) There are no fire department members present. The Clerk spoke with Chief Suliin earlier and he gave her the following report update. There have been 63 calls year-to-date. The leak in the tank on engine #6 has been repaired by the manufacturer at no cost to the township. There has been no word on the FEMA grants. The department is beginning Firefighting 2 courses that can be completed in-house using the educational materials obtained from a previous FEMA grant.

**RECYCLING:** a) The Clerk has confirmed with Dan Hartel an unacceptable items collection day on October 17, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

**HALL:** a) Pete Hildre mentioned that it would be easier and take up less space to sand and paint the poles downstairs rather than boxing them in. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried to have Pete Hildre sand and paint the posts downstairs instead of boxing them in.

b) Chairperson Gajewski is wondering if the township has a vacuum that will work on the stairs now that they are carpeted. The vacuum cleaner the township owns should work on the carpeted stairways.

c) The Clerk has scheduled computer updates for the office to be completed before the end of September.

d) The bottom of the siding on the town hall front steps is rusting. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to contact Morin's Siding to see if the siding that has rusted can be replaced or fixed.

**PARK:** a) Chairperson Gajewski has received quotes for a front-end loader for the John Deere tractor. Chairperson Gajewski contacted other tractor/equipment dealerships and was told they do have a front-end loader, but it would take much work putting it on the tractor and taking it off. Not a "one person" job. The John Deere front-end loader is made specifically for our tractor and can be easily attached and taken off as needed. The quote from Duluth Lawn and Sport is \$4,272.08. This quote includes the loader with attaching parts, a hood guard and ballast box. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried to accept the quote from Duluth Lawn and Sport for a loader, hood guard and ballast box in the amount of \$4,272.88. Chairperson Gajewski will contact Duluth Lawn and Sport to get the work completed.

b) Work on the weed trimmer was completed at Willman Service for \$41.22.

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c) Leon Forstrom and Chairperson Gajewski plan to fix the leaks in the garage roof at the Munger School Site as soon as weather permits.

d) Chairperson Gajewski completed a monthly playground inspection. The supports under the seats on the wooden picnic tables in the pavilion need to be re-attached. This will be put on Leon Forstrom's to do list.

e) Pete Hildre is planning to sand and paint the backstop posts on the baseball field this weekend.

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

b) Chairperson Gajewski reported that he spoke with Kyle Peterson regarding the fence that borders Peterson's pasture and meets the Solway Cemetery fence. Part of this fence is down and Mrs. Peterson thought the township was responsible. Chairperson Gajewski assured Kyle Peterson that the township did not take down his fence and will help keep an eye out so that it won't be taken down in the future.

**COMMITTEES:** a) Special Events Fun Day is scheduled for September 26, 2009. The Adolph Store will provide the food. Special Events Committee meeting will be held September 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. for final planning of the Fall Fest and the initial planning of the Halloween Carnival. The Clerk will send notices to all committee members.

**OLD BUSINESS:** a) The hedge at the Munger School Site was trimmed today.

b) Sue Tobolaski is at the meeting tonight to see what the board has decided regarding her rental of the town hall for a dance/event hosted by Psychedelic Panda Productions. This production company is not from Solway. As the band would be making a profit, this is not considered a "community event". The town clerk contacted MAT attorney Dan Greenswig for advisement and he felt we should not rent to a commercial enterprise.

**NEW BUSINESS:** a) The board discussed holding an "Appreciation Dinner" for the members of the Volunteer Fire Department at the town hall. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to hold a dinner at the town hall for members of the Volunteer Fire Department and a guest and not to spend above \$500. The Clerk will co-ordinate a date with the Fire Chief and make arrangements with a caterer.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting after the board completes signing checks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.