

Solway Town Board Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2010

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 Supervisors Ron Gajewski and Clare R. Stromlund, Clerk Regena Merritt, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and four concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to approve the minutes as written from the November 9, 2010 Town Board Meeting. MOTION made by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to approve the minutes from the Special Town Meeting held on November 24, 2010 to discuss Aggregate Tax collection issues.

MOTION by Gajewski seconded by Stromlund and carried to accept the following Treasurer's report dated November 30, 2010.

Checking 12681 - 12739

Beginning Balance	\$173,049.22	
Receipts	\$59,851.35	
Transfers	0.00	
Disbursements	\$46,179.23	
Ending Balance	<u>\$186,721.34</u>	\$186,721.34

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 18,113.54	
Interest/Deposits	\$2.98	
Withdrawals	00	
Ending Balance	<u>\$18,116.52</u>	<u>\$18,116.52</u>

Total Accounts

\$204,837.86

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

11/18 **Country Trucking** – Third quarter Aggregate Tax reporting form & payment. No board action. Mike Rogalla had previously called the town office to let us know the payment would be late as he was waiting for figures from the company that was hauling out of his pit.

12/3 **Minnesota Secretary of State's Office** - Election Information for Town Clerk. No board action.

12/8 **St. Louis County Auditor's Office** - Tax forfeited properties to be classified. No board action

12/13 **MPCA** - Public Notice RE: Solid Waste Facility Permit to continue the operation of a solid waste facility located in Thomson Township. No board action.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The Treasurer has the following bills in addition to those listed on the Claims List for Approval: Como Oil for the fire hall in the amount of \$993.76; Regena Merritt in the amount of \$46.00 for reimbursement and mileage; Scott Welsh for reimbursement and mileage in the amount of \$19.50; Wells Fargo stop payment fee of \$25.00. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski, and carried to pay all outstanding bills as presented by the Town Treasurer.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Nothing to report.

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ROAD: a) Supervisor Gajewski reported that he received a call from St. Louis County Public Works regarding East Jerry, Strom and Wargin Roads. The snowplow driver had complaints regarding these roads. The driver stated that there was a car in the way of the snowplow turning around on the East Jerry Rd. There were cars parked on the road on the Wargin Road and a resident had plowed snow into the road. Supervisor Gajewski has spoke with the person plowing across the road. The first 100 feet of the Strom Road has trees overlapping into the road and hitting the mirrors of the plow as it goes by. Minnesota Power has been contacted by Supervisor Gajewski to trim the trees in that area.

FIRE: a) No Fire Department members present. Supervisor Gajewski reported that inspection of the new truck has been postponed until December 17th.

b) Supervisor Gajewski reported that Kerbie Merritt temporarily fixed the sewer vent pipe in the fire hall.

RECYCLING: a) Jim Miller has requested to be off this coming Saturday. The Clerk will find a substitute for Mr. Miller. The board also decided to close the recycling shed on Saturday December 25th and Saturday January 1st.

HALL: a) The oven in the upstairs kitchen has been cleaned. Veronica Childers will clean the fridge in the upstairs kitchen.

b) Supervisor Gajewski mentioned that the Sheriff's Department runs an office out of the Grand Lake Town Hall and Supervisor Gajewski is wondering if we should extend an invitation to the Sheriff's Department to do the same at Solway. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to invite the St. Louis Sheriff's Department to have an office at the Solway Town Hall.

c) The Munger showcase has been cleaned by Veronica Childers.

d) The Clerk is shopping around for Adobe Acrobat 9.0 for the office computer and will purchase before the next meeting.

e) The board discussed purchasing new tables for the town hall and putting the oldest of the tables in the rental shed for Solway residents to use. The tables will be approximately \$200 each. Shipping costs are a concern of the board. The board will try to get more information and table this issue until the January 2011 Board Meeting.

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

b) The Board would like to have the skating rink available to town residents again this year as weather permits. The skating rink warming shed will be open Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm as soon as the rink is ready.

d) Supervisor Gajewski reported that Grand Lake and Canosia Townships are still thinking about purchasing a field aerator along with Solway Township for the three townships to share. Supervisor Gajewski will report to the board when the townships have more information.

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

COMMITTEES: a) The next Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee meeting will be the Public Meeting on January 25, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

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b) A Special Events Committee meeting will be held Jan 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. to plan the Winter Fun Day that will be held January 29, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS: a) The Town Board has hired Attorney Mike Lien to write a letter on the township's behalf to Jim Sathers thanking him for the aggregate tax payment made and to advise him that the Town reserves its right to conduct future audits. The board has a draft letter from Mr. Lien. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to have Attorney Mike Lien send the letter he composed on behalf of the township to Jim Sathers.

NEW BUSINESS: a) The Board discussed various articles for the upcoming newsletter.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting after the board completes signing checks. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.