

Solway Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Solway Town Hall by Chairperson Clare R. Stromlund, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisors Ron Gajewski and Scott Welsh, Clerk Regena Merritt, Deputy Clerk Terri Jensen, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and five concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the March 13, 2014, Town Board Meeting.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to accept the following Treasurer's report dated March 31, 2014.

**Checking:14623-14676**

Beginning Balance	\$219,173.84	
Receipts	820.00	
Disbursements	<u>\$-48,359.29</u>	
Ending Balance	\$197,227.80	<b>\$197,227.80</b>

**Money Market**

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,520.54	
Interest/Deposits	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	\$108,520.54	<b><u>\$108,520.54</u></b>

**Total Accounts**

**\$305,748.34**

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:**

3/10 Proctor Public Schools – Letter requesting contribution or donations toward playground at Bay View Elementary School. No board action.

3/19 Jake's Grading – Letter showing maintenance prices for 2014. Board requested to keep price list on file.

3/19 Mahkahta Trucking – Letter for dust control prices/spraying for calcium chloride solution. Board requested to keep price list on file.

4/01 Wells Fargo Securities – Request for current financial statements/audit. Clerk will send requested statements to Wells Fargo.

4/06 Pine Journal - Affidavit of Publication of advertisement for bids on Solway Volunteer Fire Department light rescue truck.

4/07 E-mail from Brents Biffies regarding the new portable restrooms units currently rentable from Brents. The Board requested Clerk to get estimates on handicapped restroom unit.

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

- Minnesota Association of Townships for Urban Short Course Registration - \$100.00
- Forum Communications for publishing of advertisement bids on the rescue truck - \$163.91
- Proctor Builders for a new mop - \$18.98
- Terri Jensen for cell phone reimbursement - \$25.00

Town hall rental deposit refunds:

- Dixie Mundle - \$25.00
- Heidi Hanson - \$25.00

- Sandy Skoglund - \$125.00
- Byron Helland - \$25.00
- Angie Urban - \$25.00

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski, and carried unanimously to pay all outstanding bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list and the additional bills presented by the Town Treasurer for a total amount of \$19,696.12.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS:** a) A request received for renewal of combination on/off-sale/Sunday on-sale intoxicating liquor license for the Munger Tavern. MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to grant the approval of the liquor license for the Munger Tavern.

b) A request received for renewal of combination on/off-sale/Sunday on-sale intoxicating liquor license for the Grand Lake Station. MOTION made by Clare R. Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to grant the approval of the liquor license for the Grand Lake Station.

c) A request was received by a resident to have use of the soccer field for private lessons. Supervisor Clare R. Stromlund requested Terri Jensen to obtain additional information from the resident regarding how long the private lessons take place and report back at the next board meeting.

**ROAD:** a) The Township Road Inspection will be held April 25, 2014.

b) The Canosia and Highway #194 Stop Sign with perimeter lighting work is still to be installed.

c) Any flooding issues pertaining to county roads will be directed to the County by the Township Clerk.

d) The "Jeffrey Road" sign at Highway #2 has been taken. Supervisor Gajewski will contact the Minnesota Department of Transportation to ask if they replace street signs. If not, Township will request one from St. Louis County Road Department.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Al Mitchell reported the Department has had 22 calls year to date, including three calls since the last Town Board meeting, all of which were medical calls.

a) The fire hall holding tank and septic tank were pumped this past month. Fire Chief Al Mitchell suggested we check for cracks in the tanks because of how fast the tanks are filling up.

b) Tanker Three is ready for inspection. Al Mitchell and Jim Johnson will be doing a check of the tanker on Thursday, April 11, 2014, at 4:00PM. If corrections have been completed and approved by Al Mitchell and Jim Johnson, an invoice will be issued.

c) One Fire Department Member has resigned effective immediately. Another candidate is going to be interviewed for possible admission shortly.

d) Supervisor Welsh will be attending the Fire Department's Business Meetings.

**RECYCLING:** a) Jim Miller said everything is going smoothly at the recycling shed.

b) Jim mentioned to have more sand and salt dropped in front of the recycling shed when the parking lot is slippery. Supervisor Gajewski asked Jim to notify the Township Clerk when additional sand and salt are needed.

**HALL:** a) The front doors have been ordered from Perrault Construction, and it will be five to seven weeks before the doors will arrive.

**b)** Perrault Construction looked at installing the current front doors as interior doors in the basement and gave an estimate of \$400.00 to \$500.00 and that it would take approximately a day. This installation would not include refinishing work. The Board asked Leon Forstrom if he could install the doors. Leon told the Board there would be no issue with him completing this job.

**c)** Supervisor Gajewski noticed a light out on the southwest corner of the building. He also received information from Leon Forstrom that the parking lot lights are not shutting off and will call Rick Flesvig to repair these items.

**d)** A new flag is needed at the town hall. The Board directed Supervisor Gajewski to purchase a new flag.

**e)** Leon Forstrom will paint the steps as soon as weather permits.

**PARK: a)** There are two posts on the lower playground that will need resetting along with replacement of fence ties on the backstop upon improvement of the weather.

**b)** A new Safety Report form has been approved by the Board that will include all township properties.

**c)** There has been a request to reserve a soccer field for private use. The soccer fields and baseball fields have priority for the Proctor School teams and AYSA teams as well as the Township Residents.

**e)** Leon Forstrom will replace any new posts that are broken because of snow plowing.

**f)** There is a light out at the Munger School Site. Minnesota Power will be contacted when the snow is gone.

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

**b)** Leon Forstrom will take care of placing the flag and lighting at the cemetery on May 1, 2014, weather permitting.

**c)** The Board determined no additional personnel were needed at this time for grass mowing.

**COMMITTEES: a)** None active at the present time; therefore, nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS: a)** Supervisor Gajewski talked about Lobby Day at the Capitol:

- Road Bridge Bond for transportation improvements
- Passed bridge repair for Balkan Township
- Use of drones by law enforcement
- Medical marijuana classification for dispensing at drug store along with licensure
- Improvements towards broad band in rural areas
- No third hostile party involvement in annexations
- Freedom of Information Act
- Transporting of oil via trains and pipelines
- Road rights-of-way
- Treasurer's report posted prior to annual meetings

**b)** Treasurer, Cindy Moe, and Township Clerk, Regena Merritt, have signed up for Minnesota Association of Townships Short Course on April 24, 2014, to receive the early bird rate.

**c)** The Minnesota Association of Townships Urban Short Course is April 24, 2014 in Burnsville, MN. Clerk Merritt and Treasurer Moe plan to attend.

**d)** The April 1, 2014, Solway Newsletter was sent out to Solway Residents.

e) The Alliance of City, Townships and Schools Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

**NEW BUSINESS:** a) Supervisor Gajewski may be attending the April 18, 2014, St. Louis County Association of Township Banquet.

b) Supervisor Welsh will be out of town during the next Town Board Meeting on May 13, 2014, but will keep Township Clerk, Regena Merritt, informed of any changes regarding this situation.

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