

The 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 Theresa Jensen, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and seven concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting of June 13, 2017.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the monthly Treasurer's report dated June 30, 2017.

Checking:16431-16522

Beginning Balance	\$369,934.15	
Receipts	6,138.94	
Disbursements	<u>\$-64,278.66</u>	
Ending Balance	\$311,794.43	\$311,794.43

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,864.18	
Interest/Deposits	\$18.20	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	\$108,882.38	<u>\$108,882.38</u>

Total Accounts \$420,676.81

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

- 06/15 MN Pollution Control Agency** - Public Notice of Intent to Reissue Permit to Sappi. No Board Action.
- 06/16 Steve Nelson, Senior Planner, Planning and Community Development** - E-mail notification contracts being sent. No Board Action.
- 06/26 Proctor School District** - School Board Agenda for June 26, 2017 Meeting. No Board Action.
- 06/27 Regena Merritt** - Thank You Card. No Board Action.
- 06/28 Jim Perrault Construction** - Estimate to reflash the town hall chimney. Discussed under Hall.
- 07/05 Kivi Aggregate** - 2nd Quarter Tax Reporting Form (*Not in packet*). No Board Action.
- 07/05 2017 Proctor High School Chemical Free Graduation Party** - Thank You Card. No Board Action.
- 07/13 Steve Nelson, Senior Planner, Planning and Community Development** – Block Grant Agreements. Discussed under Hall.
- 07/10 Proctor School District** - School Board Agenda for July 10, 2017 Meeting. No Board Action.
- 07/10 Jim Sathers Excavating** - 2nd Qtr Tax Report Form (*Not in packet*). No Board Action.

07/10 Jim Lindquist - 2nd Quarter Tax Reporting Form (*Not in packet*). No Board Action.

07/10 Del Stevenson, Carlton County Mounted Posse -E-mail request to attend National Night Out. No Board Action.

07/10 Gordy Halvorson, St. Louis County Public Works Department - E-mail total miles of Township & County Roads. No Board Action.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: a) The Treasurer has an additional bill to be added to the Outstanding Bills List as follows:

- Midway Sewer in the amount of \$400.00 for pumping of the cistern at the Fire Hall.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to pay all outstanding bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list and the addition as presented by the Town Treasurer for a total amount of \$19,219.58.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERN: a) MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to allow GO Caching on the Witte Memorial Trail with the following conditions: No dogs unless leashed and must pick up dog feces. Lucia Marnich came before the board to make this request and will be registered on a GO Caching website.

ROAD: a) The culvert installation on VanGassler Road has been inspected by Jim Lindquist and \$50.00 will be returned to Solway Resident Walter Lehenbauer.

b) Paul Dunaiski will take over the roadside cutting until John Childers recuperates from tearing his right arm muscle.

c) Supervisor Gajewski reported on the Short Course instruction for taking minutes during road inspections. He felt the township was doing this accurately.

d) Township received a report from Jim Johnson, St. Louis County Public Works Department, regarding a sinkhole off Maple Grove on the Sandberg Road. As this was an emergency situation, Jim Lindquist was authorized to replace the culvert.

e) Supervisor Gajewski and Gordy Halvorson, St. Louis County Public Works Department, will be conducting a road inspection on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 10:00 am to check turn-arounds and for tree trimming to prevent damage to county snowplows.

f) Leon Forstrom installed the new "Dead End" sign on Gaus Road.

g) Jim Lindquist has ditched and replaced the culverts on Hanson Road. The remaining road work will be scheduled for completion.

h) The calcium chloride application has been completed, and the bill has been paid per the motion from the June 13, 2017 board meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: a) A total of 69 calls year-to-date: 30 medical, 34 fires including mutual aid and 5 vehicle accidents. Emergency Apparatus Maintenance will be testing the pumps on the trucks in August.

b) Chairperson Stromlund will be attending the Fire Department's Business Meeting on July 20, 2017.

c) Chief Priolo reported when there is a loss of power at the fire hall, the doors must be operated manually by use of a pipe pole. The board requested Chief Priolo check into a possible battery backup, requesting estimates from Overhead Door regarding the installation of same and present the estimate at the next Township Board Meeting.

d) Chief Priolo informed the board that fire fighters will again serve ice cream at the fire hall during National Night Out.

- e) MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously for the fire department to purchase a sump pump and 50 ft hose not to exceed the amount of \$150.00.
- f) MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously that the Solway Volunteer Fire Department will no longer fill swimming pools for Solway residents or non-residents due to the possible liability of a fire occurring when a fire truck was not available to immediately respond.

RECYCLING: a) Lori Blais at Western Lake Superior Sanitary District is checking into the possibility of having a larger container for cardboard.

b) The trim on the shed has been painted.

c) Leon Forstrom will fix the loose peak flashing on the shed.

HALL: a) Supervisor Gajewski reported Perrault's Construction will be at the town hall on Wednesday, July 12, at 8:30am to give a quote for reroofing the hall.

b) Perrault's Construction did a temporary fix to prevent further leaking around the chimney.

c) MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept Resolution #106

d) Supervisor Welsh will contact O'rien Construction to see if the company is still interested in rebuilding the handicapped ramp and report back to the board.

e) Supervisor Gajewski mentioned having the gray steel chairs in the town hall available for rentals. After some discussion amongst the board and several citizens, it was determined that if all chairs are gone from the rental shed these chairs would be made available to the residents with the following condition: Chairs must be picked up and returned during office hours.

PARK: a) The monthly Township Properties Safety Inspection Report completed by Supervisor Ron Gajewski shows no hazards and the parks, fields and township grounds are found to be in good condition.

b) Leon Forstrom and Paul Dunaiski will mark the lines on the baseball field and mark the lines for the U-8 (small) soccer field.

CEMETERY: a) Leon Forstrom is working on replacement of the choke cherry tree with Grussendorf's Nursery.

b) Lakeview Masonry will schedule work on the cemetery sign after receiving the deposit check in the amount of \$1,929.00.

COMMITTEES: a) The Board requested Clerk Jensen send letters to the Special Events Committee Members to attend the July 24, 2017 meeting at 6:30 to plan National Night Out.

b) MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to send an e-mail to the Carlton County Mounted Posse inviting them to attend the Solway National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

c) The Board requested Clerk Jensen send e-mails to the St. Louis County Sherriff's Department, County Commissioner Pete Stauber and Mary Murphy inviting them to attend the Solway National Night Out. Additionally, the board requested Clerk Jensen have the Proctor Journal mail National Night Out Invitations to the Township Residents.

d) The Board requested Clerk Jensen send out letters to the Broadband Committee Members for the upcoming meeting. Supervisor Welsh updated the Board regarding the previous committee meeting. Chris Ellian is the chairman. Scott Savage from SCI Broadband and

Norm Livgard from Grand Lake Township also attended the meeting. Chris Ellian is going to check into any grant money that might be available.

OLD BUSINESS: a) MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to order two team benches, 21 feet in length and a bleacher, 27 feet in length for the Munger School soccer field. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to order two team benches, 21 feet in length for the Town Hall soccer field. The bill for these items will be paid for by the Township and then forwarded on to the Proctor School District for reimbursement through the School Athletic Referendum monies.

b) Further discussion of soccer goal frames and nets have been tabled until receipt of reimbursement for the four benches and bleacher from the school district.

c) Supervisor Welsh recommended Perrault's Construction look at the warming shed and have an estimate done for the repairs. Supervisor Gajewski will have this done and report back to the board at the August Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: a) MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to approve the article and picture regarding Regena Merritt's retirement and send the same to the Proctor Journal and the Minnesota Association of Townships' Insider for publication.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.