

The Solway Town Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Solway Town Hall by Chairperson Ron Gajewski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisor Clare R. Stromlund and Supervisor Scott Welsh, Clerk Regena Merritt, Deputy Clerk Terri Jensen, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and three concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the June 9, 2015, Town Board Meeting.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the monthly Treasurer's report dated June 30, 2015.

Checking:15409-15451

Beginning Balance	\$246,593.76	
Receipts	500.00	
Disbursements	\$-52,380.97	
Ending Balance	<u>\$194,712.79</u>	\$194,712.79

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,619.89	
Interest/Deposits	\$53.88	
Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	<u>\$108,673.77</u>	<u>\$108,637.77</u>

Total Accounts **\$303,350.56**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

06/19 – Proctor Chem-Free Grad Party – Thank you card for contribution. No Board action taken.

06/19 - Minnesota Department of Commerce - Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement, State of Public Information Meetings and Federal Public Hearings for the Great Northern Transmission Line Project. Letter showing meeting locations and dates and times. No Board action taken.

06/29 – St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department – St. Louis County Comprehensive Water Management Plan Amendment approved by Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources at June 24, 2015, meeting. No Board action taken.

06/29 – Attorney Michael Orman – Copy of affidavit of personal service for the Kivi cartway. No Board action taken.

06/30 – Attorney Michael Orman – Copy of affidavit of posting and copy of easement for the Kivi cartway. No Board action taken.

07/01 – Reliable Agency – Certification of Insurance for Jim Lindquist. No Board action taken.

07/01 – St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department – St. Louis County Planning Commission Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Decision regarding the approval for installation of Verizon Wireless cell tower. No Board action taken.

07/01 – Western Lake Superior Sanitary District – Completion of 2015 Grant Application letter. Clerk Regena Merritt and Chairperson Ron Gajewski signed the application to be returned to WLSSD for receipt of the \$7,952.00 grant check.

07/02 – Attorney Michael Orman – Copy of letter to John Bray referencing the Kivi Cartway. No Board action taken.

07/09 – Kivi Aggregate – Second Quarter Aggregate Tax reporting form and payment. No Board action taken.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: The Treasurer has two additional bills to be added to the Outstanding Bills list as follows:

- L & M Supply for new blades and clips for the road side mower in the amount of \$194.02.
- Proctor Builders for a new garage door for recycling shed in the amount of \$620.91.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund, 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 \$22,735.52.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Cartway Petition was discussed prior to Township Board Meeting at the Public Hearing Meeting held at 5:00pm this day.

ROAD: a) Calcium chloride has been applied to all township roads.

b) Leon Forstrom and Paul Dunaiski will add brushing of the property line on their to-do-list.

c) Jim Lindquist from township road maintenance said due to the hauling from the Rogalla Pit the Sandberg Road needs to be re-established either by Viet or CN Railroad. Jim also mentioned there is mud on top of the Class Five the township placed on the Sandberg Road and we should call Mike Rogalla regarding this issue.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: a) Fire Chief Chris LaGraves did not attend the board meeting but left a report to share with the board members. There have been 84 calls year to date which is 38 calls ahead of last year. Fire Department Member Michelle Haltli has retired, and a new department member, Gary Miller, has been added.

b) Fire Chief LaGraves will be meeting with the Esko Fire Department in the near future to work on a mutual aid agreement.

c) Chairperson Gajewski will contact Larry Shelton to re-camera the hazardous material cistern.

d) Nothing has been heard regarding the FEMA grant.

e) Tanker Six has a broken water gauge. An estimate has been received from Emergency Apparatus Maintenance for \$1,114.00. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to pay the \$1,114.00 to repair the gauge on Tanker Six.

RECYCLING: a) Nothing to report regarding the status of the window for the recycling shed.

b) Chairperson Gajewski reiterated all aluminum cans must go into the bins. Chairperson Gajewski explained there will be on-site visits done by WLSSD individuals and separating aluminum cans from the rest of the recyclables could jeopardize the grant monies received from WLSSD.

HALL: a) Chairperson Gajewski will contact Larry Shelton to look at the crack in the basement wall.

b) The plaque for the Witte Homestead painting has not been ordered for the picture so it can be hung. Clerk Regena Merritt will order this from Duluth Superior Trophy.

c) Chairperson Gajewski noted there are broken rails on the handicap accessible ramp. Leon Forstrom added repairing these rails to his to do list.

d) Clerk Regena Merritt witnessed skateboarders on the handicap accessible ramp. Supervisor Welsh stated this cannot be monitored, but if noticed, the skateboarders need to be reminded of what the ramp is used for and it is not skateboarding.

PARK: a) Leon Forstrom reported there is a broken grill in the pavilion area. MOTION by Gajewski and seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously for Leon Forstrom to pick up a new grill not to exceed \$150.00.

b) Upon inspection of the parks, Chairperson Gajewski found three deteriorating swingset seats along with two sets of picnic table frames. Clerk Regena Merritt will look into the cost of replacing the swingset seats and picnic frames.

c) Leon Forstrom reported that some of the flags used at the pavilion had been pulled out but have since been located in the woods and other areas.

CEMETERY: a) Cemetery is in good shape.

b) Leon Forstrom has ordered more dirt to refill the depression areas caused by truck tires when setting burial vaults.

c) The cemetery sign needs to have an addition stating "only be one monument and one foot stone per burial site" and to delete "contacting the cemetery foreman". MOTION by Welsh and seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to have Leon Forstrom bring the cemetery sign to Todd Signs to have it fixed or obtain a new sign not to exceed \$300.00.

COMMITTEES: a) Special Events Committee will meet on Monday, July 27, 2015, at 6:30 pm for planning the National Night Out in August. Notification letters to members will be sent out by Clerk Regena Merritt.

OLD BUSINESS: a) Paul Dunaiski and Chairperson Gajewski have marked two separate routes for the Witte Trail. Clerk Regena Merritt will contact the Eagle Scout Troup and let them know we will need help in developing the trail.

b) Clerk Regena Merritt looked at the tax forfeited land list and found two properties both of which are residential. Neither property will be able to be used for a water source for the fire department.

NEW BUSINESS: a) MOTION by Welsh and seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously that anyone on the Township Board who is interested in attending the October 3, 2015, free legal seminar to be held in Cotton may do so with transportation paid by the township.

b) Leon Forstrom reported on possible repairs of the John Deere mower deck by Kim Johnson. This issue was tabled until the August 11, 2015, board meeting.

c) Leon Forstrom reported sparks were coming from the 10 year old grinder motor and it no longer can be repaired. MOTION by Welsh and seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to have Leon Forstrom purchase a grinder not to exceed \$150.00.

MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.