

The Solway Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 four concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Chairperson Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to amend the minutes from the Kivi Cartway Public Hearing with the following correction; date in paragraph three should read June 23, 2015 not July 14, 2015.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the August 11, 2015, Town Board Meeting.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the monthly Treasurer's report dated August 31, 2015.

Checking:15499-15547

Beginning Balance	\$341,512.03	
Receipts	27,520.61	
Disbursements	<u>\$-23,986.65</u>	
Ending Balance	<u>\$345,045.99</u>	\$345,045.99

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,683.00	
Interest/Deposits	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	<u>\$108,683.00</u>	<u>\$108,683.00</u>

Total Accounts **\$453,728.99**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

08/24 Solway Fire Relief Association – SC-15, MBW-15, FR-14 Clerk Merritt received aforementioned documents, signed them and returned the documents to Solway Fire Department.

08/28 St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Public Meeting Announcement listing times and locations. No Board action taken.

08/28 St. Louis County Commissioner Stauber's Office – St. Louis County Board of Commissioners meeting agenda. No Board action taken.

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

- Portable John for two rental units for the month in the amount of \$190.00.
- Barb Mattson for hall rental refund in the amount of \$125.00.
- Menards in Hermantown for spray primer in the amount of \$5.83.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund, and carried unanimously to pay all outstanding bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list and the additional bills as presented by the Town Treasurer for a total amount of \$16,767.60.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Rod Chiles, township resident, and Sam Stewart, NE Minnesota Beekeepers Association and Minnesota Honey Producers, approached the Township Board regarding the mowing of the road side ditches, and the adverse effects in the time frame the honey bees can collect pollen and nectar. Rod Chiles and Sam Stewart would like the mowing to be limited to a certain frontage and time period. Chairperson Gajweski asked what road Rod Chiles lived on. Rod Chiles said Morris Thomas Road. Chairperson Gajewski explained Morris Thomas Road is a county road and gave Rod Chiles the names of St. Louis County Commissioner Pete Stauber and Public Works Steve Tverberg to contact regarding this request. Chairperson Gajewski requested information or any literature be sent to the town office regarding educating people on honeybees and some information could be put in the newsletter. Mr. Stewart said he would send what the NE Minnesota Beekeepers Association had.

b) Township Clerk Merritt will be posting for a Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at the Solway Town Hall regarding the Kivi Cartway.

ROAD: a) Jim Lindquist graded the Sandberg Road north of Morris Thomas Road per a request from a township resident to remove the wash boarding in the road. Jim Lindquist also mentioned the road side ditching and the possible removal of tree roots could cause damage or kill the trees. Chairperson Gajewski and Jim Lindquist will look into this further meeting with the residents.

b) No response has been received from resident Maxine Childs regarding the letter sent from the Township involving their heat source pump and water going over Mettsa Road. Chairperson Gajewski will be contacting Maxine Childs to see if this issue has been resolved.

c) Chairperson Gajewski reported that Canadian National Railroad made the necessary repairs to the railroad crossing and hauled more gravel to lessen the grade on South Jeffrey Road.

d) Clerk Regena Merritt will follow up on determining what happened to the signed quote previously sent to Sinnott Blacktop regarding the parking lot sealing. Clerk Merritt also faxed a signed quote to Sinnott Blacktop for repairs to the basketball/tennis area where six to seven rocks are pushing through the surface. The Supervisors felt the rocks pushing through the surface created a safety issue. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the quote of \$1,600.00 to make the repairs to the basketball/tennis area.

There is confusion regarding the cutting and patching areas on the basketball/tennis area. The quote from Sinnott Blacktop says quantity one for \$1,600.00. The Board is wondering if this is for all three patches or only one. Chairperson Gajewski will be contacting Sinnott Blacktop to clarify before work begins.

e) The "Dead-end" Sign from Wargin Road has disappeared. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to order a new "Dead-end" Sign for Wargin Road and to have Leon Forstrom look into the purchase of secure or vandal proof bolts for the new sign.

f) Jim Lindquist has completed the ditching on South Mattson.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: a) Chief LaGraves reported a bleeder was put on the compressor thank to remove moisture but moisture is still in the hoses. Chief LaGraves will price out additional moisture removal systems.

b) The October Recognition Dinner for Fire Department Members, Flamettes and Township Employees will be moved to the first week in December. Fire Chief LaGraves will be presenting awards to the fire department members at that time.

c) Chief LaGraves reported the northern personnel door is sticking. Leon Forstrom was asked to look at correcting this problem.

d) Chairperson Gajewski asked Chief LaGraves to submit all receipts to the town hall for cabinet doors, shelves, painting, etc., at the fire hall.

e) The combination locks have been installed on the fire hall doors and pass codes have been issued.

f) Chairperson Gajewski reported Larry Shelton did not find any leaks in the cistern.

g) Chief LaGraves and two other department members will be attending an informational meeting regarding pull tab operations.

h) Nothing new regarding the FEMA Grant.

RECYCLING: a) The window blinds have been installed in the office of the recycling shed.

b) Paul Dunaiski will continue opening the recycling shed in Jim Miller's absence.

c) The opening time of the recycling shed will still continue to be 7 AM on Saturdays.

HALL: a) Larry Shelton looked at the crack in the basement wall and felt a concrete contractor should come look at the crack. Larry did recommend the block be filled with concrete and rebar. Todd from Bedrock Flint looked at the crack along with the slab which needs to be worked on as well due to water seepage, freezing and expanding. The quote received from Bedrock Flint did not include removal of the old slab. Jim Lindquist and Leon Forstrom were asked if they could remove the old slab. Jim Lindquist said the removal of the concrete would cost around \$150.00. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to have Jim Lindquist and Leon Forstrom remove the old concrete slab and accept the e-mail from Bedrock Flint showing a breakdown of charges for the new concrete slab, rebar and core filling of blocks.

b) Leon Forstrom cleaned the carpet on the stage. Chairperson Gajewski said he talked to Veronica Priolo about cleaning the fabric on the chairs.

c) One of the smoker ash containers has been broken. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to purchase a Safe Smoker Snuffer from Summit Supply but not to exceed \$100.00.

d) The septic pump has been programmed.

e) Leon Forstrom will purchase fertilizer and apply to soccer field. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to have Leon Forstrom purchase fertilizer for the soccer fields up to but not to exceed the amount of \$500.00.

f) The Witte painting has been hung in the stairway.

g) Bill Pelto from the Country Music Show contacted Chairperson Gajewski in regards to changing the date of the show.

PARK: a) The monthly Township Properties Safety Inspection Report as completed by Chairperson Gajewski shows no hazards and the cemetery, parks, fields, and township grounds are found to be in good condition. Some sucker sprouts need to be removed from trees in the cemetery. Two picnic table frames need to be replaced.

b) The paper wasp nest in the retaining wall of the lower playground has been removed.

- c) The new swing seats have been installed. Clerk Merritt informed the Board the price of a grill including shipping exceeded the \$300.00 allowed. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to increase the purchase price of a barbecue grill to \$450.00. Leon Forstrom noted two bent sets of picnic table frames which are unable to be straightened. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to have Clerk Merritt order from Summit Supply two welded table frames for \$223.00 not including shipping.
- d) MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to purchase fertilizer for the soccer field.
- e) Deputy Clerk Jensen was asked to contact the individual who made repairs to the batting cage last year and see if the cage is fixable. If not, the cage is to be removed from the grounds.
- f) Leon Forstrom will get prices on bearings and other accessories for the John Deere mower deck. These will be available at the next board meeting.

CEMETERY: a) The updated sign containing the rules has been picked up from Todd Signs. Leon Forstrom will install this sign.

b) There has been one burial at the cemetery on August 29, 2015 for Sheila Kosal.

c) Supervisor Stromlund was notified by June Haedte regarding the disappearance of a planter containing purple flowers on the Wally Haedte burial site. Leon Forstrom will make sure this planter has not been placed on another burial site or placed elsewhere on the township grounds.

COMMITTEES: a) Township Clerk Merritt will send out informational letters to the Special Events Committee Members regarding the meeting to be held on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm for the Halloween Carnival.

b) Treasurer Moe will issue a check in the amount of \$359.30 on behalf of the Township to the Special Events Committee to pay for any additional bills from the National Night Out.

OLD BUSINESS: a) Nothing on Agenda for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: a) Township Clerk Merritt will contact the clubs and committees regarding articles for the Solway Section Lines Newsletter. Clerk Merritt will put in articles pertaining to new purchases and improvements to township grounds, fire department bingo, cemetery reminders, and snow removal.

b) Chairperson Gajewski reported on 20 acres the Township owns on Maple Grove.

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