

The Solway Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Ron Gajewski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisor Scott Welsh, Clare Stromlund, Clerk Autumn Marquardt, Deputy Clerk Amy Johnson, Treasurer Cindy Moe and 5 concerned citizens.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting of December 14, 2021 as presented.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report dated December 31, 2021 and to move funds from the aggregate account to deficit accounts to zero out the accounts as needed.

Checking:18651-18692

Beginning Balance	\$375,862.83	
Receipts	\$122,565.27	
Disbursements	<u>\$-17,291.82</u>	
Ending Balance	\$481,136.28	\$481,136.28

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 109,329.84	
Interest/Deposits	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	\$109,329.84	<u>\$109,329.84</u>

Total Accounts **\$590,466.12**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

12/30 Minnesota Association of Townships – Consolidated Insurance Coverages, renewal invoice, declaration page and notice of optional changes. It was established that the township already has the maximum bond amounts for the Clerk and Treasurer. Chairperson Gajewski questioned if insurance should be increased due to inflation. Dawn Zimmerman with the Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance Trust advised Clerk Marquardt that she does not think it needs to be increased at this time. Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to accept the Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance Trust Consolidated Coverage without changes.

01/04 Jim Lindquist – 4th quarter aggregate tax reporting form and payment.

01/06 KTM Paving, Inc. – 4th quarter aggregate tax reporting form and payment

01/10 Pine Knot – Affidavit of Publication for the township filing period.

01/10 Kivi Aggregate LLC – 4th quarter aggregate tax reporting form and payment

01/11 Coon's Aggregate Supply Co. – 4th quarter aggregate tax reporting form and payment

01/11 Jim Sathers construction – 4th quarter aggregate tax reporting form and payment

01/11 Menards- Authorized purchaser agreement for West Duluth store. Butch Lund, Leon Forstrom and Scott Welsch will be added to this agreement. This agreement allows Township employees to invoice item purchases to the township.

Brevator Township contacted supervisor Welsh regarding a conditional use permit for a new gravel pit in their township. Brevator Township is looking for Solway's support in opposing the permit. Motions by Welsh, second by Stromlund and carried unanimously that based on receiving no complaints from Solway residents the Township will not pursue opposing the conditional use permit application for a gravel pit in Brevator Township

OUTGOING COORESPONDENCE

12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 01/15 WLSSD – Recycling tracking forms.

12/06 County Agriculture Inspector – 2021 Annual Township and City Report for Noxious Weeds.

12/06 Special Events Committee - Letter regarding special events meeting

01/10 PERA- exclusion report

01/10 Minnesota Association of Townships – Workers Compensation Audit

OUTSTANDING BILLS: a) Treasurer Moe has one additional bill not listed on the outstanding bills list

- Portable John for \$137.00 for the final billing for the year for the biffie service.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to pay all bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills List and the additional bill presented by the Town Treasurer for a total amount of \$?

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Nothing to report.

ROAD: a) Canadian National Railroad left signs and barricades on the South Jeffery Road. Chairperson Gajewski has tried to contact them for removal.

b) Chairperson Gajewski noted that St. Louis County is doing a nice job plowing the roads.

FIRE: a) Chief Priolo provided a Department report stating there was a total of 146 calls in 2021: 36 Fire, 102 Medical and 8 Vehicle Accidents. All calls were mutual aid. The total number of calls for 2022 so far are 2 Fire and 1 Medical.

b) Caldwell Heating and Cooling should have the air pressure system for the fire trucks brakes completed in the next couple of days.

c) The Department is working on flooding the skating rink.

d) Chief Priolo requested that the wooden posts on the south side of the building be removed to make snow removal easier. The board will look into this in the Spring.

e) In the past it has been brought to the boards attention that the Fire Department is in need of twenty eight 45 minute and one 60 minute Carbon Fiber Cylinder Bottles. The quote was for \$29,400 in May of 2020. The price may have changed since the quote was received. Our current bottles will not be able to be Hydro tested anymore so they must be replaced when the dates on the bottles have expired. The Board has requested and Chief Priolo has agreed to wait until April, if possible, to purchase the bottles.

f) The Department has applied for four grants for funding the purchase of the bottles and other needs.

g) The Fire Hall Lease Agreement and the Contract with the Fire Department to provide fire service and first responder service were reviewed by the Town Board and approved. The President of the Fire Department was unable to attend the meeting, Chief Priolo will present the

Contract and Lease Agreement to the President for signatures. The contracted amount is \$50,000. Motioned by Gajewski and Seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to pay the Fire Department the \$50,000 as outlined in the contract once the signed Contract and Lease Agreement are received by the clerk.

RECYCLING: a) Horst Blumerich and Clerk Marquardt attended the WLSSD Virtual meeting on December 16th. Mr. Blumerich advised that the goals for 2022 for WLSSD are to continue to improve recycling quality and watch what residents are putting in the dumpsters. Solway Township is doing a good job with the quality of recycling. There was an increase in cardboard collection in 2021. There were 509 dumpsters emptied by waste management totaling about 8,900 pounds. There were 255 yards of plastic film collected totaling around 594,000 plastic bags. In 2022 the recycling center will be able to accept bubble wrap. The next meeting for administration is scheduled for December 28, 2022. Attendants will have a meeting in January or February.

b) Clerk Marquardt will check with WLSSD for a container to hold aa, aaa and 9volt batteries. She'll also see if they have 55 gallon bags to go in the garbage can for collecting plastic materials.

HALL: a) Minnesota Power performed their energy audit on all of the buildings for the township and has recommended that the light bulbs in all the buildings be switched. Changing of the complete light system would include both the light bulbs and fixtures. The Board agreed to contact Rick Flesvig about this project to see if he can make some suggestions. There was also the suggestion to change the air conditioning to a cold press climate system. This system would have to meet "NEEP" standards in order to qualify for rebates.

b) There has been a nomination for Jim Lindquist for Citizen of the Year for 2021. The plaque that is currently on the wall is full. Chairperson Gajewski suggested reaching out to Pete Hildre to see if he would be interested in building a new custom plaque for the township. Supervisor Stromlund feels that the plaque should not differ too much from the current plaques in the hall. Clerk Marquardt will reach out to see the different styles and sizes that can be ordered from Advantage Emblem to see if any of the plaques they offer would be suitable.

c) Butch Lund reconnected the toll line restrictors to the kitchen phone lines so that long distance calls cannot be made.

d)

Solway Township Resolution 2022-1
St. Louis County Minnesota
Resolution accepting donations

WHEREAS, The Town of Solway is authorized to accept and maintain donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, The Country Music Show has offered to contribute the donation of \$100.00; and,

WHEREAS, There are no terms or conditions for the donations; and,

WHEREAS, All such donations have been contributed to the Township for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law; and,

WHEREAS, The Township Board finds that it is appropriate to accept the donation offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Town Board of Solway Township, St. Louis County, Minnesota as follows:

The donation described above is accepted and shall be used as allowed by law.

Chairperson Gajewski moved to adoption of the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Welsh, and it was declared adopted on the 11th day of January, 2022 upon the following votes: Yeas – Ronald Gajewski, Scott Welsh, Clare Stromlund, Nays – none.

PARK a) Chairperson Gajewski completed the monthly Township Properties Safety Inspection Report and stated that there are no safety issues with the park and properties.

b)

CEMETERY: a) Nothing to report.

COMMITTEES: a) The January Winter Fun Day has been postponed. the Special Events Committee has set a meeting date of February 15, 2022 at 6:30pm to consider if the Fun Day could be held at the end of February or sometime in March. The Covid outbreak caused the cancellation of the January event.

OLD BUSINESS: a) There is no new information on Broadband in the township.

b) There has been no update on if Steve Lacari will be able to perform an aggregate audit for the township. Treasurer Moe will be seeing Mr. Lacari to discuss this.

c) The budget meeting is set for Monday February 28th at 5:00PM.

NEW BUSINESS: a) There is a change in ARPA fund uses beginning April 1st allowing townships to transfer funds to the general fund. This will allow a broader use for these funds.

b) The Minnesota Association of Township Insurance Trust Contract was covered under correspondence.

c) Clerk Marquardt announced to the Board that she is resigning from her position. There is not a set date yet. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to post the position on Indeed.com to find new candidates.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting with the signing of checks and to deal with the clerk resignation. The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.