

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 Scott Welsh. Clerk Regena Merritt, Treasurer Cindy Moe and eight concerned citizens. Supervisor Stromlund was out of town

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting of September 11, 2018 as presented.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to accept the monthly Treasurer's report dated September 30, 2018.

Checking:17061-17103

Beginning Balance	\$318,426.44	
Receipts	939.88	
Disbursements	<u>\$-45,709.23</u>	
Ending Balance	\$273,657.09	\$273,657.09

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 109,009.53	
Interest/Deposits	\$09.26	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	\$109,018.79	<u>\$109,018.79</u>

Total Accounts

\$382,675.88

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

9/21 SLC Planning Manager Mary Anderson - Public Hearing on proposed St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan scheduled for Thursday October 18, 2018. No board action.

9/25 Minnesota Dept of Health - Town Hall drinking water test results showing no coliform or bacteria.

10/3 WLSSD - Allocation for Solway Township is \$1,469.00. This amount may be paid in two equal installments on July 1, 2019 and December 1, 2019

10/3 Keith Anderson - Snow plowing quote from Keith Anderson at \$50 per hour for plowing and \$90 per yard for sanding. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to hire Keith Anderson for snowplowing this coming winter season. These rates are the same as last year.

10/3 St. Louis County Planning Manager Mary Anderson - Second Public Hearing notice On proposed St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan scheduled Thursday October 18, 2018. No board

10/8 John Engelking Proctor Public Schools - Invitation to Board members to the Grand opening of the sports and event center on Wednesday October 10, 2018.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: a) Treasurer Moe has several bills in addition to the Outstanding Bills List.

- Alice Anderson for hall rental deposit refund for \$25.
- St. Louis County for last half of sanding township roads \$2,149.81
- St. Louis County for snowplowing in the amount of \$7,249.18
- Metro Sales for copy machine rental in the amount of \$85.62

- Minnesota Department of Labor for pressure vessel test in the amount of \$10 on the Fire Department's cascade system.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to pay all bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list presented by the Town Treasurer and the additional bills for a total amount of \$23,146.17.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Solway resident Paul Fish appeared before the Board with concerns over KTM Paving, Inc.'s conditional use permit application their gravel pit on the Sandberg Road. KTM plans to wash and screen May – October yearly and recycling every other year for approximately 2-3 weeks. Mr. Fish is requesting a study by the MPCA and the DNR to assess the impact of the activity on the Rocky Run designated trout stream and the groundwater in the vicinity of the pit. He would like to see some safeguards in place for the groundwater and the stream. Scott Welsh reported that he received a phone call from Brad Kolenda with concerns about this conditional permit. After discussion the Town Board will send recommendations to St. Louis County in a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, KTM Paving, Inc. 5513 Hwy #2, Hermantown, MN 55810 is requesting a Conditional Use Borrow Pit/Extraction Use Permit for a site at 4022 Sandberg Rd., Duluth, MN., 55810; and,

WHEREAS, This site is topographically low lying in a flood plain area; and,

WHEREAS, Rocky Run a DNR designated trout stream runs through the property; and,

WHEREAS, Both the underlying ground water table and Rocky Run could be in danger of pollution from contaminated runoff from the proposed washing, screening, recycling operation; and,

WHEREAS, Compliance with all safeguards as defined by the DNR, MPCA and Minnesota Fisheries Dept is necessary to prevent water pollution from the proposed site operation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Town Board of Solway Township recommends that all required protective safeguards are in place and complied with by the applicant when establishing the conditions necessary for granting the Land Use Permit.

Chairperson Gajewski moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Welsh, and it was declared adopted on the 9th day of October, 2018 upon the following votes: Yeas – Ronald Gajewski and Scott Welsh. Nays – none. Absent – Stromlund.

ROAD: a) Chairperson Gajewski reported that he received a complaint that the surface had washed out on the Mattson Road. Jim Lindquist was called to grade the road and do repairs. He has fixed the problem.

b) Snowplowing quote from Keith Anderson addressed under correspondence.

c) Letter send to Michael Kratt giving the Township permission to cut down some trees and brush in order to ditch the road has been sent, but not returned. Chairperson Gajewski has contacted Mr. Kratt in Florida and has gotten verbal permission to proceed with the project from him. He had received the letter but forgot to sign and send it back.

d) Sinnott has crack filled and sealed the township parking areas and removed rock and crack filled and sealed the basketball/tennis court. The basketball/tennis court still needs to be striped and as soon as weather permits Sinnott will get this done.

e) The Fire Department has asked to store one of their grass rig trucks in the maintenance garage make room for their rehab trailer. Paul Dunaiski is asking the Board members to look in the garage and let him know what can be gotten rid of to make room for the truck. At 8:30

after all other business, Chairperson Gajewski and Supervisor Scott Welsh went to the garage with Paul Dunaiski and showed him what is to be disposed of and what can be saved.

f) Chairperson Gajewski has contacted Vic Lund at St. Louis County Public Works Sign Dept for the additional railroad crossing signs needed on the Jeffrey Road but has not heard back from him yet. Chairperson Gajewski will contact him again.

Fire: Chief Nick Priolo reported a total of 94 calls year-to-date: 55 medical, 32 fires and 7 vehicle accidents.

b) The Department is applying for a FEMA grant and is asking for approval of \$1,250 to pay for professional grant writing. This is a grant for \$35,000 for equipment. The \$1,250 for grant writing will be written into the grant. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to allow the Fire Department \$1,250 for grant writing and this amount will be written into the grant.

c) The Department has also applied for a grant from Minnesota Department Public Safety for a gear washer and dryer. The Department is asking the Board to approve the 10% match for the grant. The amount of the match will be \$1,300. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to pay the 10% match for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety grant if it is awarded to the Fire Department.

d) The Board discussed a date for the Recognition Dinner and decided on November 29th, 5:30PM for social hour, dinner at 6PM.

e) The rehab trailer is getting a logo/graphics added in Duluth. The Department received \$4,000 in donations from Essentia and Enbridge for the trailer.

RECYCLING: a) New Recycling Shed hours of 8AM to 1PM on Saturday is now in effect.

HALL: a) The hall cleaning with Maid of Honor is going good.

b) The Board would like to paint the edge of the front steps with non-skid paint to provide depth perception. Chris Ellian has brought samples from Andren's Paint for their review. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to order grey pearl paint for the front and back porch steps. Chris can deliver the paint to the town hall. Paul Dunaiski will paint the steps as soon as weather permits.

d) Chairperson Gajewski mentioned that the front porch supports that were replaced this summer have been painted by Paul Dunaiski but they need to have the nail holes and dents filled. When weather permits Paul will fill the holes and paint a second coat on the supports.

PARK: a) Most of the ADA playground equipment has been received and installed. The Clerk will need to submit reimbursement information for the ADA equipment to the Community Development Block Grant Coordinator.

b) Chairperson Gajewski reported that township personnel have completely removed the batting cages from the townsite soccer/baseball fields.

c) The soccer fields and cemetery grounds have been fertilized.

d) Chairperson Gajewski reported that there is an additional cost of \$800 to have Sinnott prepare and blacktop the ADA Trail walkway. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh to pay the \$800 additional for the blacktopping on the ADA trail walkway.

e) Chairperson Gajewski reported that the power has been disconnected to the warming shed and it has been cleaned out. He also mentioned that the locations for the new lighting poles for the basketball court have been marked out and one was located in front of the door on the new warming shed. Chairperson Gajewski will contact Scott Nylund to revise the plans for the warming shed so the light poles will not interfere with the entrance.

f) A bike rack has been purchased and installed by Township personnel.

g) Chairperson Gajewski mentioned that Rick Flesvig is waiting for the contractor to set the foundations for the light poles.

h) The monthly Township Properties Safety Inspection Report completed by Chairperson Gajewski shows no hazards and the parks, fields and township ground are found to be in good condition.

CEMETERY: **a)** The cemetery decorations will be removed by Township personnel after October 20th and the flag will be retired.

b) One burial on September 16th , Donald White.

COMMITTEES: **a)** Chris Ellian reported that Century Link high speed internet is about on the same schedule as before. There might be new grant monies available. Chris's contact at Century Link is no longer there so he is having a hard time getting information. No one seems to be able to give us a date or which roads will be connected in what order. Hopefully there will be more information available in 2019.

b) The Special Events Committee decided there is no need for a second meeting regarding the Halloween Carnival.

OLD BUSINESS: **a)** John Bray has sent a letter to Gobel Aggregate notifying Gobel of fines if the Aggregate Tax has not been paid. This letter came back to John Bray as the letter was sent to the wrong address. Attorney Bray sent it to the address listed on the Aggregate Tax reporting form for the pit location not the PO Box for their office.

b) Chairperson Gajewski and Cindy Moe reported from the Legal Seminar they attended that the Board needs to make Resolutions for hiring employees and setting pay scales and town hall rental and personnel policies.

c) Scott Nylund has asked Chairperson Gajewski if he could purchase the rental shed for \$1,000 and asked if he could apply the \$1,000 to the cost of removing the old warming house slab. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to allow Scott Nylund to apply the \$1,000 cost of purchasing the old rental shed toward the work for removing the old slab at the warming shed.

NEW BUSINESS: **a)** The Minnesota Association of Townships Annual Meeting and conference will be in Duluth on November 15, 16 and 17, 2018. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously that whoever is available to attend the conference is allowed to do so at Township expense.

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 9:50 pm.