

Chairperson Ron Gajewski called the Regular Solway Town Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Solway Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisors Clare Stromlund and Scott Welsh, Clerk Regena Merritt, Treasurer Cindy Moe, four concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the October 9, 2012 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the following Treasurer's report dated October 31, 2012.

**Checking 13778 -13818**

Beginning Balance	\$175,825.27	
Receipts	69,989.09	
Transfers	0.00	
Disbursements	\$-29,414.28	
Ending Balance	<u>\$209,400.08</u>	\$209400.08

**Money Market**

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,396.05	
Interest/Deposits	\$18.74	
Withdrawals	\$00	
Ending Balance	<u>\$108,414.79</u>	\$108,414.79

**Total Accounts**

**\$317,814.87**

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:**

10/10 Minnesota Department of Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management - Payment of \$19,880.25 as reimbursement for Township road repairs due to the flood on June 20, 2012.

10/11 University of Minnesota – Notice of wood ash product applied to 4007 Leiste Road. No board action.

10/15 St. Louis County Election Division – Notice of dates to pick up election supplies, and other election reminders. No board action.

10/18 Minnesota Department of Health – Town Hall drinking water test results for bacteria show no coliform bacteria detected. No board action

10/18 Blandin Foundation and Connect Minnesota – Notice of a forum promoting broadband technology in Minnesota. No board action.

10/26 Minnesota Department of Health – Town Hall drinking water report for nitrate shows sample was in compliance with state drinking water rules. No board action.

**OUTSTANDING BILLS:** The Treasurer has two additional bills. One to John Childers for reimbursement of \$4.29, and one to Jim Lindquist in the amount of \$2,408.00 for grading township roads. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh, and carried unanimously to pay all outstanding bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list and the additional bills from the Treasurer for a total amount of \$27,381.62.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS:** a) None

**ROAD:** a) John Childers will be brushing the property line along the side of the soccer field. He has asked the Town Board to allow his daughter to take the wood. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by

Welsh and carried unanimously to allow John Childers daughter Jeannie to take the wood cut down while brushing the township property line .

**b)** It was reported to Chairperson Gajewski that a load of fill has been dumped in the Van Gassler Road turnaround. Chairperson Gajewski contacted Kim Johnson who lives at the turnaround and Mr. Johnson told him that it was his fill and was dumped in the turnaround by mistake. Mr. Johnson said that he will make the fill gets moved out of the turnaround.

**c)** The culvert under the South Mattson Road has been grouted. This completes the work needed on that road from the June rainstorm.

**d)** There is still no information on the new owners of the Heine Road property that has a hedge in the road right-of-way. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to table this issue to the April Town Board Meeting.

**FIRE: a)** The bulbs in the overhead lights on doors 1, 3, & 4 have been replaced, but the department is short one bulb. A bulb will be ordered from Rick Flesvig along with a few extra.

**b)** There has been no word on the FEMA grants.

**c)** The Minnesota Department of Health has a concern with the water pressure gauge. Chairperson Gajewski will call Randall brothers to set up a service call.

Fire Chief Wayne Suliin reported seven medical and two fire calls for October. The total calls to date are 71.

Firefighter Jeff Nelson reported that all trucks and personal radios will be switched to 800 mghz radios on November 15 at midnight. All of the new radios have been purchased with a grant from St. Louis County.

Chairperson Gajewski informed Chief Suliin that the water conditioner at the fire hall was spraying water. Chairperson Gajewski and Leon Forstrom unplugged the conditioner and stopped the water from spraying. They then turned the conditioner on and ran it through the cycles. The water did not start spraying again. Chairperson Gajewski and Leon Forstrom covered the electric service in the fire hall utility room with plastic in case the water started spraying again. The fire Department will check periodically on the water conditioner.

Chairperson Gajewski asked the department if they would be interested in flooding the basketball court to make a skating rink this year. Chief Suliin said they would as weather permits.

Chief Suliin reported that there are 20 members presently on the department with one new application pending.

**RECYCLING: a)** Nothing to report

**HALL: a)** Leon Forstrom has secured the sink in the upstairs bathroom with two additional bolts. This should keep the sink from moving.

**b)** There are two outside fixtures not working on the town hall building. It is hard to replace the bulbs on these fixtures and the fixtures have been fixed in the past. The Board decided to contact Rick Flesvig to find some options for lighting the area around the hall.

**c)** The panic bar on the side door to the hall is not working properly. It is hard top open with key from the outside and also hard to lock open from the inside. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried all in favor to call Minnesota Locksmith to have the side door lock repaired.

**d)** Chairperson Gajewski reported that the Country Music group has asked to make storage improvements behind the stage. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to make improvements to storage area behind the stage, with the work to be done by the County Music group.

**PARK: a)** The monthly playground inspection shows no hazards and the parks to be in good condition.

- b)** Perrault Construction should begin work on the Munger School Site garage roof this coming week.
- c)** The overhead doors at the Munger School Site garage are in need of repairs. Overhead Door was out to the garage and found the doors are beyond repair. The wood on the doors is rotting and parts of the hardware are missing. These doors are very old and have been repaired in the past. Overhead Door has given the Board a quote to replace two of the doors for \$4,700 or replace all three doors for \$6,700. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried to accept the quote from Overhead Door to replace all three of the overhead doors on the Munger School Site garage for the amount of \$6,700.
- d)** Fertilizing of the soccer fields did not get done this year, but the Board would like to have the fields aerated. Scott Pionk will do this for \$300. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to have Scott Pionk aerate the soccer field this fall for the amount of \$300.
- e)** Treasurer Moe mentioned that she saw horses on the Munger School Site soccer field. It appears that someone has been using the soccer field to ride horses. The Board discussed putting up a sign. No board action at this time.

**CEMETERY: a)** The gravesite decorations have been removed for this year.

**b)** Supervisor Gajewski completed a cemetery inspection along with the monthly playground inspection. No safety hazards were found.

**COMMITTEES: a)** The Halloween Carnival was a success with approximately \$1,000 in profit for the Special Events Committee.

**OLD BUSINESS: a)** The Recognition Dinner for the Fire Department was a success with about 60 attending. The cost to the Township was \$750.

**NEW BUSINESS: a)** The dollar amount of Aggregate Tax collected year to date is \$49,505.43. Chairperson Gajewski asked the other Board members if they feel there should be another audit. The last audit was completed in 2010. After discussion, the board decided to audit every five years unless they feel there is a need earlier. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried all in favor to have an Aggregate Tax audit every five years or sooner if needed. This will be done to make sure that all area gravel pits are in compliance with the Aggregate Tax law.

**b)** Veronica Childers mentioned that it took quite a long time to clean up after the Flamettes Halloween Dance. The Board decided to block out the Sunday after the dance for cleaning.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.