

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 was Supervisor Scott Welsh, Clerk Regena Merritt, Treasurer Cindy Moe, three concerned citizens. Supervisor Clare R. Stromlund was on vacation.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the November 13, 2012 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to accept the following Treasurer's report dated November 30, 2012.

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Beginning Balance	\$209,400.08	
Receipts	265.00	
Transfers	0.00	
Disbursements	\$-27,381.62	
Ending Balance	<u>\$177,283.46</u>	\$177,283.46

**Money Market**

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,414.79	
Interest/Deposits	\$8.89	
Withdrawals	\$00	
Ending Balance	<u>\$108,423.68</u>	\$108,423.68

**Total Accounts** **\$285,707.14**

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 11/26 St. Louis County Association of Townships – October meeting minutes. No board action.
- 11/27 University of Minnesota Extension – Notice of wood ash product from the Hibbard Steam Station in Duluth will be applied at 376 Canosia Rd.
- 11/28 Western Lake Superior Sanitary District – Notice of District-wide allocation. Solway Township's portion is \$1,481 for 2013.
- 12/1 St. Louis County Commissioners – Invitation to a reception at the St. Louis County Court House for Peg Sweeny.
- 12/3 U.S. Department of Commerce – Boundary Annexation Survey. The survey will be completed by the Town Clerk and returned to the Commerce Dept.
- 12/11 Red-D Electric – Quote to replace the existing defective exterior light fixtures on the Town Hall with 100 watt MH light fixtures at \$250 per fixture. To install an LED 56 watt fixture in place of the 100 watt fixture is \$325 per fixture. This will be discussed under Hall.

**OUTSTANDING BILLS:** The Treasurer has seven bills to be added to the "Outstanding Bills" list as follows: \$237 and \$257 to Minnesota Power for Town Hall and Fire Hall utilities  
 \$15,500 as final to Perrault Construction for new roof on Munger Site garage.  
 \$25.00 to Regena Merritt for cell phone reimbursement  
 \$25.00 to Scott Welsh for cell phone reimbursement  
 \$47.45 to Menards for new chains for the chainsaw  
 \$1,748 to Solway Fire Relief Association as reimbursement from the State of MN.  
 \$2,206 to Solway Fire Department for training from the State of MN.

MOTION by Gajewski, 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 \$40,129.69.

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

**ROAD: a)** Supervisor Gajewski reported that the loads of fill dumped in the Van Gassler Road turnaround has been cleared out.

**b)** John Childers replaced the power steering filter on the roadside mower. The filter was plugged and power steering fluid was leaking. This was last done in 1999.

**FIRE: a)** Randall Brothers will be at the Fire Hall on December 21<sup>st</sup> to check the water pressure gauge.

**b)** No word yet on the FEMA grants.

**c)** The Department will flood the ice rink as soon as weather permits.

Fire Chief Wayne Suliin reported six medical and three fire calls for November. The total calls to date are 79.

The Department is looking into annual fitness testing.

The Department Fire Marshall talked with the DNR about a "fire danger" sign. The DNR will give the sign to the Department and the Department will have to change the sign as the conditions require. The Department is thinking of putting this sign on Highway #2. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to allow the Solway Fire Department to put a fire condition sign on Township property.

**RECYCLING: a)** Jim Miller reported that more people are using the recycling facility.

**HALL: a)** Chairperson Gajewski reported that the Country Music group has made improvements to the storage behind the stage.

**b)** The Board has asked Pete Hildre for a quote to paint the town hall office. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to have Pete Hildre paint the town hall office and work on one cabinet for the amount of \$1,500.

**c)** The panic bar on the side door to the hall has been repaired by Minnesota Locksmith and is working well.

**d)** Rick Flesvig has an estimate to replace the defective exterior light fixtures on the town hall building. It will cost \$250 to replace the fixtures with 100 watt MH light fixtures. It will be an additional \$75 to replace the fixtures with 56 watt LED fixtures. The Board discussed the advantages of LED lights and decided to go with the LED type. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to have Red-D-Electric replace the exterior light fixtures that are broken at the town hall with 56 watt LED fixtures for a dollar amount of \$325, and to replace the remainder of the exterior fixtures as is necessary.

**e)** The "Solway Township" sign on the front of the town hall needs painting. This will be put on the April agenda.

**f)** The Clerk was asked by someone renting the hall if the Board will allow a bonfire and/or sleigh rides as part of the rental. Because of the liability involved with both of these activities, the Board will not allow any renters to have either. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to not allow bonfires, or sleigh rides during town hall rentals.

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

**b)** Overhead Door has ordered the garage doors and work to replace the existing doors should begin this coming week

**c)** Chairperson Gajewski reported that the garage roof at the Munger School Site is completed, but he does have one concern. By extending the chimney and funneling the 10-inch furnace discharge into the chimney with an 8-inch flu there could be a danger of carbon monoxide backing up into the garage building. A carbon monoxide alarm has been purchased and installed in the Munger Site garage as a safeguard.

**d)** Aerating of the soccer fields has been completed by Scott Pionk.

**e)** Chairperson Gajewski mentioned that the basketball court will need resurfacing and marking this spring. This will be discussed at the April Town Board Meeting.

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

**COMMITTEES: a)** The Special Events Committee will meet on Wednesday January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM at the town hall to plan for the Winter Fun Day. The Clerk will send out reminders to the committee members.

**OLD BUSINESS: a)** Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS: a)** Items for the newsletter were discussed.

**MOTION** by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.