

Solway Town Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2011

Chairperson Clare Stromlund 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 Ron Gajewski and Scott Welsh, Clerk Regena Merritt, Treasurer Cindy Moe, four concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried to approve the minutes as written from the November 9, 2011 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to approve the minutes as written from the November 9, 2011 re-convened Welsh Cartway Public Hearing. An agreement has been reached with all parties concerned and the Cartway has been established effective when payment of damages for affected property owners and costs the Town Board incurred are paid.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried to accept the following Treasurer's report dated November 30, 2011.

Checking 13565-13317

Beginning Balance	\$205,814.14	
Receipts	\$146.80	
Transfers	0.00	
Disbursements	\$-40,986.81	
Ending Balance	<u>\$164,974.13</u>	\$164,974.13

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,245.60	
Interest/Deposits	\$28.03	
Withdrawals	\$00	
Ending Balance	<u>\$108,273.63</u>	\$108,273.63

Total Accounts \$273,247.76

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

11/18 Representative Chip Cravaack - Request for a mobile office visit to Solway. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to invite Rep Cravaack's staff to Solway for a mobile office visit. The will clerk contact Rep Cravaack's North Branch office to make arrangements.

11/28 Minnesota Secretary of State - Election information for Town clerk. No board action.

11/30 MPCA - Public Notice regarding Solid Waste Facility located in the City of Cloquet. The named operator of the landfill is changing from Dem-Con Cloquet, LLC to Shamrock Environmental LLC. No board action.

11/30 Minnesota Association of Townships Agency – Insurance endorsement changes. The 1984 Chev pick-up from the DNR is no longer in use. No board action.

12/1 Wells Fargo Public Financing – Fire truck is paid in full and lien release has been received. No board action.

12/12 University of MN Extension - Application of wood ash to land at 4077 Leiste Rd. No board action.

12/13 Midway Ford – Advertisement. No board action.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

Treasurer Moe has additional bills as follows:

- St. Louis County Auditor in the amount of \$232.10 for sending tax notices.
- Duluth Superior Trophy in the amount of \$20 for the pavilion plaque.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh, and carried to pay all outstanding bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list and also the additional bills presented by the Town Treasurer.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: None

ROAD: a) & b) Supervisor Gajewski has been working on a road sign inventory and replacement policy to comply with state laws. He has taken an inventory of the Township road signs and compiled a written report. The clerk has a sample policy for review and replacement of road signs from the Minnesota Association of Townships. The Board reviewed the sample policy and made a few changes. The Clerk will have a revised policy and sign inventory ready for the January meeting.

c) Supervisor Gajewski reported that the two “curve” road signs on Heine Road are in bad shape. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to replace the “curve” road signs on the Heine Road.

FIRE: a) Jeff Nelson reported the Fire Department had 73 calls year-to-date that includes one mutual aid to Esko and a vehicle fire in Hermantown. A donated truck from Enbridge is still in the works. The DNR truck #7 is out of service and will be taken back to the DNR office in Willow River. Jeff also mentioned that there is a chance of getting a large capacity generator from the DNR. The board might be interested in obtaining one for the town hall. The department will try to get more information.

b) The Department has not heard on the FEMA grants.

c) The Board asked the Fire Department if they would be interested in flooding the skating rink. Jeff Nelson said he will bring it up at the Fire Department meeting.

RECYCLING: a) Nothing to report.

HALL: a) The board discussed replacing the stage carpeting as it is beginning to wear. This issue is tabled to January.

b) The door closures on the downstairs bathrooms have been removed to make the doors easier to open for handicapped individuals.

PARK: a) The Town property lines have been brushed.

b) The Board has a new sign for the pavilion.

c) The monthly playground inspection shows no hazards and that the parks are in good shape.

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

COMMITTEES: a) A Special Events Committee meeting is scheduled for Weds January 4th at 6:30PM to plan for the upcoming Winter Fun Day. The Clerk will send reminders to the committee members.

OLD BUSINESS: a) Payment was received today from Gregory and Eva Welsh for payment of damages to affected property owners and costs incurred by the township for establishment of their cartway on the end of the Jackson Road. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to send payment to affected property owners along with the proper paperwork for the Cartway.

NEW BUSINESS: a) The board has no new information regarding a resolution to bill railroad clean up costs in case of an accident.
b) The board discussed various items for the newsletter.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting after the Board completes signing checks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.