

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 Clare R. Stromlund and Supervisor Scott Welsh, Clerk Regena Merritt, Deputy Clerk Terri Jensen, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and five concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the November 10, 2015, Town Board Meeting.

MOTION made by Welsh seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the monthly Treasurer's report dated November 30, 2015.

**Checking:15631-15665**

Beginning Balance	<b>\$318,385.90</b>	
Receipts	467.65	
Disbursements	<u>\$-16,904.73</u>	
Ending Balance	<u>\$301,948.82</u>	<b>\$301,948.82</b>

**Money Market**

Beginning Balance	<b>\$ 108,683.00</b>	
Interest/Deposits	\$27.39	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	<u>\$108,710.39</u>	<b><u>\$108,683.00</u></b>

**Total Accounts** **\$410,659.21**

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:**

**11/18 St. Louis County Public Works Department** – Letter reminding the Clerk and the Town Board that any requests for work which are not already covered by an active “Road Maintenance Agreement” must be in writing.

**11/30 Straightline Surveying** – Letter announcing final phase of Ben Anderson’s acquisition of Norman Livgard company. No Board Action Taken.

**12/01 St. Louis County Planning and Community Development** – E-mail regarding 2016 Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Workshop being held December 17, 2015, 4:00 – 6:00 pm. No Board Action Taken.

**12/01 Attorney John Bray, Maki & Overom** – Copy of letter sent to Country Trucking & Excavating regarding the underreporting of the Aggregate Tax for the Second and Third Quarters of 2015. Clerk Merritt will be contacting Attorney John Bray regarding address change for Country Trucking & Excavating to resend the underreporting letter.

**12/01 Pine Journal/Northland Smart Shopper** – E-mail confirming the publication of the Notice of Filing for Township Election. No Board Action Taken.

**OUTSTANDING BILLS:** The Treasurer has additional bills to be added to the Outstanding Bills list as follows:

- Todd Signs for the purchase of (4) "Under Surveillance" signs in the amount of \$100.00
- Como Oil for the purchase of propane for the Fire Hall in the amount of \$541.65.

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 as presented by the Town Treasurer for a total amount of \$43,391.61.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS:** No citizens' requests or concerns at the time.

**ROAD: a)** Nothing further to report on the Kivi Cartway. Attorney John Bray will keep the Township updated regarding this situation.

**b)** All Supervisors feel Keith Anderson is doing a good job in keeping the parking lots clean of snow at the Town Hall and Fire Hall.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT: a)** Fire Chief Elect Nick Priolo reported there are have been 122 calls year-to-date (91 medical and 21 fire).

**b)** The Board reviewed the Contract for Fire Department Services and the Contract for Fire Hall Rental. MOTION by Chairperson Gajewski, seconded by Welsh to approve the Contract for Fire Protection and First Response Medical Care in the amount of \$40,000.00 and the Contract for Fire Hall Rental in the amount of \$1.00.

**c)** Fire Chief Elect Nick Priolo reported that Chris LaGraves resigned from the Department. As Assistant Chief, Jim Johnson will be filling the Fire Chief position until the first of the year and then Nick Priolo will be taking over. Fire Chief Elect Nick Priolo will be giving Clerk Merritt a list of the new officers for the Newsletter.

**d)** The prices regarding the brake line moisture removal repairs will be discussed during the Fire Department's Business Meeting. Fire Chief Elect Nick Priolo will bring this issue to the next Town Board Meeting.

**e)** Fire Department Member Nick Hite will be going before the St. Louis County Board in January regarding the permitting for pull-tabs at the Saginaw Station.

**f)** The Fire Department will start flooding the rink as soon as the weather permits.

**g)** Fire Chief Elect Nick Priolo reported one new recruit will be doing the agility test. There are currently 12 active members and 6 probationary individuals. Fire Chief Elect Nick Priolo let the Board know that it is a violation of the Fire Departments by-laws to have members that are only trained in medical or fire. Every Department Member must be trained in both medical and fire situations.

Fire Chief Elect Nick Priolo did mention several items of interest at the Board Meeting not on the agenda. He is checking into grants to help with the development of a reservoir site for refilling of tanks and to use older or unused railroad tanker cars to hold the water. Truck #1 is 25 years old and has 18,000 miles on it and the Department will be holding on to it. The Fire Department's Business Meetings are held every Third Thursday at 7:00 pm and the Board Members are welcome to attend. Supervisor Scott Welsh is the Board's Liaison with the Fire Department.

**RECYCLING: a)** Clerk Merritt will represent the Township at the upcoming meeting at the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District on December 10, 2015.

**HALL:** a) Leon Forstrom and Paul Dunaiski have completed cleaning the upholstery on the folding chairs.  
b) Leon Forstrom and Paul Dunaiski have completed the installation of the security signs and cameras.  
c) The motor has been replaced on the water heater. The nozzle did not need replacing.  
d) Leon Forstrom completed the caulking and the painting of the basement wall that was corefilled to repair the crack.

**PARK:** a) The monthly Township Properties Safety Inspection Report as completed by Chairperson Gajewski shows no hazards and the parks, fields and township grounds are found to be in good condition.  
b) Chairperson Gajewski spoke with Larry Shelton regarding the matching of monetary funds for and the possibility of working on the Witte Memorial Trail prior to snowfall this winter.

**CEMETERY:** a) Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEES:** a) Meeting reminder letters will be sent to the Special Event Committee regarding the planning of the January 30, 2016, Winter Fun Day.

**OLD BUSINESS:** a) The copy of the letter Attorney John Bray sent to Mike Rogalla was discussed under correspondence.  
b) Chairperson Gajewski is researching broadband capability for Solway Township and found the broadband carrier is Century Link. He will be contacting Commissioner Pete Stauber and Representative Mary Murphy to obtain information as he would like to have an individual come talk to township residents regarding broadband.

**NEW BUSINESS:** a) Clerk Merritt will start working on obtaining the necessary articles for the upcoming newsletter.

**MOTION** by Chairperson Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.