

**Solway Town Board Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2011**

Chairperson Scott Welsh 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 Clare R. Stromlund, Clerk Regena Merritt, Treasurer Cindy Moe, five concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried for Clare Stromlund to serve as Chairperson and Ron Gajewski serve as Vice-Chair for the coming year. Chairperson Stromlund served at Chairperson for the remainder of the meeting.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried to approve the minutes as written from the February 8, 2011 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to approve the minutes as written from the February 22, 2011 Town Board Budget Meeting.

MOTION by Welsh seconded by Gajewski and carried to accept the following Treasurer’s report dated February 28, 2011.

Checking 12834 - 12882		
Beginning Balance	\$367,665.90	
Receipts	\$815.00	
Transfers	0.00	
Disbursements	\$-71,338.63	
Ending Balance	\$297,142.27	\$297,142.27
Money Market		
Beginning Balance	\$18,119.60	
Interest/Deposits	\$3.22	
Withdrawals	00	
Ending Balance	\$18,122.82	\$18,122.82
Total Accounts		\$315,265.09

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to move the \$66,875.00 received from the Fire Department back into the Money Market account at M & I Bank. The township had paid for the new truck chassis with the agreement that the Fire Department would pay the money back upon receiving the FEMA Grant money.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to correct the deficit in the Fire Fund by moving dollars from the Aggregate Tax Fund for the beginning of 2011.

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:**

**2/17 Attorney Kimberly Maki** – Petition for a Cartway at the end of the Jackson Road from Gregory and Eva Welsh. The Town Board held a Special Board Meeting on March 10, 2011 to address the Cartway Petition.

**2/17 Minnesota Benefit Association** - Information on insurance programs offered to township officials.

**2/17 St. Louis County Assessor’s Department** - Tentative date for Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is April 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

**2/23 M & I Bank** – Informational letter regarding services available from M & I Bank. No board action.

**2/23 ST. Louis Planning Dept.** - Notice of Planning Commission public hearing to be held on March 10, 2011 to consider modification of a previous conditional use permit. The applicants are Brad Kolenda and David Cardinal owners of Rocky Run storage facility.

**2/28 St. Louis Planning Dept.** - Notice of Board of Adjustment Public Hearing to be held on March 15, 2011 to hear a variance request from David Cardinal and Brad Kolenda doing business as Rocky Run LLC.

**3/2 Minnesota Association of Townships Agency** – Endorsement for new fire truck.

**3/10 Attorney John Bray** – Copy of Summons and Complaint sent to Northland Materials for a disputed portion of Aggregate Tax.

**3/15 John Vigen** – Estimate for appraisal work on the Welsh Cartway. This amount will be included in the dollar amount required from Gregory and Eva Welsh before the cartway can proceed.

**OUTSTANDING BILLS:**

The Treasurer has the following bills in addition to those listed on the Claims List for Approval: Regena Merritt in the amount of \$ 147.25 for work as an election judge; additional amount of \$59.99 for the month of March, bringing the total Payment to Metro Sales \$131.48; Regena Merritt \$35.35 for mileage. There is a correction on the Outstanding Bills list for February. Payment to Al Mitchell should be \$99.00 not \$90.00. The check was made out for the correct amount.

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

**CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS:** None

**ROAD: a)** Supervisor Gajewski reported that he was contacted by Steve Tverberg from St. Louis County Public Works reporting water across the intersection of Jerry and Sandberg Roads. The County would steam out the culvert if the ends were dug out of the ice and snow. Jim Lindquist had his brother do this. The county then graded the accumulated ice off the road.

**b)** It was reported to the Board that the street light on the corner of Jeffrey and Maple Grove Roads is out.

**FIRE: a)** Jeff Nelson reported for the Fire Department that there has been 14 calls year-to-date. Calls since the last Town Board Meeting of February 8, 2011 include two car accidents; one lifting help; two medicals; one garage fire mutual aide. Jeff Nelson also reported that the Department has planned training for the new extrication equipment.

**b)** The Department will address charging for calls at the next business meeting.

**c)** Supervisor Gajewski mentioned that new “No Parking” signs are needed on the overhead door side of the fire hall. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to have Leon Forstrom pick up “No Parking” signs at Menards for the Fire Hall.

Jeff Nelson also mentioned that the grass fire season is coming up and the Flamettes Pancake Breakfast is taking place on April 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Fire Department Bingo will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**RECYCLING: a)** Supervisor Gajewski reported that a post on the south side of recycling dumpster is broken. Leon Forstrom will get another post to replace the broken one.

**HALL: a)** The Town Clerk reported that a new table has been delivered to replace the one that was damaged in transit.

**b)** Supervisor Gajewski reported that some of the town hall chairs have become soiled. Veronica Childers will pick up some upholstery cleaner and clean them.

**PARK: a)** The monthly playground inspection shows no hazards and that the parks are in good shape.

**b)** The skating rink is closed due to warm weather.

**CEMETERY: a)** The Board discussed the memorial at the cemetery in honor of William Peterson who donated land for part of the cemetery.

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

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**COMMITTEES:** a) The Special Events Committee will try to meet before school is out to plan the National Night Out.

**OLD BUSINESS:** a) Brad Kolenda and David Cardinal were approved for a Variance and Conditional Use for the Rocky Run Storage facility on Highway #2.

**NEW BUSINESS:** a) MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to hold monthly Town Board Meeting on the second Tuesday of the month unless there is a conflict and then the meeting date will be posted.

b) The Minnesota Association of Townships is holding a training seminar on April 1, 2011 at the Black Bear Convention Center in Carlton, MN. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried for Town Board members who are available to attend the training in Carlton on April 1<sup>st</sup>, do so at township expense.

c) The Town Clerk reported that Attorney Tim Strom might have a conflict with the Welsh Cartway matter. Mr. Strom mentioned the name of Attorney Jeff Westermann in Cloquet. Mr. Westermann has handled cartway issues in the past. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried that if Tim Strom does have a conflict with the Welsh Cartway matter, the Clerk and Supervisor Gajewski will research trying to find an attorney and to hire an attorney they feel appropriate and who will be available for the meeting dates that have been set.

The Clerk handed out the minutes from the March 10, 2011 Special Meeting regarding the Welsh Cartway Petition. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2011 Special Meeting dealing with the Welsh Cartway Petition.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting after the Board completes signing checks. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.