

The Solway Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Ron Gajewski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisor Scott Welsh, Clare Stromlund, Clerk Amy Johnson, Treasurer Cindy Moe and 7 concerned citizens.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to approve the rotation of Supervisor Welsh to the position of Chairperson and Supervisor Stromlund as Vice-Chair for the coming year. Supervisor Gajewski has been re-elected to the Supervisor position at the Township election. He had taken his new Oath of Office earlier in the day.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting of February 8, 2022 as presented.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report dated February 28, 2022.

Checking:18731-18769

Beginning Balance	\$425,353.70	
Receipts	\$19,352.34	
Disbursements	<u>\$-15,336.59</u>	
Ending Balance	\$429,369.45	\$429,369.45

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 109,334.48	
Interest/Deposits	\$8.83	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	\$109,343.31	<u>\$109,343.31</u>

Total Accounts **\$538,712.76**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

Phone Call- Received by Clerk Johnson and referred to Supervisor Welsh. Dave Nordeck called and asked how to get approved to start a gravel pit? Mr. Nordeck had talked to the County, and they told him he should get a letter of recommendation from the Town Board, Welsh stated that the board does not give letters of recommendation prior to receiving the application. Mr. Nordeck would first have to fill out an application with the County and then the County notifies the Township. The area that Mr. Nordeck wants to start a gravel pit is on the Sandberg Road past Rogalla's pit. Welsh referred Mr. Nordeck back to the County for any further questions.

1/28 CTC –High speed internet company looking to receive grant money. They are asking for letters of support from residents. If they are chosen, they would pay the matching funds to get high speed internet in the area outlined on the map. Looking at the map it looks like it is in the southern part of our township. {South of Hwy 2}

2/1 U.S. Officer List 2022-2023 – Update our list with the Minnesota Association of Townships. Autumn Marquardt will be taken off as Town Clerk and Amy Johnson will replace her.

2/10 LBAE - Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting will be held on April 28, 2022. This meeting will be held at the Solway Town Hall at 4:00 PM.

2/14 MN Department of Transportation – The Minnesota Department of Transportation had inquired if the Solway Township would be interested in paying for and maintaining the roundabout landscaping on Hwy 2/194. Motion by Gajewski and second by Stromlund and carried unanimously that Solway Township is not interested in the maintenance of the new roundabout.

2/18 Township Lobby Days – Thursday March 24, 2022, this will be held virtual.

2/22 Pit 56 – 4th quarter aggregate tax reporting form and payment received.

2/22 Planning & Community Development – Packet of information on CDBG and ESG Covid-19 funds that are available.

2/24 Lorilee Blais WLSSD – Lorilee from WLSSD stated in an email that we can purchase larger bags for our carts and under the grants “supplies stipend” this would be covered. Motion by Gajewski and seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to purchase from ULINE clear 96-gallon bags for the recycle carts.

3/01 MN Department of Revenue – Petroleum Tax License Renewals due. Solway Township does not have this tax.

3/01 Virginia Cooper – Virginia Cooper emailed asking about posting an article on our website. The board decided that they would like to see the article before any decision is made.

3/04 St. Louis County – The St. Louis County Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on Thursday April 14, 2022, at 9:00 AM, at the Government Services Center in Virginia, MN.

3/08 Norton – Norton Security Subscription was paid.

OUTGOING COORESPONDENCE

WLSSD – Recycling tracking forms.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: a) Treasurer Moe has 7 additional bills not listed on the outstanding bills list

- Quill in the amount of \$68.71 for paper.
- Como Oil in the amount of \$1,005.19 for the town hall.
- Great Plains Fire in the amount of \$4,557.26 for truck maintenance.
- Adam Ross for \$55.00 for skating rink flooding
- Kim Mullen for \$44.00 for skating rink flooding.
- Kyle Mullen for \$11.00 for skating rink flooding.
- Curtis Myers for \$11.00 for skating rink flooding.

MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to pay all bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills List and the additional bills presented by the Town Treasurer for a total amount of \$26,124.65

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Nothing to report.

ROAD: a) St. Louis County Sheriff has had some success locating the person responsible for the dumping on Sandberg Road. Leon Forstrom and Butch Lund cleaned up the site.

b) The Board needs to set a date for the road inspection. Chairperson Gajewski noted that traditionally the inspection is done on the last Friday of April. The board agreed to have the inspection on Friday April 29, 2022 from 8:00 to 12:00 PM.

c) Roadside mower brakes still need to be fixed. Chairperson Welsh suggested we touch base with GB Repair and see what the time line is to getting it fixed.

FIRE: a) Chief Priolo provided a Department report stating there has been a total of 33 calls YTD. 7 Fire, 25 Medical and 1 Vehicle Accident. 1 Fire was in Solway Township.

b) The air pressure system for the departments truck brakes is all finished and paid in the amount of \$7,300.00.

c) Skating rink is no longer being flooded due to weather.

d) Department membership is at 13 volunteers.

e) Outside lights have not been replaced. Chairperson Gajewski will contact Rick Flesvig.

f) Coon's Pit was not open or plowed when they had a structure fire on March 13,2022. Solway and Grand Lake have an agreement with Coon's to use the hydrant at the pit as a water source. Chief Priolo stated that the Fire Department has a key for the lock on the gate and there has never been any issues gaining access to the water hydrant in the past.

g) The clutch on Engine #4 needs to be repaired. This grass truck has a manual clutch that would cost \$1,300.00 to fix. Motion made by Gejewski and seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to agree to fix engine #4.

h) Pancake fundraiser is May 1, 2022 at the Solway Town Hall from 8:00 to 12:00

RECYCLING: a) Horst Blumerich will be in Germany April 13 to May 11. Loni Blumerich will be running the recycling in his absence.

b) The bags that were dropped off at the recycling shed for the plastic film carts are too small. Ninety-six gallon container bags can be purchased through Uline. The cost of the container bags can be billed to WLSSD. Motion was made by Gejewski second by Welsh and carried unanimously to purchase the bags.

HALL: a) The floors in the town hall need to be refinished. The previous refinishing was done by Dunbars. Deputy/Clerk Johnson has reached out to Scott Dunbar but has not talked with him yet.

b) Kim Kuehl reported that the hall was not left properly cleaned after the Proctor Softball used it. The kitchen floor was extremely dirty, and it didn't look like the floors were cleaned. The question was brought up on should the person that rents get their money back or should the Township keep it to cover the extra cleaning cost. They are considered a community rental so they don't put down any damage deposit. The board discussed the issues and came up with talking to the P.O.C. on the matter and let them know things have to be taken care of better in the future. Leon Forstrom stated that it was the same weekend Kim had called him and said the lights were left on and the door was open.

c) Air Exchange/Air Conditioning; Chairperson Gajewski has an appointment with Coldwell and Randell Brothers to come and look at the Town Hall and see what we would need and what it would entail. Deputy/Clerk Johnson will check with the MN Association of Townships to see what the amount is to require sealed bids. Treasure Moe looked on the website and it stated up to \$175,000.00 before the Township is required to have sealed bids.

PARK a) Chairperson Gajewski completed the monthly Township Properties Safety Inspection Report and stated that there are no safety issues with the park and properties.

b) One repair needs to be done on the little Playground. A "S" hook needs to be reattached to the swing.

c) Utility Trailer is here and Leon Forstrom will look into getting it registered.

CEMETERY: a) No changes in the Cemetery regulations were made at the Annual Meeting on March 8, 2022.

COMMITTEES: a) The Special Events Committees had a Winter Fund Day on Sunday March 6, 2022. There was a good turnout and the weather was a little warmer. Many stated that they liked having the Winter Fun Day on a Sunday instead of Saturday. Also, the weather is a little warmer if it is later in the Winter. The only drawback to having it a little later is no skating. The Special Events committee will meet sometime this summer and discuss future planning.

OLD BUSINESS: a) Clerk update: Gena Merritt is willing to come back and help in the office. She will be able to help starting in April. Another person that said they would be willing to help in the office was Tammy McGregger. She has worked with the St. Louis County and has lots of experience.

b) Treasure Moe said that she should be seeing Steve Lacari soon and will ask him about an Aggregate Audit for the Township.

c) There were no issues during the election.

d) The new utility trailer has arrived and this was discussed under Parks.

e) Chairperson Gajewski was re-elected at the Solway Township Election that took place on March 8, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS: a) Newsletter is being put together this week.

b) Butch Lund brought up that not all Solway residents get the newsletter. Chairperson Gajewski told him to give us the name and address of the residents and we will get one mailed out to them. The goal is for every resident in the Township to receive a newsletter. Our publisher The Proctor Journal mails them out to all the mailing addresses/current residents in the Township. If someone is not getting one we would like to know and pass the information on the Proctor Journal to update the mailing list.

c) During National Night Out we could have a master's list and have residents make sure they are on the list and if not have them write their info on a sign-up sheet for the newsletter.

d) Solway/Munger Facebook info will be put into the newsletter so any residence can check there for information going on in the community and also post information.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting with the signing of checks. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM