

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

MOTION made by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the March 20, 2012 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to accept the following Treasurer's report dated March 31, 2012.

**Checking 13455 - 13504**

Beginning Balance	\$262,109.48	
Receipts	\$530.00	
Transfers	0.00	
Disbursements	\$-22,155.54	
Ending Balance	<u>\$240,483.94</u>	\$240,483.94

**Money Market**

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,314.22	
Interest/Deposits	\$00	
Withdrawals	\$00	
Ending Balance	<u>\$108,314.22</u>	\$108,314.22

Total Accounts \$348,798.16

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:**

**3/30 Cloquet Interiors** - Stage carpeting quote to be discussed under hall.

**4/2 Cloquet Interiors** - Bathroom tile quote to be discussed under hall.

**4/2 Wells Fargo Public Financing** - Request for financial statements. The Clerk will send the statements to Wells Fargo.

**4/4 Lake Country Power** - Notice of Annual Meeting. No Board action.

**4/4 Proctor Chem-Free Grad Committee** - Thank you for donation that was approved by the Electorate at the Annual Meeting.

**4/6 Minnesota Help Info** - Request for information regarding township programs. The Clerk will fill out the forms and return them.

**OUTSTANDING BILLS:** MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski, and carried to pay all outstanding bills as presented by the Treasurer in the amount of \$8,981.07. This includes check numbers 13505 – 13530.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS:** a) The Clerk has a renewal request for the Munger Tavern and Grill liquor license. The Town Board has not received any complaints or concerns regarding the Munger Tavern. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to approve renewal of the liquor license for the Munger Tavern and Grill.

**ROAD:** a) Jim Lindquist reported that there is garbage on the Hanson and Bergquist Roads. Leon Forstrom will pick up the garbage and take to WLSSD Rice Lake landfill.

**b)** Chairperson Gajewski mentioned the hall parking lot might need crack filling. The Board will look at the hall parking lot and also the cemetery on the Annual Road Inspection scheduled April 19, 2012.

**FIRE: a)** The Silverado pick-up truck needs approximately \$40,000 in work to make it into a grass fire fighting rig. This includes NFPA compliant lettering and lighting; body work and painting; custom made tank and pump unit; and all NFPA safety equipment. The Board discussed splitting the job and giving it to different shops, but it would not save much money and would also take longer as the firefighters would have to transport the truck to the different shops. With the grassfire season near, the Board would like to get this work done as soon as possible. The Department has estimates from Stainless and Repair. The Town Board and the Fire Department were very happy with the work done by Stainless and Repair in the past. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to have Stainless and Repair complete the work needed on the Silverado pick-up truck.

**b)** Firefighter Jeff Nelson reported that there are several firefighters interested in helping with the 5K on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**c)** Firefighter Nelson reported 24 calls year-to-date most of them medical. DNR training will be at the town hall tomorrow night. There are presently burning restrictions of no bonfires. The Department has three new member applications. The Bingo was very well attended as usual.

**RECYCLING: a)** There might be a need for Saturday and Wednesday coverage at the Recycling Shed as Jim Miller could be on funeral leave. John Childers has been contacted and he will fill in as needed.

**HALL: a)** There is a quote from Cloquet Interiors for tile on the upstairs bathroom floor and walls. This includes the tile, grout and thinset; supplies; cement board underlayment and wallboard; removal and disposal of old flooring and wallboard; and to reset toilet. The estimate is \$859.00 for the floor and \$2,415.00 for the walls. The board would also like to move the light switch for the corner lights on the ceiling of the main part of the hall out of the bathroom. Red-D-Electric estimates this will cost \$400. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to accept the bid from Cloquet Interior in the amount of \$3,274.00 for installation of ceramic/porcelain tile on the floor and walls of the upstairs bathroom at the town hall for a total of up to \$4000 including \$400 to move the ceiling light switch from the bathroom. Supervisor Stromlund mentioned to let Gena, Ron and Leon decide on the tile color when Cloquet Interiors brings samples. The Board would then not have to wait for another meeting to decide on color.

**b)** There is a quote from Cloquet Interiors to replace the stage carpeting in the amount of \$1,211.00. Chairperson Gajewski explained that this is a 22 pound snag resistant commercial grade carpet. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to accept the quote from Cloquet Interiors in the amount of \$1,211 for new stage carpeting at the town hall.

**c)** New window blinds have been installed at the town hall. Four more are needed for the kitchen and stairwell. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to purchase four more window blinds for the town hall.

**d)** The Harbor Squares Dancers have requested to use the hall every Thursday evening in the months of June July and August, and the third Sunday of the month September through May. The group will be out by 5:00PM on Sundays. They have used the hall this past year with no problems. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to allow the Harbor squares Dancers use of the town hall for the coming year.

**PARK: a)** The Munger Site field will be open soon and we need to have a biffie delivered. MOTION, by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to have a biffie at the Munger Site Field. The Clerk will contact Portable John.

**b)** Soccer nets have been purchased and delivered for the town hall site field.

**c)** Cookie Saline will do the fields scheduling again this year.

**d)** The monthly playground inspection shows no hazards and that the parks are in good shape. Leon Forstrom will use the lawn tractor to level the pea rock on the playgrounds.

**CEMETERY:** a) Supervisor Gajewski completed a cemetery inspection along with the monthly playground inspection. No safety hazards were found.  
b) Cemetery improvements have not been started, but will begin as soon as the weather permits.  
c) There are some headstones at the cemetery that need to be lifted and straightened. It was mentioned to the Board the DNR has Sentenced to Serve people that will do cemetery work. The Clerk will contact the DNR for more information.

**COMMITTEES:** a) In agreement with suggestions made by the electorate, the board would like to try a National Night Out. The date this year is August 7<sup>th</sup>. A Special Events Committee meeting will need to be scheduled to see if there is enough support for the event. The Board asked the Clerk to contact the Sheriff's Department to see if a Deputy can attend.

**OLD BUSINESS:** a) Nothing to be addressed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** a) The Board usually reviews wages each year. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried that there be no increase in wages for the Town Board. The Board would like to review the employee wages at the next meeting. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried to table the discussion of employee wages until the May meeting.

b) The St. Louis County Association of Township Officers is holding their Annual meeting and Banquet April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried that whoever would like to attend the County Association Annual Meeting and Banquet are allowed to do so at township expense including a guest.

c) Chairperson Gajewski reported from the congressional meeting he attended with the National Association of Townships. They had scheduled meetings with the legislators and the National Association of Townships lobbyist the Ferguson Group. One of the issues discussed was the sign replacement mandate. As of Jan 1, 2013 sign posts must be replaced with three pound posts that will break off in case of an accident. NAtaT would like the law to read "replace as needed". Funding of the Rural Development in the next farm bill was also discussed. Another issue is the financial incentives for volunteer first responders. This has been in effect, but expired in December 2010.

Chairperson Gajewski felt they were very worthwhile meetings. Supervisor Stromlund asked if Minnesota Association of Townships has reimbursed him for his expenses and Chairperson Gajewski replied that yes they had.

MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.