

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 Supervisors Scott Welsh and Clare R. Stromlund, Clerk Regena Merritt, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and eight concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting of March 20, 2018.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the monthly Treasurer's report dated March 31, 2018.

**Checking: 16845-16895**

Beginning Balance	\$362,543.22	
Receipts	585.00	
Disbursements	\$-45,399.77	
Ending Balance	<u>\$317,728.45</u>	<b>\$317,728.45</b>

**Money Market**

Beginning Balance	<b>\$ 108,963.04</b>	
Interest/Deposits	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	<u>\$108,963.84</u>	<b><u>\$108,963.84</u></b>

**Total Accounts \$426,962.29**

**4/2 Dena Vendetti/ Arrowhead Library System** - Letter via email notifying Township of Statewide author contest.

**4/4 Karen Anderson / WLSSD** - Request for support of Western Lake Superior Sanitary District's bonding request to the State of Minnesota for funding assistance for one-half the cost to purchase and install generators to produce electricity and heat at their regional wastewater treatment plant, using methane-rich biogas produced during wastewater treatment. Ms. Anderson's email contains a sample resolution for the Town Board to send to legislators. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 115 as follows:

Solway Township Resolution 115  
 SUPPORTING H.F. 925, S.F. 876  
 WLSSD BONDING REQUEST

WHEREAS, The Town of Solway located in St. Louis County, State of Minnesota, desires to maintain services throughout the community; and,  
 WHEREAS, Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) serves the Cloquet, Proctor, Duluth, Hermantown and Solway Township area in the treatment of wastewater; and,  
 WHEREAS, WLSSD is requesting \$5.28 million to purchase generators to generate electricity from the treatment of wastewater; and,  
 WHEREAS, the generators and the creation of electricity will have environmental benefits and help stabilize treatment rates for Solway Township and the area; and,  
 WHEREAS, the improvements will contribute to meeting renewable energy goals for WLSSD and the area; and,  
 WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced through the introduction of H.F. 925, S.F. 876 to help meet these goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Town of Solway Board of Supervisors does hereby support the legislation as introduced under H.F. 925, S.F. 876 to assist WLSSD in meeting their goals for the entire area.

Upon vote taken thereon, the following voted:

For: Supervisor Scott Welsh, Supervisor Clare R. Stromlund and Chairperson Ron Gajewski.

Against: None

**4/5 Phil Liupakka/ Munger Tavern** - Report of Town Clerk for Liquor License renewal. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to recommend renewal of the Munger Tavern Liquor License and to send the report of the Town Clerk to St. Louis County.

**4/6 Bradley Anderson/ Minnesota Secretary of State Office** - Voting grant equipment expenditure reporting form. Form to be filled out after the grant has been expended.

**4/9 Jim Lindquist, Kivi Aggregate, Shelton Excavating, Gobel Aggregate, Coon's Aggregate** – Aggregate Tax forms and payment from Coon's Aggregate.

**OUTSTANDING BILLS:** a) Treasurer Moe has additions to the Outstanding Bills List:

- Metro Sales for copy machine rent in the amount of \$97.36
- Proctor Journal for printing and mailing the Township Newsletter in the amount of \$470.03
- \$6,505.66 to St. Louis County Public Works for first half of snowplowing.
- \$3,500.58 to Caldwell plumbing for gas hook up for the Fire Hall generator.
- St. Louis County Election Division for \$318.40 to program voting equipment for March election.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to pay all outstanding bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list as presented by the Town Treasurer and additional bills listed for a total amount of \$18,817.39.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERN:** a) The Report of Town Clerk for the Munger Tavern liquor license was discussed under correspondence.

**ROAD:** a) The annual township road inspection is set for 8:00 AM to noon on Friday April 27th  
b) Chairperson Gajewski asked if the Supervisors thought there should be crack filling done on the black top areas. Supervisor Welsh feels the Board should wait and watch the areas to see if the cracks get worse before deciding.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** a) Fire Chief Nick Priolo reported a total of 26 calls year-to-date: 16 medical, 7 fires and 3 vehicle accidents.

b) The Solway Fire Department members along with other area fire departments will be hosting and attending a school shooting incident training.

c) There is a 5 K the same day as the school shooting training, so the Solway Fire Department will not have EMT's at the 5K at St. Raphael's church.

d) Chief Priolo reported that truck #1 has passed the pump testing. Trucks #6 and #2 need some additional work and have failed pump testing. Trucks #2 and #6 also need new rear springs. The work on the springs cannot be done at the hall so trucks would need to be taken

to EAM in Lino Lakes, MN. Chief Priolo would like to get an estimate from Many International in Duluth to see if it would be cheaper to get the work on the springs done locally. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to have EAM complete work on trucks #1, #2, and #6 as listed on their estimate in the amount of \$4,267.52. This does not include work that needs to be done on truck #2 and #6 springs. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to have Chief Nick Priolo get an estimate to have the spring work on truck #2 and #6 done locally.

**e)** The Department still needs more funds for the cascade rehab trailer. Donations are coming in.

**f)** The Board discussed using the Fire Hall for a shelter in a power outage. The Fire Hall has a generator that will supply power to the building if there is an outage. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to add an addendum to the Fire Hall rental contract allowing for its use by Township residents in a power outage. Chief Priolo will take addendum to the Department's business meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> to sign and return to the Board for their signature.

**RECYCLING:** **a)** It was put in the Township newsletter that the Recycling shed is open Saturday 7:00AM to noon and on Wednesday 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

**HALL:** **a)** Chairperson Gajewski explained that the issue with the handicapped door opener downstairs has been fixed. New handrails made from the same material as the new ramp balusters are on order.

**b)** The new hall rental contract with the updated damage deposit for alcohol parties of \$600 and the charge to renters for any additional cleaning needed by Township personnel at the rate of \$100 per hour is not yet completed.

**c)** New area rugs for the town hall are on order.

**d)** The Board had previously discussed to redo the front and side entrance porches to match the handicapped ramp. There is a proposal from Perrault's Construction in the amount of \$19,100. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to have Perrault's Construction rebuild the framing, decking, and handrails on the front and side porches with the same materials as the handicapped ramp. Supervisor Stromlund mentioned the hand rail on the front porch should continue past the end of the stairs closer to the front door. The Board agreed this is a good idea.

**e)** Chairperson Gajewski reported that Miller's roofing checked out the roof above the stage and found no leak. They feel a snowstorm caused the vent to freeze and allow snow inside that then melted. Miller's roofing advised us to watch during the next rainstorm to make sure there is no leak.

**PARK:** **a)** Chairperson Gajewski contacted Lowell Harnell from Proctor School home building class to see if they would be interested in helping construct a new warming shed on Township property. Mr. Harnell said his one hour class is not long enough time for students to travel to the Town site and get any work done. He said if interested he could possibly get a volunteer crew to put in a concrete slab this summer. The Board concluded it wouldn't pursue this any further.

**b)** Chairperson Gajewski reported he spoke with Steven Nelson from CDBG and was told that our employees can install park ADA equipment purchased with grant monies at the regular hourly rate and that wage amounts would be considered the Township's contribution for the grant. The Board looked at different types of playground equipment and agreed not to purchase the "spin me" as it would need a pad or some sort of base to be installed upon. The

Board will needs at least two quotes. The Board will discuss this again at the May Board meeting.

**c)** The monthly Township Properties Safety Inspection Report completed by Supervisor Ron Gajewski shows no hazards and the parks, fields and township grounds are found to be in good condition.

**CEMETERY: a).** At the Annual Meeting it was mentioned that some of the monuments at the cemetery are too big. Chairperson Gajewski reviewed the monuments sizes at the cemetery and has suggested sizes to adopt into our cemetery regulations. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to adopt the following maximum sizes for monuments to our cemetery regulations: companion gravesite, base 48" wide – tablet 24" high for total 30" above ground. Single gravesite, base 36" wide- tablet 24" high for total 30" above ground.

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

**OLD BUSINESS: a)** Chairperson reported that he attended Lobby Day at the state capitol. The group from St. Louis County met with many of the legislators and discussed the broadband issue along with other Township concerns.

**b)** Chairperson Gajewski mentioned that at the Minnesota Association Short Course in Duluth he learned that there are different types of appraisals that the Board needs to be aware of in case a resident brings one to the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting. Also that there should be a signed waiver of liability for all volunteers helping at the Township. He also learned that the Township should have a more specific roadwork contract with Jim Lindquist for his services. There is an example of one on the Minnesota Association of Townships website that the Clerk will print out to use as a starting point.

At the County Association of Townships meeting the Board learned that St. Louis County is updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and are willing to come out to the Townships to discuss how this will affect local Planning and Zoning.

**NEW BUSINESS: a)** Clerk Merritt announced that she has appointed Paulette Barnard as Deputy Clerk.

**b)** The Board has not yet hired a maintenance person.

**c)** Chairperson Gajewski mentioned that Perrault's Construction did a business commercial at the Town Hall.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.