

The Solway Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Solway Town Hall by Chairperson Clare R. Stromlund, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisors Ron Gajewski and Scott Welsh, Clerk Regena Merritt, Treasurer Cindy Moe, Deputy Clerk Terri Jensen and five concerned citizens.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting of March 21, 2017.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to accept the monthly Treasurer's report dated March 31, 2017.

Checking:16340-16393

Beginning Balance	\$428,659.87	
Receipts	405.00	
Disbursements	<u>\$-18,305.06</u>	
Ending Balance	\$410,759.81	\$410,759.81

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,846.58	
Interest/Deposits	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	\$108,846.58	<u>\$108,846.58</u>

Total Accounts

\$519,606.39

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

03/14 Minnesota Department of Health Environmental Laboratory – Water analysis for wells 1 and 2 at township. No board action taken.

03/27 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Notice of intent to issue a permit for solid waste regarding tire aggregate. No board action taken.

03/27 Lori Johnson, Assistant to Proctor HS Superintendent – Email explaining accepting \$50,000.00 referendum money. Clerk Merritt will check into possible resolution for accepting this gift. Tabled until May's Board Meeting.

03/29 Kiminski Paving, Inc. – Estimate for pipe and installation of dry hydrant. Discussed under Fire Department.

04/06 Minnesota Association of Townships Legal Short Course, April 20, 2017 – MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously that any board member wanting to attend the legal short course in Otsego, Minnesota, may do so at township expense.

04/06 Proctor High School Board – Email school board agenda for April 10, 2017. No board action taken.

04/10 Minnesota Association of Townships Attorney Troy Gilchrist – Email from November/December 2009 Minnesota Cities regarding musical performances and licensing. After some discussion, the Board felt we are in compliance. No Board action taken.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: a) The Treasurer has additional bills to be added to the Outstanding Bills List as follows:

- Supervisor Ron Gajewski in the amount of \$32.49 for reimbursement allowances.

- Midway Sewer in the amount of \$200.00 for pumping out the fire hall cistern.
- Noxem Computers in the amount of \$210.00 for internet connection diagnostic and repair at the fire hall.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to pay all outstanding bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list and additions as presented by the Town Treasurer for a total amount of \$12,855.47.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERN: a) MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to renew the Munger Tavern Liquor License.

b) Clerk Merritt received call from a resident requesting to use the basketball/tennis court as a dog park. The resident would clean the area after each use. Supervisor Gajewski said this area is used at National Night Out for the dog show but it's intended use is for basketball/tennis. Even if feces are picked up, urine could cause courts to be soiled and smell. Supervisor Welsh said the basketball/tennis court is meant for that usage and nothing else. The board agreed with Supervisor Welsh's comment and requested Clerk Merritt to contact the resident regarding the board's decision.

ROAD: a) Jake Demenge let Supervisor Gajewski know calcium chloride would be \$1.00 a gallon and also inquired if we have any other work this year.

b) MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to return the remainder of the funds from the Swanson Cartway to Jack Swanson in the amount of \$191.43.

c) Ordering of the culvert for the VanGassler Road-White Pine River will be looked at after the April 28, 2017 Road Inspection.

d) Ruth Dourn called requesting the dead end of Wargin Road be repaired from snowplow damages this winter. The board asked Deputy Clerk Jensen contact the resident saying this damage would be looked at during the road inspection.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: a) A total of 32 calls year-to-date:11 medical, 17 fires (all but one are mutual aids) and 4 vehicle accidents.

b) Several fire department members are approved to start installing smoke alarms when residents start requesting them.

c) MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to order the pipe and go ahead with the installation of the dry hydrant. The Township's match to the grant will be \$4,000.

d) MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh to have Carlson Duluth fix the circulating pump and clean the furnace. Supervisor Welsh also requested Carlson Duluth present the board with the cost of a new boiler.

RECYCLING: a) None

HALL: a) Chris Ellian contacted three individuals; two of the three would not give a price until the floor is seen, and the third individual was Scott Dunbar from Duluth and gave a price of \$12,000.00.

b) Clerk Merritt reported the maintenance individual from Grand Lake Township is not interested in cleaning the hall. Canosia Township uses Pinewood in Cloquet. Trillium is not interested due to having to come in on Sunday. Clerk Merritt felt the main issue is coming in

on Sunday to clean. The board requested Clerk Merritt try a job service such as Merry Maids or Manpower.

PARK: a) 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.

b) Supervisor Gajewski gave Leon Forstrom a to-do-list.

c) The Witte Memorial Trail benches will be sprayed with a wood sealant and put on the trail as soon as the weather warms up.

d) Supervisor Gajewski brought up the possible use of the soccer fields for lacrosse games. The board asked Deputy Clerk Jensen if any calls had been received regarding use of the fields for this, and none had been received. This issue has been tabled until a request has been received.

CEMETERY: a) MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to obtain an estimate from Lakeview Masonry. Supervisor Gajewski will have this for the May Board Meeting.

b) MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to spend up to \$300.00 to replace the solar powered light on the flag pole at the cemetery.

COMMITTEES: a) None

OLD BUSINESS: a) The internet survey is not live yet on the township website. Clerk Merritt is still waiting until the survey is mailed to residents before activating it on the website.

NEW BUSINESS: a) The Town Board is required to adopt the following resolutions in order to do work other than Supervisor duties. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #103 as follows:

Solway Township Resolution #103
Resolution Authorizing Contract
With Interested Officer Under
Minn. Stat. 471.88, subd.5

Whereas, Town Board of Solway Township, St. Louis County, Minnesota is seeking the performance or acquisition of the following service or goods: General hall and grounds repair and maintenance, election judge.

Whereas, Clare Stromlund is a supervisor of said Township and will be financially interested in the contract for the following described reason: He is directly providing the service as an employee of the Township.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that the Town Board, upon a unanimous vote of the supervisors with the interested officer abstaining, finds that the contract price per hour is as low as, or lower than, the price at which the services or goods could be obtained elsewhere at this time; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Town Board, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 365.37; 471.88, subd.5; and 471.89, does hereby authorize a contract with Clare Stromlund for a price per hour;

payment to occur on the contract as agreed and upon the filing of a proper affidavit by the interested officer.

Supervisor Welsh moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Ronald Gajewski, and declared adopted on the 11th day of April 2017 upon the following votes: Yeas – Ronald Gajewski, and Scott Welsh. Nays – none. Supervisor Clare Stromlund abstained. Absent – none.

Adopted this 11th day of April 2017.

b) MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #104 as follows:

Solway Township Resolution #104
Resolution Authorizing Contract
With Interested Officer Under
Minn. Stat. 471.88, subd.5

Whereas, Town Board of Solway Township, St. Louis County, Minnesota is seeking the performance or acquisition of the following service or goods: General hall and grounds repair and maintenance, election judge.

Whereas, Scott Welsh is a supervisor of said Township and will be financially interested in the contract for the following described reason: He is directly providing the service as an employee of the Township.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that the Town Board, upon a unanimous vote of the supervisors with the interested officer abstaining, finds that the contract price per hour is as low as, or lower than, the price at which the services or goods could be obtained elsewhere at this time; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Town Board, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 365.37; 471.88, subd.5; and 471.89, does hereby authorize a contract with Scott Welsh for a price per hour; payment to occur on the contract as agreed and upon the filing of a proper affidavit by the interested officer.

Supervisor Gajewski moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Stromlund, and declared adopted on the 11th day of April, 2017 upon the following votes: Yeas – Clare R. Stromlund, and Ronald Gajewski. Nays – none. Supervisor Scott Welsh abstained. Absent – none.

Adopted this 11th day of April, 2017.

c) MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #105 as follows:

Solway Township Resolution #105
Resolution Authorizing Contract
With Interested Officer Under
Minn. Stat. 471.88, subd.5

Whereas, Town Board of Solway Township, St. Louis County, Minnesota is seeking the performance or acquisition of the following service or goods: General hall and grounds repair and maintenance, election judge.

Whereas, Ronald Gajewski is a supervisor of said Township and will be financially interested in the contract for the following described reason: He is directly providing the service as an employee of the Township.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that the Town Board, upon a unanimous vote of the supervisors with the interested officer abstaining, finds that the contract price per hour is as low as, or lower than, the price at which the services or goods could be obtained elsewhere at this time; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Town Board, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 365.37; 471.88, subd.5; and 471.89, does hereby authorize a contract with Ronald Gajewski for a price per hour; payment to occur on the contract as agreed and upon the filing of a proper affidavit by the interested officer.

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Adopted this 11th day of April, 2017.

d) Supervisor Gajewski reported that the township will receive a worker's compensation dividend sometime in July.

e) MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to increase the bond coverage from \$100,000.00 to \$500,000.00 a year for the treasurer and clerk.

f) MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously for Jim Lindquist to obtain estimates for barricades or road closure signs for the May Board Meeting.

MOTION by Chairperson Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.