

The Solway Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Scott Welsh, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisor Clare Stromlund, Ron Gajewski, Clerk Amy Johnson, Treasurer Cindy Moe and 8 concerned citizens.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting of March 15, 2022 as presented.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report dated March 31, 2022.

Checking:18818-18861

Beginning Balance	\$403,495.05	
Receipts	\$1,566.12	
Disbursements	<u>\$-20,348.62</u>	
Ending Balance	\$384,712.55	\$384,712.55

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 109,343.31	
Interest/Deposits	\$4.64	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	\$109,347.95	<u>\$109,347.95</u>

Total Accounts **\$494,060.50**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

3/18 MN DOT-Municipal Mapping Report: Township Road Status Report to be updated. Chairperson Ron Gajewski added Strom Road and returned report to MN DOT.

3/22 US Census Bureau Survey of Public Employment & Payroll – Survey is not required by the Census Bureau. The Board is not interested in doing this survey.

3/24 Ed Carter - Article on How to Run a Thriving Business as the World Transitions Out of the Pandemic. Ed Carter wants to post his article in the Township Newsletter. The board looked over the article and discussed that maybe the website would be a better place to post the article.

Motion by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to add the article to the website for 60 days.

3/27 Mike Letica - Email was sent to the Township about interest in doing our Township lawn care. The Board discussed that we already have our own Township personnel, but should keep his name on file.

3/29 St. Louis County Public Works Department of Transportation - Proposed intersection improvement project at the intersection of US Highway 2 and Munger Shaw Road scheduled for construction in 2024. No Board action.

3/29 Lake Country Power – Notice of Annual Meeting to be held on April 20, 2022 in Cohasset MN. No Board action.

4/1 US Dept. of Treasury- Covid State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds report portal now available. Recipients are required to report data for period of March 3, 2021, to March 31, 2022. Treasurer Moe completed this report.

MN Department of Revenue – Information sent to Township about Auto Theft Prevention which does not pertain to us.

Clark Garthwait – Boys Scouts of America wants to use our Township buildings and grounds for an outdoor Day Camp on July 8th and 9th. The boy scouts will be from the surrounding area. In case of bad weather, the Town Hall will also be reserved for those dates. They will use the outside fields for Archery, BB Gun Range and use of the trails for their Wild Wild West theme. The Township will not be charging the group for the use of the facility but will require that they have their own insurance to cover them during the Day Camp. **Motion by Chairperson Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried to allow the Boy Scouts to use the Township Facilities for the Day Camp on July 8th and 9th 2022.** Chairperson Gajewski abstained as his daughter is one of the scout leaders,

4/5 Portable John – Letter received that the prices will be increasing in April.

4/12 Mary Cich – MS Ride Across Minnesota wants to use the Solway Town Hall grounds for their first stop on their bike across MN. They will provide pop up tents and tables, a bike mechanic and a medical person. The first riders will arrive some time after 8:00 a.m. and the stop should be done by 10:00 a.m. It is estimated that 400 riders will participate in this event. **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Stomlund and carried unanimously to allow the MS Bike Across MN to use our Township grounds for a stop. The group will provide their own porta potties for the event.**

4/12 Town Clerk Training – Minnesota Association of Townships will be holding some training for Clerks on May 13th in Duluth. **Motion by Gajewski Seconded by Stomlund and carried unanimously to have the Township Clerk go to this training.**

4/12 Jim Lundquist – Thank you note to Butch and the Citizens of Solway for nominating him for Citizen of the year.

OUTGOING COORESPONDENCE

WLSSD – Recycling tracking forms- 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/2, 4/6, 4/9.

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

- Lenard Lund \$25 reimbursement for cell phone.

MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski 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 \$20,348.62

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Rick Johnston spoke regarding the plan for a roundabout at Hwy 2 and 194. He requested that there would be a No Jake Brake sign. Mr. Johnston spoke with the state engineer and was told there needs to be an ordinance to put a sign up. Solway doesn't have an ordinance, so he was directed to contact St. Louis County.

ROAD: a) Bob Rodda contacted Ron Gajewski and said he may not ride along during the Road Inspection. Chairperson Gajewski stated that Mr.Rodda is raising his rates to \$116 per hour for the regular grader, \$126 per hour for the large grader and \$10 more per hour for the backhoe. Last year we used less gravel on our roads. Butch Lund stated that Mr. Rodda is doing an excellent job on grading our roads.

- b) The roadside mower is scheduled to get repaired while the road limits are on. GB Repair will be doing the repair.
- c) Ron Gajewski reported that he called Canadian National Railroad again to let them know there are still road signs left on the Jeffery Road from construction on the railroad crossing.
- d) The new culvert on the east side of the Jeffery Road is frozen and there is water on the east side of the road.
- e) Chairperson Gajewski stated the curve on the Sandberg/Jerry Road is in good shape.
- b) Chairperson Gajewski mentioned that Woodgate Road is in bad condition due to the frost not being out.

FIRE: a) There was an issue with the Fire Department not having access to water at the Coon's Pit owned by Hawkinson Construction in Grand Rapids. They have not responded to any of our calls regarding the agreement with the Fire Department regarding access.

b) Rick Flesvig will be replacing the outside lights on the firehall with LED lights. He will be bypassing the ballast when he installs the new lights. We are having trouble with the parking lot lights staying on. Rick Flesvig will look at them also when he is here.

RECYCLING: a) Loni Blumerich will be running the recycling center for about 4 weeks while Horst is gone.

b) There are no recycling concerns to report.

HALL: a) Scott Dunbar refinished the hall floors in January 2019 for \$5,640.00. The Board feels the floor needs refinishing again. Mr. Dunbar suggested to divide the floor with a border that would be flush with the rest of the floor that would set apart the dance area. By doing this, the dance area can be maintained without needing to do the whole floor. After discussion the Board decided to do the entire floor but not separate the dance area.

b) The Board is researching an Air Exchange/Air Conditioning unit for the Town Hall. Chairperson Gajewski had meetings set up with Caldwell Plumbing and Heating and Randall Heating and Cooling about what would be best for our building. Caldwell said we would need a different heating unit. Randall also said we would need a different heating unit that they would put in the storage area. The front of the stage would have the cold air returns. This would be a forced air system. They would leave our old system for a backup.

c) Flag at the Town Hall needs to be replaced. **Motion made by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to buy a new flag.**

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) Utility Trailer was registered by Leon Forstom and cost \$360.68. This is a lifetime registration,

CEMETERY: a) Leo Koski has requested to put in a headstone for himself at the cemetery prior to his death. The board looked at the rules and regulations and it is not allowed to reserve a gravesite or put a stone in ahead of time unless a spouse or child is buried there that has already deceased. Mr. Koski was notified of the rules and if anything changed it would have to be brought to the electorate during the Annual Meeting held in March.

b) Butch Lund asked the Board if they would be interested in having the Willow River Boot Camp come and help level stones in the Cemetery. If they would like to have them come Butch could try to set that up with them. The Board agreed that it would be great to have some extra help in the Cemetery and to have Butch Lund set it up.

COMMITTEES: a) Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS: a) Newsletter has been sent out and Autumn Marquardt helped with getting it ready for publishing. The Board would like to keep her on for special projects.

NEW BUSINESS: a) **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to pass the Resolution Reestablishing Precincts and Polling Places #2022-3 (see attachment)**

b) It was brought up by the Board if we should have the Clerk get a Public Notary for the Township. The Board felt that we should provide this service to the Township. **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to have Amy Johnson the Township Clerk get her Notary and be reimbursed for any expenses incurred for this.**

c) New Assessor John Osterberg will be at the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting set for April 28, 2022.

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