

The Solway Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Clare Stromlund, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisor Ron Gajewski, Clerk Amy Johnson, Treasurer Cindy Moe and 5 concerned citizens. Chairperson Scott Welsh was not present.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting of April 12, 2022 as presented.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report dated April 30, 2022.

Checking:18862-18904

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| Beginning Balance | \$384,712.55 | |
| Receipts | \$370.00 | |
| Disbursements | <u>\$-92,650.27</u> | |
| Ending Balance | \$292,432.28 | \$292,432.28 |

Money Market

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 109,347.95 | |
| Interest/Deposits | \$9.13 | |
| Withdrawals | <u>\$0.00</u> | |
| Ending Balance | \$109,357.08 | <u>\$109,357.08</u> |

Total Accounts **\$401,789.36**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

4/15 Minnesota Association of Townships- 2022 Town Law Review & Legal Short course. No board Action

4/13 John Bray – Aggregate Taxes. Cindy Moe will be talking with an auditor to see if he is available. If the auditor cannot help us, we will reach out to John Bray.

4/19 Minnesota Department of Health – Safe Drinking Water Report for the Town Hall. No board action.

4/19 Minnesota Power – Notice of rate change. No board action.

4/19 Minnesota Department of Health – Safe Drinking Water Report for well #1 & #2. No board action.

4/19 St. Louis County Auditor – VEGA Grant deadline. No board action

4/19 St. Louis County Auditor – Notice of Filing for Offices to be posted.

4/20 Rodda Grading & Excavating – 2022 Official Price list.

4/20 St. Louis County Auditor – AutoMark machine software was updated.

5/03 Munger Tavern – Application was submitted for a renewal of their Liquor License. **Motion by Gajewski and seconded by Stomlund and carried unanimously to recommend renewal of the Munger Tavern liquor license.**

5/04 SGR Conference – Conference for Elected Officials. The board was not interested in going to this conference.

5/05 MN DOT – The State made an enquiry about whether Saginaw Road was ever a Township Road. We have no indicating it ever was.

5/10 WLSSD – Recycling Shed Operations Grant. **Motion by Gajewski and seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the grant via Resolution 2022-4.**

SOLWAY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #2022-4

Accepting a Grant from Western Lake Superior Sanitary District

WHEREAS, Solway Township, St. Louis County, operates a recycling program in agreement with WLSSD; and

WHEREAS, WLSSD may have funds available for communities for expenses incurred by local communities for operating recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, Solway Township submitted a grant application in the amount of \$9,646.88 on January 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, WLSSD approved the grant request of \$9,646.88 in funding on May 4, 2022;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Solway Town Board accepts the WLSSD grant of \$9,646.88 on May 10, 2022.

Chairperson Gajewski moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Stromlund, and it was declared adopted on the 10th day of May, 2022 upon the following votes: Yeas – Clare Stromlund and Ronald Gajewski, Nays – none. Scott Welsh was absent during the adoption of the resolution.

OUTGOING COORESPONDENCE

WLSSD – Recycling tracking forms- 4/13, 4/16, 4/20, 4/23, 4/27, 5/4.

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

- Proctor Journal \$655.71 for newsletters.
- Danna Rhodes \$25.00 refund for hall rental.
- Cemetery supplies \$177.28
- Todd Signs \$93.00 for hall flag.
- Smitty's for fire department truck #4 \$ 2,328.34
- Como propane for the fire department \$807.96

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund 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 \$92,650.27

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Dennis Sawyer came to the board and inquired about a paper road. The board referred him to the St. Louis County Land Department and Records.
b) A resident on Morris Thomas Road reported drag racing on Morris Thomas between Munger Shaw and Canosia Roads. The Board stated that if anyone witnesses it to call 911 right away or contact County Commissioner Muslof.

ROAD: a) Rodda Grading & Excavating, Inc. has sent a new price list for 2022 season. Grader \$116.00 per/hour, 140G Grader \$126.00 per/hour, Mower \$145.00 per/hour, Excavator/Backhoe \$145.00 per/hour.

b) The roadside mower is scheduled to get repaired while the road limits are on. GB Repair will be doing the repair. The John Deere has a leak and will also be looked at during this time.

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 consequently the road signs have been picked up.

d) The new culvert on the east side of the Jeffery Road was frozen and there was water on the west side of the road. On April 19, 2022, the St. Louis County came out and steamed the culvert.

e) Chairperson Welsh, Supervisor Gajewski, Leon Forstrom, Bob Rodda, and Clerk Amy Johnson attended the road inspection on April 29, 2022. During the road inspection it was determined that 138 loads of gravel would be needed.

f) During the road inspection, there were several culverts that needed to be replaced and some roadside ditching to help with keeping the water off the roads. The railroad crossing on Jerry Road was looked at and the Board decided to put an apron on both sides of the crossing. **Motion by Stomlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to accept the road inspection recommendations.** (See attached addendum)

g) Clerk Johnson received a quote from Bill Shelton for 1,450 yards of gravel at \$22.50 per/yard for gravel and delivery for a total of \$32,625.00. **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Stomlund and carried unanimously to accept the quote from Shelton Excavating for \$32,625.00**

h) Clerk Johnson received a letter from Jake Dememge that the Calcium Chloride would be \$1.20 per/gallon this year. **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Stomlund and carried unanimously to accept the quote from Jake Dememge for calcium chloride at \$1.20 per/gallon.**

FIRE: a) Tanker #3 will need to be replaced at some time. The tanker does not have a pump for drafting water. The fire department is going to need something that can hold more than 3,000 gallons of water. This is mainly used to support the fire department with water at fire scenes. An estimated amount to replace the tanker would be around \$100,000.00

b) The Fire Department received a Grant from Essentia Health for \$5,000. This would be used to purchase an Automated Chest Compression Machine called the Lucas 3. The Lucas 3 along with the AED machine would give the First Responders the best chance to save lives. The Board was asked if they would fund \$7,000 to purchase the Lucas 3 and when the Grant is received, they would reimburse the Township. **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Stomlund and carried unanimously to purchase the Stryker Lucas 3.**

c) Fire Chief Brandon Porter asked the Board if the fire hall walls could be repaired and painted. **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Stomlund and carried unanimously to paint the interior of the fire hall spending up to \$2,000.00**

d) Fire Hall Staff update. The new Fire Chief is Brandon Porter and the Assistant Chief is Adam Ross. The Fire department had three of their members resign.

e) Fire Truck #4 will be moved back to the maintenance garage to make more room in the fire hall. The trailer presently stored will need to be moved before Fire Truck #4 gets put into the maintenance garage.

f) Coon's Pit owned by Hawkinson Construction, reached out to us and stated that the Fire Department is welcome to continue to use the hydrant to fill up their trucks with water. During the winter months Hawkinson Construction stated they will not be responsible for plowing the road.

RECYCLING: a) There are no recycling concerns to report.

HALL: a) Scott Dunbar from Dunbar Duluth is unable to refinish our Town Hall floors and recommended Jim Garasha from Northland Hardwood Flooring & Refinishing. The Township received a quote from Mr. Garasha for \$12,000.00 to refinish wood floors. **Motion made by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to accept the quote from Northland Hardwood Flooring & Refinishing for \$12,000.00**

b) Randall sent a quote for two mini split air conditioning and heating unites for the main room upstairs at the town hall. Behind the stage and an air exchanger would be placed. This would bring in fresh air from outside and it would be vented through the front of the stage. A smaller air conditioning unit would be put into the office as well. Caldwell also looked at the town hall. We have not received a quote from them. We received a quote from Red-D-Electric for \$4,910.00 to install the electric supply to the air conditioning units. The ARPA funds would be used for these improvements. The total for both contractors would be \$41,950.00 **Motion made by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the quote from Randall Heating and Cooling for \$37,040.00 and the quote from Red-D-Electric for \$4,910.00.**

c) Flag at the Town Hall has been to be replaced.

d) The Town Board would like to reimburse \$100.00 to Shirley Nylund to go towards plants to be planted next to the Town Hall. Leon Forstrom will pick up the black dirt. **Motion made by Gajewski and seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to reimburse \$100.00 to Shirly Nyland for plants.**

e) Kim Kuehl, our cleaning person, is having issues with the vacuum cleaner over heating and not working too well anymore. The current vacuum cleaner is 7 to 8 years old. **Motion made by Gajewski and seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to spend up to \$300.00 towards a new vacuum cleaner.**

f) Monday Bunch has offered to buy more tables for the town hall. They will be stored in the furnace room.

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) There will be another Portable John placed at the Old Munger School Soccer Field. **Motion by Gajewski and seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to have another Portable John placed at the Old Munger School Soccer Field.**

c) The warming shed will be rented out next month and needs to be cleaned before June. Leon Forstrom and Butch Lund will clean the warming shed.

d) Leon Forstrom asked the board if they could get a new weed trimer? They would like to get a Stihl weed trimer. **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to spend up to \$225.00 for a new weed trimer.**

CEMETERY: a) There will be a few things that will have to be done before Memorial Day.

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. The board asked that this would be

further discussed at the next meeting and to see if there are any additional projects that would be good to have the Willow River Boot Camp come and help with.

COMMITTEES: a) Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS: a) Val Vegar, a citizen in Solway Township, had inquired about a need for Senior housing in our Township. Ms. Vegar stated she may have some farmland available for this.

NEW BUSINESS: a) Solway Township Resolution # 2022-4 Accepting a Grant from Western Lake Superior Sanitary District. Was discussed and adopted under the Incoming Correspondence.

MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting with the signing of checks. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

UNAPPROVED