

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

MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting of May 21, 2019 as presented.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report dated May 31, 2019.

Checking:17442-17493

Beginning Balance	\$209,015.96	
Receipts	302.40	
Disbursements	<u>\$-46,293.59</u>	
Ending Balance	\$163,024.77	\$163,024.77

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 109,091.09	
Interest/Deposits	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	\$109,091.09	<u>\$109,091.09</u>

Total Accounts **\$272,115.86**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

5/23/19 Jeff Suomi with Trimark Industrial -Magnesium Chloride and Calcium Chloride dust control pricing in the St. Louis County Townships for the summer of 2019. No Board action.

5/24/19 St. Louis County Public Works - Calcium Chloride Dust Control through Envirotech Services. No Board action.

5/24/19 St. Louis County Public Works – Cost summary for Dead end signs on Metsa Rd. and Ayres Rd. and a soft shoulder sign on North Sandberg Rd. The Board addressed this at the last meeting. The price of each sign with installation included is \$312.50.

6/1/19 Minnesota State Demographic Center - Annual population and household estimates dated April 1, 2018 for Solway Township. The Board announced the population estimate of 1,959 and the household estimate of 766.

6/4/19 St. Louis County Auditors Office – Western Lake Superior Sanitary District election for a representative to serve on the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District Board. The election will be held on Thursday June 20, 2019 at 1:00pm. Supervisor Welsh will attend this election.

6/6/19 Western Lake Superior Sanitary District – Biosolids Digest from Western Lake Superior Sanitary District. No Board action.

6/10/19 Portable John – Information about new owners of Portable John. No Board Action

6/11/19 St. Louis County Planning and Community Development – Findings of fact, conclusions and decision for an after the fact variance for Calzion Construction. No Board action.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: a) Treasurer Moe has four additional bills as follows:

- Shelton Excavating in the amount of \$16,423.00 for the remainder of the class 5 gravel that was applied to Township roads.
- O'Reilly Auto Parts for a circuit breaker, silicone, wire and terminal in the amount of \$72.45 for fire engine #6.
- Andrens Paint in the amount of \$222.83 for Epoxy floor paint for the warming shed that could not be returned.
- Jakes Companies, our dust doctor, in the amount of \$8,906.00 for calcium chloride that was placed on Township roads for dust control.

MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to pay all bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list presented by the Town Treasurer and the additional bills presented for a total amount of \$48,412.46.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Clerk Marquardt received a Report of Town Clerk form for The Saginaw Union Station for renewal of the 2019-2020 liquor license. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to support the approval of the renewal of the liquor license for The Saginaw Union Station.

Fire: a) Chief Nick Priolo reported a total of 51 calls year to date. This includes 36 medical calls, 13 fire calls and 2 vehicle accidents. All the fire calls were mutual aid. The Fire report was moved up on the agenda so Chief Priolo could leave.

b) Engine #6 was not charging due to a wire disconnection from the charging box but the Fire Department has taken care of it.

c) There is no word on the grant for 2018 for the Personal Protective Equipment.

d) Pump testing is scheduled for July 15, 2019. Chief Priolo stated that this testing was scheduled for August but they moved it to July 15, 2019. Supervisor Gajewski asked if that was included in the bill for EAM that was address at the last Town Board meeting. Chief Priolo stated that it was not included in the bill.

e) Mr. Greg Bottila advised that he is available as a repair resource for the Fire Department. Supervisor Gajewski stated that Mr. Bottila has been working on the roadside mower and that Mr. Bottila commented that he is available to work in house on the fire trucks which may be more cost effective than hiring EAM. Chief Priolo stated that pump testing and repair must be done by someone who is fire certified but that engine repairs could be done by someone else. The Clerk will share Mr. Botilla's number with the Department.

f) Veronica Priolo asked if anyone was planning on attending the Fire Department business meeting on Thursday June 20th at 7pm. Supervisor Welsh will attend this meeting.

ROAD: a) Class 5 gravel and dust control has been applied to Township Roads. Gravel was applied on June 3rd and 4th and dust control was applied on June 11th.

b) A new Soft Shoulder sign on the North Sandberg Rd was installed. Dead end signs were installed on Ayres Rd and Metsa Rd. The price of the signs was \$312.50 a piece, this included installation. The new signs were address in correspondence.

c) The crack/pot hole filling on Jeffrey Rd. had not been done at the time of the board meeting.

d) Mr. Jim Lindquist has been working on South Berquist Road. Mr. Lindquist stated that he had gotten all of the blacktop torn up and class 5 gravel will be laid in its place. He also mentioned that he put a new culvert in as one of the culverts was rusted out.

e) Supervisor Gajewski reported that the property owner on Wargin road where road work is to take place has signed an agreement giving permission for Solway Township to perform the following:

1. Removal of two existing pine trees
2. Removal of a hedge
3. Removal of a rock garden
4. The bank on the north side of the road would be tapered back toward the parallel running driveway.
5. The west driveway entrance should remain the same with only ditching west of the blacktop to facilitate drainage to the west
6. The east driveway entrance will have a culvert installed in the road ditch which will remove some of the existing blacktop from the driveway
7. A ditch will be dug between the two driveway entrances sloping to the east and the ditch will be cleaned along the adjoining property as well
8. The tapering back of the bank and removal of wind obstacles should lessen the drifting that is experienced on the east driveway entrance
9. The mailbox will be replaced after the landscaping is completed
10. The ditch should catch water runoff and properly channel it off the road surface preventing mud and ice buildup on the road surface

Mr. Jim Lindquist stated this project would be done in July.

f) Mr. Jim Lindquist advised the board that there is garbage on North Berquist Rd.

RECYCLING: a) The Board discussed the possibility of applying for a grant to replace the siding on the recycling shed. Clerk Merritt advised the Board that the grants are only given out if there is additional funding. She stated that Lorilee Blais from WLSSD told her that she should stay in contact with Lori and if there are funds available she will let the Clerk know how to apply.

b) It was discussed by the Board that the old carpet runners from the recycling shed are to be washed and put in the warming shed in the winter for ice skaters so they won't damage their skates or the floor.

HALL: a) Nothing to report.

PARK: a) Clerk Merritt asked the Board if they would like to allow rental of the Soccer fields during the National Night out Celebration. Supervisor Gajewski advised that the Township allows rental of the fields on that night and that the players can be invited up to join the National Night Out Celebration.

b) Supervisor Gajewski announced that 30 yards of top soil and a pallet of sod were used to complete the landscaping around the light trenches by the warming shed, the lighted message sign, to build up the edges of the soccer field and around the handicapped playground.

c) Leon Forstrom supplied pricing for several weed sprayers from Menards, L&M and Northern Tool. Mr. Forstrom checked reviews and sizing for the weed sprayers and stated that he thought that the weed sprayer from Northern Tool that held 31 gallons would be better, and that it would be faster. Mr. Forstrom mentioned that this weed sprayer has rust preventative and a spray bar to use for spreading fertilizer as well. MOTION made by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to purchase the 31 gallon Northstar Tow-behind Trailer Book Broadcast and Spot Sprayer from Northern Tool at a price up to \$300.00.

d) Paul Dunaiski cleaned out the refrigerator in the warming shed and noticed that the inside panels and freezer hinges are broken. Supervisor Gajewski commented that the refrigerator

has not been used much but it will probably be used more with the increase of rentals of the warming shed. Chairperson Welsh suggested taking a refrigerator out of the Town Hall for the warming shed and purchasing a new one for inside of the Town Hall. Clerk Merritt suggested that Menards sells used refrigerators that they have taken when they deliver new refrigerators and that they are sold in the price range of \$19.00-\$59.00. Supervisor Gajewski suggested plugging in the refrigerator and seeing if it stays cold over the weekend. No Board action at this time.

e) 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. Supervisor Gajewski stated that when issues arise they are taken care of right away by our maintenance personnel.

f) Supervisor Gajewski updated the Board that Greg Bottila should have the work on the roadside mower completed by Thursday.

CEMETERY: **a)** Supervisors Gajewski and Stromlund stated that the Memorial Day Celebration was very nice, and that there was a big turnout. The Honor Guard was there and the Cub Scouts led the pledge of allegiance.

COMMITTEES: **a)** There will be a Special Events meeting on Monday July 15th to plan for the National Night Out Celebration. Clerk Marquardt will send meeting notices to the committee members.

b) Chris Ellian reported that Century Link has been working on the high speed internet for the Township. Supervisor Gajewski mentioned that he attended a Duluth Association of Townships meeting where it was stated that they could use federal funds for installation of the pods that are being placed in the area. Mr. Ellian stated that he did not believe that Federal funds would be able to be used. Supervisor Gajewski mentioned that Directv and Paul Bunyan are also in the area. Mr. Ellian said that Directv would be used via a wireless connection and that Paul Bunyan is a wired connection.

OLD BUSINESS: **a)** Minnesota Association of Townships Summer Specialized Training is at the DECC on June 27th 2019, this was addressed at the last meeting.

b) Supervisor Gajewski brought information from the 2019 St. Louis County Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan meeting that he attended. Supervisor Gajewski stated that those who participated are eligible for FEMA grants and that this includes natural hazards. Other hazards such as rail hazard chemicals etc. are not included in this plan.

NEW BUSINESS: **a)** The Western Lake Superior Sanitary District Election for the position currently held by Jim Aird is Thursday June 20, 2019 at 1:00PM. This was addressed under correspondence.

b) A date of June 18th was set for Supervisor Gajewski to meet with Clerk Merritt and Clerk Marquardt to work on the Newsletter. The Board discussed adding information regarding the new warming shed, the new clerk, National Night Out Celebration, roadwork, the special election for county commissioner, and keeping pets on leashes.

c) Clerks Merritt and Marquardt met with Treasurer Moe at the bank and added Clerk Marquardt as an additional signer on the checking account.

MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.