

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 Supervisors Clare Stromlund, Ron Gajewski, Clerk /Deputy Amy Johnson, Treasurer Cindy Moe and 6 concerned citizens.

MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting of May 10, 2022 as presented.

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

Checking:18862-18904

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

Money Market

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:

5/12 Munger Tavern & Grill- Application for a special event liquor license to serve outside of designated area. **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to recommend the approval of a special event liquor license to the Munger Tavern & Grill.**

5/1 St. Louis County Elections – Clerk/Deputy Johnson attended election training.

5/17 St. Louis County Elections – The Clerk/Deputy Johnson received an election judge political party list from the St. Louis County. Names on the list will be notified and trained for the upcoming elections. No board action.

5/17 Sinnott Contracting – Addressed under Roads.

5/20 St. Louis County Public Safety – St. Louis County Public Safety sent out information on how to assess any damage on Township roads. No board action.

6/1 MN State Demographic Center – Estimate of annual population of 2007, and 783 households for 2021.

6/02 St. Louis County Auditor – Solway Township was notified that the WLSSD Board election will be taking place on June 29, 2022. James Aird is asking for support from the board as he would like to stay on the WLSSD Board. **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to support James Aird and vote for him to serve on the WLSSD Board. Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to appoint Clerk/Deputy Amy Johnson to attend and vote on behalf of Solway Township, for James Aird.**

6/02 St. Louis County Public Works – Calcium chloride dust control addressed under roads.
6/09 St. Louis County Veterans Affair – An invitation to attend a press conference and celebration. No board members are available to attend. **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to support the Veterans Affairs on homelessness.**

5/10 WLSSD – Recycling Shed Operations Grant. **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to accept the grant in the amount of \$9,646.88 via Resolution 2022-4. Resolution attached to the minutes.**

OUTGOING COORESPONDENCE

5/12 Lori Blais, WLSSD – Recycling tracking forms- 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/8.

5/12 Cathy Rouleau- RSVP for the annual banquet.

5/12 Lori Blais, WLSSD – Signed grant form.

5/12 John Bray via email – Asked about conducting an Aggregate Audit.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: a) Treasurer Moe has several additional bills not listed on the Outstanding Bills List.

- Janice Bradberry \$25.00 refund for hall rental.
- Shelton Excavating \$16,785.00 second half payment for gravel and delivery to township roads.
- Proctor Builders \$8.34 for (6) keys.
- Red D Electric \$1,380.96 for exterior lights on the Fire Hall and Recycling Shed.
- Solway VFD \$3,065.50 for painting and repairs inside the Fire Hall.

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 \$47,035.18

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Mr. & Mrs. Shane Olson on the Tondryk Road appeared before the board regarding their concerns of the grading on the Tondryk Road. They have two houses on the Tondryk Road. When grading the road, the grader scraped across the edge of the blacktop driveway. The end of the driveway will need to be repaired. The gravel in the private driveway leading into the turnaround was pushed into the public turnaround. The Olson's have a special situation with one of their children and it becomes a safety issue if they don't have the green space along the road. The child uses the grass on the edge of the road to walk and it helps him stay off the road and know that this is a safe place to walk. The road was left with lots of roots, rocks and grass on the road after the grader went through. The Board stated that Mr. Rodda was trying to reclaim the roadbed. The Board agreed to have one load of gravel delivered for the driveway; to clean up the sides of the roads and to reseed the grass on the edge of the road. Mr. Olson said he would fill the end of his paved driveway and seal it. The trees along the road will be looked at later to determine if there was any damage. The Olson's were given the survey map and legal description of the Tondryk Road. Except for the gravel issues the rest of the concerns were in the Township right of way.

ROAD: a) John Pilegaard on the Jerry Road agreed to trim some of his trees that were hanging over into the road. Ron Gajewski, Leon Forstrom and Butch Lund helped with the trimming.

- b) Jeffery Road potholes, on the paved portion need to be filled. Chairperson Gajewski will request Andy Olson at the St. Louis County to do this. Chairperson Gajewski will also inquire about the County doing road maintenance during the summer months.
- c) Calcium Chloride has not been applied to the roads yet.
- d) Gaus Road had lots of frost boils this spring and will need an additional four loads of gravel.
- e) More grading is needed on the turn from Sandberg to Jerry Roads.
- f) Birchway Road the new gravel was not spread completely. Sunday the final grading will be completed.
- g) On Lindrose Road one 26-foot. entrance culvert needs be replaced, and 150-feet of ditching done by the township. It's recommended the 26-foot culvert be replaced with a 30-foot. In addition, the homeowners will purchase a second 30-foot culvert and two loads of gravel to add a second entrance. The cost will be \$1250 plus two loads of gravel. **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to replace one culvert and do 150 feet of ditching. The homeowner would take care of the second culvert.**
- h) Sinnott Blacktop quote for the Jerry Road was \$ 9,600.00. This is for a 20-foot. X 50-foot. apron on both sides of the railroad crossing. **Motion by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to accept the Sinnott quote to do a 20-foot X 50-foot apron on both sides of the railroad crossing.**
- i) Mr. Rodda suggested that the township buy gravel from Coon's pit directly to save on taxes. The Township is getting their gravel tax exempt.

FIRE: a) Snowplowing access to the hydrant at Coon's Pit is tabled.

- b) The painting on the inside of the Fire Hall will be completed this week. **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to pay the fire department \$ 3,065.50 for the painting inside the fire hall.**
- c) Fire Hall septic was damaged. A car ran over the septic system and damaged one of the vent pipes. The pipe was fixed and there is nothing needing further attention. Informational only.
- d) Fire Hall Staff update. Eleven current members, ten active and all certified members.
- e) Fire Chief Porter approached the Board about replacing tanker #3. Fire Chief Porter gave a few reasons why it would be beneficial to replace the tanker. By having a newer truck it will improve our ISO rating, crew cab would hold more members on a run, and most important it would hold more water for structure fires. **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously that we are interested in looking further into buying at Mid-American Pro a 2012 Freight Line truck for \$294,500 and attempt to trade Tanker 3.**
- f) State Fire Marshall made some recommendations on adopting the State rules and policies. Constitution and Bylaws may need to be updated. Fire Chief Porter is trying to be proactive in setting the Solway Fire Department up for the future.
- g) The Stryker Lucas3 lifesaving machine will be \$16,000.00 to purchase. Fire Chief Porter said they should have it in another two weeks.
- h) Fire Department is doing an aluminum can recycling fund raiser. The trailer is outside of the hall and available to put cans in.
- i) Fire Chief Porter met with all the area Fire Chiefs in the area and wants to keep a good standing relationship with all the other departments.
- j) External Signage on our Fire Hall. Tabled for next meeting
- k) Fire Chief Porter is recommending contacting Emergency Apparatus Preventative Maintenance for service contract negotiations.
- l) Fire Chief Porter said Kim Kuehl started cleaning the public spaces. She would like to clean four hours on a weekly basis at \$35.00 per/hr. until the hall is in good condition. Then she can

cut back two hours per week. **Motion by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to have Kim Kuehl clean up to 4 hours per/week on Sundays at the fire hall.**

m) The Fire Department would like to charge \$100 to fill a swimming pool. Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to allow the Fire Department to fill swimming pools in Solway Township. The homeowner will need to sign a liability waiver.

n) Chief Porter mentioned that the State will cover three fire outfits; boots, jackets each year.

o) ISO ratings will increase if the Fire Department maintains a closer water sources to fill up their trucks. Having a truck that has a larger water capacity also helps.

p) Supervisor Stromlund mentioned the need for an AED

in the town hall. This would cost \$600 to \$700 for a fully automated unit. Motion by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to have Fire Chief Porter look for an AED for the Town Hall.

RECYCLING: a) A different lock was installed on the office door at the recycling shed.

HALL: a) Randall Heating and Cooling have completed installation of the mini splits but are still waiting for the air exchanger to arrive. The electrical installation for the exchanger is completed.

b) Red-D-Electric has completed the electrical installation on the mini splits.

PARK: a) Portable John contacted the town hall and suggested that another single unit be placed next to the handicapped unit due to high usage. Motion by Gajewski, and second by Welsh and carried unanimously to have another Portable John put by the handicapped till the end of the summer season.

b) Butch Lund requested the board to purchase a new self-propelled mower. Motion by Welsh, second by Stromlund and carried unanimously to allow up to \$300.00 to be spent on a self-propelled lawn mower.

c) Warming House cleaning: tabled until next meeting.

CEMETERY: a) On June 27, 2022 the Willow River Boot Camp will be coming to help in the cemetery. Three to four yards of black dirt and one load of class 5 will be needed for the work Leon Forstrom and Butch Lund will have it delivered.

b) Butch Lund was asked if he would like to be a sexton for the Township cemetery. Mr. Lund declined.

c) New decorative chain link fencing was put up by Leon Forstrom and Butch Lund

d) On Memorial Day the cemetery looked very nice with a large resident attendance at the service.

e) There is a maple tree in the cemetery that was purchased from Grussendorf's that needs to be replaced. Chairperson Gajewski will contact them.

f) Some large shrubs are needing replacement in the cemetery. Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to spend up to \$200 to replace the shrubs in the cemetery.

COMMITTEES: a) Special Events meeting rescheduled July 5, 2022 at 6:30.

OLD BUSINESS: a) Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS: a) The Primary Election will be held on August 7, 2022. Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to move the August Town Board meeting to August 16, 2022.

b) The General Election will be held on November 8, 2022. **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to move the November Town Board meeting to November 15, 2022.**

c) Como Oil lock in price agreement: **Motion by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to except 5/1/22 to 4/30/23 Como Oil and propane lock in price at \$1.84 per/gal.**

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting with the signing of checks. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

UNAPPROVED