

The Solway Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via teleconference by Chairperson Clare Stromlund, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisors Ron Gajewski and Scott Welsh, Clerk Autumn Marquardt, Treasurer Cindy Moe and 5 concerned citizens.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting of May 12, 2020 as presented.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report dated May 31, 2020.

Checking:17949-17973

Beginning Balance	\$221,640.66	
Receipts	\$50.00	
Disbursements	<u>\$-25,784.88</u>	
Ending Balance	\$195,905.78	\$195,905.78

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 109,200.45	
Interest/Deposits	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	\$109,200.45	<u>\$109,200.45</u>

Total Accounts **\$305,106.23**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

5/28 St. Louis County Planning and Community Development – Decision of the St. Louis County Board of Adjustment regarding an approved variance request for an accessory structure at a reduced shoreline setback. The variance was approved with a 4-3 vote in favor of the variance by the St. Louis County Board of Adjustment. No Board Action.

5/28 Munger Tavern – Report of Town Clerk on application paperwork for the liquor license renewal for the Munger Tavern. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to recommend the approval of the renewal of the liquor license for the Munger Tavern.

6/1 Saginaw Grand Lake Station – Report of Town Clerk on application paperwork for the liquor license renewal for the Saginaw Grand Lake Station. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to recommend the approval of the renewal of the liquor license for the Saginaw Grand Lake Station.

6/1 Michelle Kuklinski – Thank you email regarding the maintaining of the Munger soccer field. Ms. Kuklinski is the new AYSA coordinator. No Board Action.

Supervisor Welsh reported that he received a letter in his mailbox from Jeremy Hester, who was interested in a cartway but was having difficulty connecting with Clerk Marquardt. Supervisor Welsh directed Mr. Hester to speak with Supervisor Gajewski about his inquiry. Mr. Hester provided paperwork that showed while going south from Caribou Lake Rd. there were indications in the early 1900's, of a roadway going toward highway 2 about ¾ of the way

instead of terminating at Maple Grove Rd. Mr. Hester was interested in purchasing property in this area. St. Louis County did not have any record of a cartway in this area and neither does the township. There was an old plot map showing some potential road lines in the area. Supervisor Gajewski believes that this part of the road that was shown on the map was initially going to be developed but never was. Supervisor Gajewski suggested to Mr. Hester that without doing a field inspection it was his opinion that a cartway would come from highway 2 as it would be a shorter route. Supervisor Gajewski and Mr. Hester then spoke about the cost and the amount of time that it takes to put in a cartway. Supervisor Gajewski suggested that Mr. Hester could speak with the owners of the property that a cartway would need to go through about an easement instead. Mr. Hester advised that he has been unsuccessful in contacting the property owners. With the information that Supervisor Gajewski provided, Mr. Hester suggested that he might be looking at different properties instead. No additional information has been given since then.

Chairperson Stromlund received a call from Ben Crosby from Trimark Industrial wanting to know who the township decided to go through for calcium chloride. Clerk Marquardt called and spoke with Mr. Crosby to advise that the board decided to go with Jake Demenge for the calcium chloride this year. Supervisor Gajewski noted that Mr. Crosby was selling magnesium chloride instead of calcium chloride a lesser effective product.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: a) Treasurer Moe has one correction and two additional bills not listed on the outstanding bills list:

- The correction is for Jim Madigan with a reimbursement in the amount of \$45.70 instead of \$25.00.
- The first additional bill is for Menards in the amount of \$63.25 for weed and grass concentrate, oil and lubricant.
- The second additional bill is for Carla Lasky in the amount of \$25.00 for a town hall rental refund.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to pay all bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list and the additional bills presented by the Town Treasurer including the correction for a total amount of \$45,075.40

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Nothing to report.
b)

ROAD: a) The stop sign on Jerry Rd. has been ordered and St. Louis County will be installing the sign. The cost of the sign and installation is \$450. This is included in the claims list.

b) The Calcium Chloride has not been placed on the roads yet. Jake Demenge would not consider a reduction in price. Supervisor Gajewski was advised that Mr. Demenge would be using a tanker on the roads that are thoroughfare. Our turn arounds are not large enough to turn a tanker around. Supervisor Gajewski stated concerns about how well this will work, and advised that they may be putting more calcium chloride down on the roads if they use a tanker. Mr. Demenge requested that payment be authorized at tonight's meeting so that he does not have to wait for payment. Supervisor Welsh brought up the concern of how many roads can actually be done with a tanker, and questioned how far the calcium chloride could be sprayed from a tanker. Supervisor Gajewski advised that there are a considerable number of roads that can be done with a tanker and he believes that the tanker can spray the same distance as the

tandem truck. Supervisor Gajewski suggested that the board approve up to \$11,000 in the case that more calcium chloride is laid down. Sara Rogalla contacted Mr. Demenge requesting that dust control be placed at the entrances of pit 56, Inc. as well. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to approve up to \$11,000 for Jake Demenge for the calcium chloride that will be placed on the township roads.

c) 152 loads of class 5 gravel have been laid on the township roads.

d) Supervisor Gajewski drafted a letter regarding the rubble that was dumped on the culvert in the ditch on the Van Gassler Rd. A few changes were added to the letter thanking the property owner for their help with the matter and advising that if they have any questions to contact us. The board agreed to send the letter.

e) Supervisor Gajewski spoke with Vic Lund who referred him to Gordy Halverson regarding the brushing on Lindrose Rd. that needs to be done. Mr. Halverson advised that due to current vacancies St. Louis County cannot help us at this time. Butch Lund advised that he is available to cut some brush by hand while he is performing the roadside mowing.

f) Supervisor Gajewski advised that there was an entrance culvert that was improperly installed on the east side of Stonelake Rd. Jim Lindquist removed the improperly installed culvert but it reappeared. The new property owner would like a proper culvert installed in this area. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously for this entrance culvert to be replaced on the east side of Stonelake Rd. at the Townships expense.

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FIRE: a) Chief Nick Priolo was not present to provide a department report.

b) While Leon Forstrom and Butch Lund were attempting to repair the flashing on the fire hall, it was discovered that everything behind the flashing is rotted out. Supervisor Gajewski also noted that the rotting goes up into the edge of the roofing and the sheeting in that area. Butch Lund suggested that Supervisor Gajewski speak with Rodney Bloomer who is a resident of the township and has experience building pull barns. Mr. Bloomer looked at the building and determined that the eave was improperly installed and stated that it was a warranty issue. Mr. Bloomer offered to take pictures from the attic area and suggested that the township rent a lift to be able to check the condition of the area under that flashing around the whole building. The building was completed in December of 1999 and was purchased from Wick Buildings but the contractor was Rick Dahl. The warranty from Wick Buildings does not state anything about treated lumber. Supervisor Gajewski noted that the trusses seem to be fine but there is a 2x8 or 2x10 piece along the eave that rotted and what came down did so in 2 to 3 foot crumbling sections. Mr. Forstrom advised that the end of the sheeting seemed to wick up moisture and has rotted out as well. Supervisor Gajewski is asking if pictures should be acquired and if so, should they be sent to Wick Building to try and use the warranty. Mr. Bloomer suggested speaking with Wick Building about the matter. Mr. Forstrom also noted that he could hand tighten the screws on the steel sheeting because the rubber washers have deteriorated. The underlying wood sheeting has deteriorated in some places as well. There is a 20 foot section on the building that is in really bad shape. The remainder of the building will remain unknown until a lift is rented. Mr. Bloomer has offered to inspect the building, take pictures and send them to Wick Corporate for the township. Supervisor Gajewski believes that the township should take the next steps to see how bad the building is. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to rent the proper lift required to do an inspection of the fire hall. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to send the findings from the inspection to Wick Building and ask them to respond to the warranty. Supervisor Gajewski was unsure if Mr. Bloomer will look for financial compensation for his services but the board is willing to compensate him if necessary.

- c) James Madigan has painted the bolsters, man doors and the front entrance supports. He has not painted the inside of the man doors yet.
- d) Chief Priolo was not present to give an update on Great Plains Fire.
- e)

RECYCLING: a) Supervisor Gajewski collected two quotes for the siding on the recycling shed and advised that the quotes are not apples to apples. Jim Perrault and Morin Siding and Window would do a house wrap and fan fold filler. Supervisor Gajewski explained that when the building was built, there is a 8 ft sheet of siding that was overlapped instead of a joint being put in. When you look at the gable from the ends you can see the top part sticks out past the siding. This recessed area would be filled in with the fan fold insulation at 3/8" so it would even this area out all the way up. Perraults would aluminum wrap the overhead and man doors framing and they would remove 1 ft of siding around the building and replace it with an equal thickness treated lumber so it doesn't wick up moisture. Both companies stated that something different will need to be placed at the bottom of the building. Perrault did not quote any work on the windows, The tall window in the office has a screen that comes off from the outside and so wrapping that area would interfere with the screen. Morin Siding and Window has Twin Ports Renoworx, Professional home services that they work in conjunction with. Morin Siding and Window would do a metal trim on both the overhead and man doors and would replace the high window on the building. During Morin Window and Sidings inspection it was discovered that the plate around the building on the concrete floor that is green wood. There is on area between the doors on the Munger Shaw side of the building that is a regular untreated 2x4 that has rotted out and needs to be replaced. This 2x4 replacement was not included on Perraults quote. Morin Siding and Window would also remove and replace the exterior sheet up 8 inches instead of a foot. Perrault's quote came out to be \$4,800. The Twin Ports Renoworx quote came out to \$8,345 but they offered the township a 15% discount for a total of \$7,000. The board does not know what the price difference for Perrault would be with the addition of the 2x4 sill that will need to be replaced and the new window. Chairperson Stromlund stated that Morin Siding and Window is located in the township and the work that they have done for the township in the past has been good. Supervisor Welsh stated the additions could increase Perraults quote and questioned if they wanted to wait another month for an additional quote. The policy of the board has always been to give businesses in the township work whenever possible. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to accept Twin Ports Renoworx's quote of \$7,000 to do the work on the recycling shed.

- b) Horst Blumerich has been recycling shed attendant at the township now for 6 months. There has been no issues and Mr. Blumerich is doing a fine job. He started with a probationary pay of \$14.50 an hour. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to take Mr. Blumerich off of probation and put him on the regular pay scale of \$16.00/hr.
- c) Treasurer Moe questioned when clam shell containers that hold fruits became non-recyclable. These containers have never been recyclable.
- d)

HALL: a) The LED light fixtures have been installed along the ramp and the front entrance.

- b) James Madigan has puttied, sanded and painted the porch supports. Mr. Madigan is thinking of painting the interior heat registers and door frames as they are in bad shape. Outside, Mr. Madigan will paint the basketball supports the same colors as the bolsters at the Fire Hall. The dugouts need to be painted as well. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to allow Jim Madigan to do any painting that is needed around the township properties.
- c) Kim Kuehl Cleaning Service will begin cleaning the hall on an oncall basis.

d) Supervisor Gajewski noted that the furnace was experiencing issues where it would stop running and he would need to restart it when he came into the hall. Como is scheduled to come on Thursday June 11th to fix the problem.

e) The gutter along the flower bed on the town hall has 4-6 holes in it. Supervisor Gajewski noted that it looked like there was a waterfall coming off the building. James Madigan suggested replacing the gutter when the maintenance personnel rent the lift for the fire hall. Supervisor Gajewski suggested having Morins Window and Siding look at the gutter while they are redoing the recycling shed. Supervisor Welsh suggested that the gutter may be under warranty if it was installed when the siding was done. Supervisor Gajewski does not know when the gutters were put on. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to have Morin Window and Siding replace the rain gutter over the flower bed.

PARK: a) Supervisor Gajewski completed the monthly Township Properties Safety Inspection Report and stated that there are no issues with the park. Supervisor Gajewski noted that the maintenance personnel are hardworking and that they regularly anticipate what work needs to be done.

b) Interest has been expressed in the use of the Munger soccer field. A Portable John toilet has been delivered to the field. The fields are all set up and it was noted that people are using the baseball diamond as well.

c) The quote for the swing frames and equipment from Minnesota/Wisconsin playground came in at \$5,843.55 The company wants to charge \$1,713.65 for freight to deliver the equipment causing the price to exceed the \$5000 that was originally approved. Supervisor Gajewski noted that he could drive down and pick up the equipment himself. Supervisor Welsh advised that he has a 14ft trailer that would work for pick up. Supervisor Welsh is wondering if the equipment is all one piece. Supervisor Gajewski guessed that it was not but that it could be double checked. Supervisor Gajewski asked if the board wants to pay the freight if he cannot haul the equipment himself. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried to have Supervisor Gajewski haul the equipment. And if he is unable, to pay the \$5,843.55 to have it shipped. Supervisor Gajewski abstained from this vote as it involves himself.

d) One of the sand diggers at the lower playground has been pulled out twice. Supervisor Gajewski and Leon Forstrom will put the base of the sand digger in concrete so this does not keep happening.

CEMETERY: a) Supervisor Gajewski noted that 4 trees at the cemetery need to be replaced. Supervisor Gajewski suggested that Grussendorf Nursery could look at the tree to help figure out what is causing this issue. This will be brought back to the next meeting. MOTION by Gajewski, Seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to get Grussendorf Nursery involved in figuring out the problem with the trees. MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to approve up to \$1,000 to purchase 4 new trees.

b) Supervisor Gajewski noted that the Memorial Day Celebration went very well. There were about 3 dozen people in attendance. Everyone practiced social distancing. The honor guard was present and the Proctor Journal wrote an article about the celebration.

c) A new flag has been ordered from Todd Signs.

COMMITTEES: a) Supervisor Gajewski questioned what the thoughts were on having the National Night Out Celebration this year. It was agreed that the board will have to wait to see if there will be a Celebration this year.

OLD BUSINESS: a) Supervisor Gajewski left word on the answering machine of Mary Murphy questioning if she could have some influence on the legislature regarding the 2nd year

loss of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting due to Covid-19. Supervisor Gajewski has not heard back from Mary Murphy yet.

b)

NEW BUSINESS: a) 4 election judges will be need for the August 11th Presidential Primary. Leon Forstrom, Butch Lund, Kareen Nelson, and Bonnie Siiro have been chosen. Supervisor Gajewski will be an alternate. Supervisor Welsh and Chairperson Stromlund agreed that they could split a shift if they are needed as well.

b) Supervisor Gajewski stated that he and Clerk Marquardt will be working on the newsletter soon and asked if they should put in an article regarding the Covid-19 response. Chairperson Stromlund questioned if the information regarding a bobcat being in the area will be included as well.

c) James Madigan brought to the attention of the board that he is aware of someone who is looking to wholesale fresh meat products and is searching for a place to park their truck. This operation is a farm out of North Dakota that will be selling fresh meat at a cheaper rate than the grocery stores. Mr. Madigan believes that this could be beneficial to the people who live in the township but does not know if the meat would be inspected. The board is concerned about the liability this could cause. The board decided to stick to the policy stating that no one can sell products as a business for profit on the township grounds.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Stronlund and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting with the signing of checks. The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Date Approved

Town Board Chair

Town Clerk