

The Solway Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Solway Town Hall by Chairperson Ron Gajewski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was Supervisor Scott Welsh, Clerk Regena Merritt, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and seven concerned citizens. Supervisor Stromlund was not present at tonight's meeting.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting of June 12, 2018 as presented.

MOTION made by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to accept the monthly Treasurer's report dated June 30, 2018.

Checking:16970-17010

Beginning Balance	\$259,129.93	
Receipts	8,296.72	
Disbursements	<u>\$-50,979.86</u>	
Ending Balance	\$216,446.79	\$216,446.79

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,982.05	
Interest/Deposits	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	\$108,982.05	<u>\$108,982.05</u>

Total Accounts

\$325,428.84

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

6/22 Lake Country Power - Notice of Capital Credit Allocation. No board action.

6/22 Wells Fargo - Changes to signers on Township Accounts is complete. No further board Action required.

6/26 Reliable Agency, Inc. - Certificate of Liability Insurance for James Lindquist.

6/26 St. Louis County Planning & Community Development - Comprehensive Land Use Plan focus group meetings scheduled. Chairperson Gajewski explained that the county is updating their Comprehensive Land Use Plan. It will supersede any local plans, but will take into consideration the local Land Use Plans.

6/26 Solway Fire Department - Lawful gambling application for raffle fundraiser at the spaghetti dinner planned for August 25th.

7/5 Kivi Trucking - Aggregate Tax reporting form. No board action.

7/5 Lori Blais/WLSSD - Information from June 18th recycling attendants meeting. No board action.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: a) Treasurer Moe has two bills in addition to the Outstanding Bills List. The first is to Brandon Porter for caulk for the fire hall antenna installation in the amount of \$4.79 and the second is to Quill for office and hall supplies in the amount of \$178.81.

MOTION by Gajewski, 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 for a total amount of \$57,928.33.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Township resident Mel Harvey addressed the Board with concerns about his assessed property value. He stated that when the County Assessor was to his home he said the value should decrease about \$20,000, but when he received his letter notifying him of the results of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting the value had decreased only \$14,000. Mr. Harvey was told the Clerk will check to make sure there wasn't an error in the letter and if not, will let the Assessor's office know of his concerns.

Mr. Harvey also mentioned that at the Saginaw Grand Lake Station there was a type of horse show event where shooting at targets was involved. Mr. Harvey stated that a couple hours would have been tolerable; but that he lives 1000 feet from the bar and that the shooting went on for all day on Saturday and half a day on Sunday. He said the St. Louis County Attorney's Office told him that type of thing was under Township control. The owner of the Saginaw Grand Lake Station did mention she was having an event to the Town Board when she brought her paperwork for the liquor license renewal. The Board will contact the owner to let her know of the complaint and might have to set some guidelines for this type of event in the future.

ROAD: a) The Clerk has contacted the residents on Heine Road with the hedge that is blocking visibility for traffic traveling along the bend in the Road. The residents would like to have the hedge removed as the Township had offered this in the past. Jim Lindquist gave a quote of \$2,000 for this work and mentioned he can be out to do the work next week. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to have Jim Lindquist remove the hedge from the ditch on the Heine Road for an amount of \$2000.

b) There is an estimate from Sinnott Blacktopping for crack filling, seal coating and striping of the Town Hall parking lot and basketball/tennis courts in the amount of \$12,110. The Board has used Sinnott Blacktopping before and has been satisfied with their work. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to have Sinnott Blacktop crack fill, seal coat and strip the hall parking lot and basketball/tennis courts for \$12,110.

c) Chairperson Gajewski reported that the ditch and culvert on the Munger Shaw Road along the Township property is not draining properly and causing water to pool close to the soccer field. He has contacted St. Louis County Highway Superintendent Gordy Halverson and was told they are aware of the issue. This is not a priority for the County but they will try to get out to clear the ditch so the water will run to the culvert.

d) Jim Lindquist has completed ditching on the Heine Road and has replaced the culvert on the Hanson Road as directed by the Board.

e) The Board has a quote in the amount of \$2,025 from Vic Lund for railroad crossing signs on the Jerry and Jeffrey Roads that need to be replaced. This is for signs, poles and installation. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to order and have installed six railroad crossing signs from St. Louis County for \$2,025.

f) Paul Dunaiski has trimmed the hedges at the Munger Soccer Fields to help with traffic visibility at the corner of Munger Shaw and Maple Grove Roads.

g) Chairperson Gajewski mentioned that John Childers is no longer available to do the roadside mowing. Paul Dunaiski has agreed to do it.

Fire: Chief Nick Priolo reported a total of 59 calls year-to-date: 36 medical, 19 fires and 4 vehicle accidents.

b) The Department felt they would not be able to flush out the culvert at the Munger Shaw Road driveway. The culvert is the responsibility of St. Louis County as it's in their right of way.

c) The fire hall septic has been pumped and the warning buzzer fixed. Chief Priolo noticed that the green indicator light for the septic does not seem to be working. Kerbie Merritt will look at the lights and try to fix them; otherwise the Clerk will call Midway to see if they can come out to look at them.

d) Chief Priolo reported that the Department is planning a Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the rehab trailer. Also, they will be in the hoghead parade in Proctor. Fire Chief Priolo mentioned that if the Board uses the fire hall as a “safe haven” in the event of a power outage we might need to get an air conditioner as the fire hall gets warm now when a lot of people are in the building. Chief Priolo will look into costs for air conditioning.

e) It was reported to the Clerk that the propane tank for the Fire Hall seems to be sinking on one end. She will call Como Oil to have them come out to see what needs to be done.

RECYCLING: **a)** Paul Dunaiski reported WLSSD will provide two large dumpsters for all mixed paper and cardboard. WLSSD will arrange for the pickup and delivery of the new larger dumpsters. Paul also reported that nickel cadmium recyclable batteries will now be accepted but not carbon also, and that A-1 is the contracted service for plastic bag collection.

b) Jenny Lundberg’s Cub Scout troop would like to volunteer at the township recycling center and in turn could use some of the plastic bottles for a boat regatta. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried to allow Jenny Lundberg’s Cub Scout Troop to help at the recycling center and use some of the plastic bottles for their project. This will be coordinated with Paul Dunaiski.

c) Recycling shed attendant will be gone July 21, 25, and 28. Kerbie Merritt has agreed to work the recycling center on those days.

HALL: **a)** The Board would like to hire a cleaning company for hall cleaning. The Clerk’s office will look into getting some quotes.

b) It was suggested that some type of non-skid edging on the front steps is needed to help with depth perception. The Board discussed a few different options and it was mentioned that the non-skid strips do not last very long. Chris Ellian suggested a type of paint for the edges of the steps. The Board would like Chris to look into options and the price for this installation.

c) The hall vacuum that is used by renters is broken. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to spend up to \$100 to purchase a new vacuum for the hall.

d) The Clerk reported that the rug in front of the kitchen pass through window is missing. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to order a rug to replace the one missing in front of the kitchen.

PARK: **a)** Rick Flesvig from Red D Electric has contacted Chairperson Gajewski to let him know the new lighting poles are on order and it will be at least a month before they arrive.

b) Clerk Merritt and Chairperson Gajewski have been working on ordering the ADA playground equipment with grant monies from the CDBG grant. Some equipment has arrived and Chairperson Gajewski and grounds keeping personnel are planning to install them. Still needed are rubber tiles for the walkway. The type that were looked at are not suitable for this type of installation. Chairperson Gajewski and Clerk Merritt will do further research on this project.

c) Paul Dunaiski & Kerbie Merritt reported that the weed whip is not working very well and are requesting a new one. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to purchase a new weed whip for \$100.

- d) Vance Okstad from Proctor baseball continues to work on getting the batting cage taken down.
- e) Chairperson Gajewski reported all looks good on the properties safety report.

CEMETERY: a) One burial: Jeanne Sommer on June 30th.

- b) The Dirt enclosure is straightened and painted.

COMMITTEES: a) There will be a Special Events meeting on Monday, July 23rd to plan for the National Night Out.

b) Chris Ellian reported there is nothing new on the high speed internet for the Township. Hopefully by 2019 or 2020 most of the Township will be connected with high speed internet service.

OLD BUSINESS: a) Chairperson Gajewski mentioned that John Childers will no longer be mowing the Township roadsides, and that Paul Dunaiski has said he will take that over.

b) The Clerk and deputy Clerk attended election training at the St. Louis County Court House on June 15th.

NEW BUSINESS: a) Because of the Primary Election on August 14th, the Regular Town Board Meeting needs to be rescheduled. MOTION by Gajweski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to hold the next Regular Town Board Meeting on August 21, 2018 6:30PM.

b) The Board needs to accept the grant from Western Lake Superior Sanitary District by resolution. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh to adopt the following resolution:

SOLWAY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #116

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 \$7,730.72 on January 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, WLSSD approved the grant request \$7,730.72 in funding on May 1, 2018;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Solway town Board accepts the WLSSD grant of \$7,730.72 on July 10, 2018.

Chairperson Gajewski moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Welsh, and it was declared adopted on the 10th day of July, 2018 upon the following votes: Yeas – Ronald Gajewski and Scott Welsh. Nays – none.

c) MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried to appoint the following to serve as election judges for the Primary Election on August 14, 2018: Bonnie Siiro, Leon Forstrom, Amy Johnson, Clare Stromlund, Mary Busch, Butch Lund and Scott Welsh.

d) It was brought to Clerk's attention that DeCaigny Excavating has imported gravel into the Township. The Clerk will send Mr. DeCaigny a letter explaining the Aggregate Tax to him.

e) The Township Board has a policy of reimbursing Township personnel \$25.00 a month for use of their personal cell phones. MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to reimburse Paulette Barnard, Paul Dunaiski and Kerbie Merritt \$25 a month for use of their personal cell phones.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing signing of checks. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.