

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

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meeting of June 8, 2021 as presented.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report dated June 30, 2021.

Treasurer Moe noted that around \$159,000 in property taxes received will be reflected in the July Treasurers report.

Checking:18415-18456

Beginning Balance	\$253,100.29	
Receipts	\$9,738.90	
Disbursements	<u>\$-52,090.71</u>	
Ending Balance	\$210,748.48	210,748.48

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 109,293.32	
Interest/Deposits	\$0.00	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	\$109,293.32	<u>\$109,293.32</u>

Total Accounts **\$320,041.80**

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

6/21 Lake Country Power. – Notice of Capital Credit Allocation, these funds eventually can be used to take money off of a bill. The notice is informational.

6/21 St. Louis County – Thank you letter from St. Louis County Public Health for allowing them to utilize the Solway Town Hall to hold community vaccination clinics.

6/25 St. Louis County Planning and Community Development – Summary from George Knutson for the Kevin Swanson conditional use permit application for an event center. The Board had presented a resolution at the Planning and Community Development meeting on June 10th with their findings. Chairperson Gajewski noted that a statement was made at that meeting that the Planning and Community Development Department received 155 letters and emails against the permit. The conditional use permit was granted on a 4-3 vote at the Planning and Community Development meeting.

6/30 Lake Country Power – Notice to members of a scam alert where individuals receive a call stating they need to pay a certain amount, or they will be disconnected from Lake County Power services. This notice is informational.

7/01 Department of Revenue – Notice that training for the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is available. All Board members are up to date on training.

7/07 MNDOT – Survey for the 2021 evaluation of MNDOT's process for Consultation with Non-Metropolitan Local Officials. Treasurer Moe was previously on the MIC Board so she will fill out this survey.

7/12 Superior Fuel – Informational advertisement brochure.

7/12 Kivi Aggregate LLC – 2nd quarter aggregate tax reporting form. No Board action.

7/12 Gobel Aggregate, Inc. – 2nd quarter aggregate tax reporting form and payment. No Board action.

7/13 KTM Paving, Inc. – 2nd quarter aggregate tax reporting form and payment. No Board action.

OUTGOING COORESPONDENCE

6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30, 7/7 WLSSD – Recycling tracking forms

6/8 St. Louis County Auditor – Report of Town Clerk for The Saginaw Grand Lake Station.

6/24 Telecom Construction – Right of Way permit application for burying cables at 3913 Jeffrey Rd.

7/8 Telecom Construction – Right of Way permit application for burying cables at 5995 Wargin Rd.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: a) Treasurer Moe has one additional bill not listed on the Outstanding Bills List:

- Proctor Journal in the amount of \$483.04 for Newsletters.

Chairperson Gajewski noted that the bill from Rodda Grading and Excavating is almost \$8,000. This bill is from when gravel was applied to township roads. Treasurer Moe will break the bill down so that the funds are pulled from the appropriate place.

MOTION by Stromlund, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to pay all bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills List and the additional bill presented by the Town Treasurer for a total amount of \$20,351.17.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) Nothing to Report

ROAD: a) Supervisor Welsh advised that Sather's has filled in a few potholes on the Jeffrey Rd. Clerk Marquardt verified that St. Louis County did not sub out the work and that Sather's completed the work on their own. A thank you note will be sent to them for filling the potholes.

b) Chairperson Gajewski has been in contact with Sinnott regarding crack filling and sealing in the parking lot. The weather has caused a delay. Chairperson Gajewski will contact Sinnott again next week to see if there is a time frame to have this completed.

c) There is a culvert of the Jeffrey Rd. that has a very damaged end. Bob Rodda has someone he works with fix these issues. The culvert is a 28ft culvert and about 2ft of the end is destroyed. Chairperson Gajewski noted that the culvert is long enough that it could be uncovered and moved over. The original plan for this culvert was to move it from the Jeffrey Rd. to the Van Gassler Rd. where there is an old culvert that had had a hole in it previously.

d) Brushing needs to be done at the stop signs on the N. Mattson Rd. and the N. Sandberg Rd. by the Jeffrey Rd. intersection so they are more visible. Butch Lund will take care of this issue while he is doing the roadside mowing.

e) Chairperson Gajewski has spoke to telecom to verify that the Board allows 2ft trenches across township roads to alleviate the cost to homeowners of having cables installed by boring under to road surface.

FIRE: a) Chief Priolo provided a Department report that stated there has been a total of 83 calls: 19 fire, 61 medical, and 3 vehicle accident. All calls were mutual aid.

b) The airline piping in the Fire Hall has not been completed. They are waiting on materials so they can complete the job at one time.

- c) Department membership is still at 10 members. There have not been any new applications.
- d) The Fire Department will be having their open house this year for the National Night Out. They will be doing ice cream cups instead of cones this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- e) Chief Priolo questioned if the Fire Department could hire someone to paint the inside of the Fire Hall in order to freshen it up. Supervisor Welsh noted that he knows someone who would be able to give an estimate. The areas that need painting include: the wood and sheet rock areas.

RECYCLING: a) A new lock has been received for the dumpster.

- b) Clerk Marquardt advised everyone that the pink garbage can from North State Services cannot be used down at the recycling shed. This can is for the park and playground only. Horst Blumerich advised that there is one patron that brings his household garbage down to the recycling shed that cannot be doing so. The Board will take further action on this if it continues.
- c) The funds for the WLSSD recycling grant have been received. The township received \$9,158.90 in funding this year.

HALL: a) The American Rescue Plan funds can be applied for. Clerk Marquardt advised that there are two forms for the U.S. Department of Treasury that need to be filled out for compliance and terms and conditions. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to apply for the American Rescue Plan funds and to accept the funds. A resolution is not needed. Clerk Marquardt advised that if they go off of the levy it will be \$214,683.75 that will be granted, if it goes off of budget the township will be able to receive \$220,000.

- b) Supervisor Stromlund requested that the maintenance personnel help with the watering of the flowers at the town hall. Butch Lund and Leon Forstrom have agreed to do this.
- c) Minnesota's Governor's executive orders have expired. There are no more restrictions for hall use. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to discontinue the use of the teleconferencing for the Town Board Meetings.
- d) Kim Kuehl Cleaning Service notified Clerk Marquardt that cleaning hours were over billed in June. Ms. Kuehl stated that she would credit these hours back in July.

PARK: a) Chairperson Gajewski completed the monthly Township Properties Safety Inspection Report and stated that there are no safety issues with the park.

- b) The northwest corner of the townhall soccer field needs to be cleaned of brush and trees. Chairperson Gajewski noted that there may be stumps outside the fence in that area and that the township does not have the equipment on hand to clear them out. Butch Lund will clear out the area the best he can with the equipment that we have.
- c) Pete Hildre is still working on the basketball backboards and supports.
- d) Chairperson Gajewski noted that soccer teams are beginning to use the fields more.

CEMETERY: a) Chairperson Gajewski spoke to Grussendorf Nursery regarding a dead tree in the cemetery. They were supposed to set up a meeting but he is still waiting for them to contact him.

- b) Clerk Marquardt noted that there has been a number of burials that have occurred over the last few months.

COMMITTEES: a) There will be a special events meeting to take place on Tuesday July 20th at 6:30pm. Supervisor Stromlund noted that there were 11 members in attendance at the June 22nd meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: a) Treasurer Moe advised that she spoke with Steve Lacari and that he may be willing to perform an aggregate audit for the Township but he is still busy from tax season. Mr. Walsh, who performed the last aggregate audit, has agreed to speak to Mr. Lacari regarding what is expected to be completed during an aggregate audit.

b) Clerk Marquardt spoke with CenturyLink regarding obtaining a new router so that wifi would be available to all resident who will be using the hall. CenturyLink gave a price of \$89.99 a month for standalone internet at the hall. The Board does not feel that this is an urgent issue at this time.

c) Mediacom provided a franchise agreement for the Town Board for Mediacom services to come into Solway Township. The Board had the township attorney John Bray review this document and the Board had adopted the recommendations presented at the June meeting. Mediacom has made the recommended changes that were sent to them. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to accept the Franchise agreement with Mediacom.

NEW BUSINESS: a) Minnesota Association of Townships District Meetings will take place in August and Solway Townships district will be having an election. The meeting will most likely be virtual.

MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Stromlund and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting with the signing of checks. The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Date Approved

Town Board Chair

Town Clerk