

Chairperson Scott Welsh called the Regular Solway Town Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Solway Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was Supervisor Ron Gajewski, Clerk Regena Merritt, Treasurer Cindy Moe, and five concerned citizens. Supervisor Clare R. Stromlund was on vacation.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written and distributed from the June 11 2013 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION made by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to accept the following Treasurer's report dated June 30, 2013.

Checking 14169-14211

Beginning Balance	\$122,348.91	
Receipts	1,758.75	
Transfers	\$0.00	
Disbursements	<u>\$-44,130.50</u>	
Ending Balance	\$79,977.16	\$79,977.16

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$ 108,443.51	
Interest/Deposits	\$4.21	
Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance	\$108,447.72	\$108,447.72

Total Accounts

\$188,424.88

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

6/13 St. Louis County Assessor – Letter notifying the Township that the State Board of Equalization ordered a complete reassessment of Solway Township for the 2014 assessment. No board action.

6/14 Minnesota Department of Health - Sanitary Survey report for Town Hall. This report shows no deficiencies. No board action.

6/17, 19 & 21 A.W. Kuettel & Sons - Ice and snow sop, and roof repair quotes. The quote dated June 17th is for the repair work authorized last month in the amount of \$1,995. This work has been completed. The quote dated June 19th includes the repair work and installation of an ice and snow stop on the fire hall roof. Supervisor Gajewski asked that these two jobs be separated. The June 21st quote is for the ice and snow stop in the amount of \$2,535.00. Because the ice and snow load has broken off the roof vents on the fire hall in the past the Board would like to have the snow/ice stops installed. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried all in favor to approve \$2,555 to hire A. W. Kuettel & Sons install ice and snow stops on the fire hall roof.

6/18 Jim Atkinson – Allette Company – via email – Transmission Line Open House date set for July 23rd.

6/20 Emily Siedschlag – HDR Engineering – Article explaining the Transmission Line Open House Meeting to put in the Township Newsletter.

7/8 Brand Kohts, WLSSD – Mr. Kohts is responding to an email from the Town Clerk asking about the collection of household medical waste. Mr. Kohts responded that collections household medical waste is something to be very cautious about. It has been WLSSD's

experience that there are always issues with how needles, etc. are dropped off. The Board decided not to take action to start household medical waste collection at this time.

6/20 Emily Siedschlag – HDR Engineering – via email. Ms. Siedschlag is asking how many residents we expect at the Transmission Line Open House. The Board feels we should expect about 50 residents. The Clerk will respond to the email.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: There are no additional bills to the list of Outstanding Bills. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski, and carried unanimously to pay all outstanding bills as listed on the Outstanding Bills list from the Treasurer for a total amount of \$50,455.64.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/CONCERNS: a) No citizen requests or concerns.

ROAD: a) Stonelake Road resident Butch Lund appeared at the June Town Board meeting with concerns about the future of Stonelake Road. Mr. Lund stated that at one time the Stonelake Road was platted to continue through his property. Several years ago he asked to have the road terminate at his property. He now feels he would like the option to have the road continue through. The Board discussed with Mr. Lund, the option to create an easement for a future road and having it registered with St. Louis County. The Board had the Township Roads surveyed in 2008. The survey shows the Stonelake Road to end before Mr. Lund's property line and this is what has been maintained by the township. The Board agrees that what is showed on the road survey from 2008 is the correct terminus of the Stonelake Road.

b) Dust control has been applied to all Township Roads. The cost to the Township is \$5,200.

c) The blacktop patching over the culvert on Jeffrey Road has been completed.

d) John Childers has been mowing the sides of the Township Roads.

e) The South Hanson Road is in need of ditching. Mr. Jim Lindquist will get this completed next month. He also mentioned that the price might be higher than quoted because the debris from the ditches will have to be hauled further than originally thought.

f) Street signs have been installed at the Sandberg/Jerry Road intersection.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: a) The Department has been busy with calls today, and is on a call at the time of the meeting. They did not have time to compile figures for a report. Jeff Nelson did call to report that the Tanker is progressing nicely. The tank is going on next week.

b) The repair work to the fire hall roof has been completed by A. W. Kuettel.

c) The Board plans to have Jeff Nelson's uncle again offer kiddie train rides during the National Night Out. Supervisor Gajewski will make the necessary arrangements.

d) Nothing has yet been decided for a solution to prevent the fire hall drain tank from freezing.

RECYCLING: a) Jim Miller reported to the Clerk that the garage door opener at the recycling shed was not working. Leon Forstrom found that the sensor had a broken wire and fixed it.

HALL: a) Todd Signs has leveled the sign by the highway but left some tire ruts in the wet ground. The Board would like to get dirt to fill these ruts. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to get three yards of dirt to fill the tire ruts by the township sign on Highway #2. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to pay the bill from Todd Signs if it is received before the 13th of this month. Next month's meeting will be on August 13th causing any bills received prior to the 13th of July to be over 30 days.

PARK: a) The monthly playground inspection shows no hazards and the parks to be in good condition.

b) New nets and corner flags are needed for the small soccer field. This had been approved at a previous Town Board meeting, but the nets that the Board chose are no longer available at the same price. The Board approved the price increase and directed the Clerk to order them. MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to purchase the nets and also corner flags from Jaypro Sports in the amount of \$49.32.

c) The baseball bases are in very bad shape. The Board agreed to purchase new bases and found some available from Jaypro Sports. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to purchase a home plate in the amount of \$79.00 and bases in the amount of \$179.00 for the town site baseball field.

d) The Board would still like to see the Munger School Site garage painted. \$750.00 for paint has been approved for this project at the June Town Board meeting.

e) The Board has received a quote from A.J.'s Lawn Care to trim the hedge at the Munger School Site soccer field in the amount of \$594.00. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to have A. J.'s Lawn Care take care of trimming the hedge at the Munger School Site soccer field in the amount of \$594.00.

f) As approved last month, the new mower was purchased from L & M for use at the cemetery. A "slow vehicle" sign is needed for the rear of the mower. Leon Forstrom will pick up a sign from Menards.

CEMETERY: **a)** Supervisor Gajewski completed a cemetery inspection along with the monthly playground inspection. No safety hazards were found.

b) A.J.'s has replaced three dying trees at the cemetery, and also presented a quote of \$35 a time for watering the three trees. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to have A.J.'s Lawn Care water the newly planted trees at \$35 per time.

c) One burial: Mel Fremling

d) The Clerk had a request from Mr. Leo Koski to bury his mother's and brother's remains in the extended part of the cemetery. This part has not been plotted yet. The original area is filling up. MOTION by Welsh, seconded by Gajewski and carried unanimously to authorize the Clerk to plat the new expansion area in the township cemetery and begin using it for burials as needed. The Clerk will contact Mr. Koski and make the necessary arrangements. The Board also discussed some type of fencing to make the boundary along the road in the cemetery. They discussed some type of post with a chain to keep people from driving onto any gravesites. Leon Forstrom will look at Menards to find options and report at the next Town Board meeting.

COMMITTEES: **a)** The Special Events Committee met on July 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall to plan the National Night Out.

OLD BUSINESS: **a)** The Clerk contacted the Proctor Journal to get the status of the Solway Centennial books they are reprinting. The assured her they were working on them.

b) The Great Northern Transmission Line meeting is set up and ready for July 23rd at the Solway Town Hall.

c) Supervisor Gajewski reported regarding the legislative bill proposed by the Cloquet Fire District to expand their taxing district to neighboring townships without consent from the townships. The Clerk obtained a copy of the bill and it shows the wording changed to read "upon application" the Townships may join the District. In the Omnibus tax bill, the legislature granted them authority to levy for the costs incurred by their fire ambulance district.

NEW BUSINESS: a) All but two Aggregate producers/haulers have reported for the second quarter of 2013. The Clerk will follow up with these two businesses.

MOTION by Gajewski, seconded by Welsh and carried unanimously to adjourn tonight's meeting upon the Board completing the signing of checks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.