

# Solway Section Lines

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## Happy New Year

The Solway Town Board wishes each of you and yours a blessed and prosperous New Year! May you enjoy the love of family, support of friends, and an abundance of good health.

## 2017 Citizen of the Year Award Nomination

Each year we welcome nominations for the Solway Citizen of the Year Award. Criteria for the award include the nominee being a township resident/property owner, 18 years of age or older and has donated considerable time and talent to the betterment of our community as a volunteer.

The winner of the award is honored for his/her contributions at the Township Annual Meeting in March. The recipient receives a personal plaque of recognition. In addition, the winner's name is added to the hall of fame plaque at the town hall which honors all previous winners of the award. Please submit your nominations to the town office by the first of March.

Past recipients of the award are: Axel Carlson 1992, Valeria Witte 1993, Katherine Miller 1994, Kenneth Hayes 1995, Walt Carlson 1996, Winifred Freed 1997, Centennial Committee 1998, Arnie Whiting 1999, Mary Busch 2000, Jim Miller 2001, Betty Everett 2002, Karen and Rick Flesvig 2003, Isabelle Callahan 2006, Wayne Suliin 2008, John Childers 2009, Joan Gajewski 2010, Larry Shelton 2011, Jeff Nelson 2013, Darlene Miller 2014, Kareen Nelson 2015, and Shirley Nylund 2016. Congratulations to all of them.

## Annual Meeting & Township Elections, March 14, 2017

The Election polls will be open from NOON to 8:00 PM to elect one Supervisor for a three-year term. The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:30 PM to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law.

Some of the agenda items to be discussed at the Annual Meeting are as follows:

- 2017 Citizen of the Year
- Report of the 2016 Receipts and Disbursements
- Review of Town Hall rental fees
- Review of Cemetery regulations
- Fire Department Report
- Proposed Budget and Levy for 2018

In case of bad weather, the Annual Town Meeting and Election will be held at the same time and place on the third Tuesday of March.

## Filing for Township Election

Filing for Township Supervisor position will be held for a two week period beginning January 3, 2017. Filing will close on January 17, 2017 at 5:00 PM. The filing fee is \$2.00.

Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk at Solway Town Hall, 4029 Munger Shaw Road, Cloquet, MN during this period of time. Township office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM. To file, come to the town office during office hours or contact the Town Clerk at 729-5134 to set an appointment.

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## SOLWAY TOWN BOARD

**Chairperson:** Scott Welsh

**Supervisors:** Ron Gajewski & Clare R. Stromlund

**Clerk:** Regena Merritt

**Deputy Clerk:** Terri Jensen

**Treasurer:** Cindy Moe

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## 2016 Accomplishments

Looking to 2017, your Township Board reviews the accomplishments of 2016. Some of them are listed below:

- WLSSD grant in the amount of \$7,951.00 received for our recycling shed operations.
- Completed scheduled road improvements, dust control, roadside mowing, ditching and brushing.
- Submitted grant application to Community Development Block Grant for ADA upgrades.
- Explored additional water resources for fighting fires.
- Hosted recognition dinner for current and former firefighters, Flamettes and employees.
- Special Events Committee: Winter Fun Day, Halloween Carnival, National Night Out.
- Hosted Bill Pelto's monthly Country Music Show.
- Continued maintenance of town hall and facilities for residents use. 294 events scheduled in 2016.
- Completed construction of Witte hiking trails.

If you have suggestions for improvements you would like the Town Board to pursue, give us a call or bring your ideas to a board meeting.

### Winter Fun Day: "Free For All"

Our winter fun day is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th, 1:00 to 5:00 PM. This FREE event is sponsored by Solway Township's Special Events Committee for all township residents/property owners so remind your friends and neighbors.

Activities planned at the writing of this article include hayrides, skating, sliding, bonfire, bingo and free food: coffee, hot chocolate, hot dogs, chips, cookies, bars and smores. Food is served all afternoon so come for lunch and stay for supper. The Special Events Committee is picking up the tab with proceeds earned from our Halloween Carnival.

Free bingo will run 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Each player may play up to four free cards at a time to vie for a \$10 winner's pot. If an individual wants to play more than the four free cards they may do so for 25 cents per extra card. The extra money will be added to the pot.

A Special Events Committee meeting is being held Monday, January 16th at 6:30 PM to complete planning for the day. New faces and ideas are always welcome so if you'd like to help, come to this meeting at the Town Hall.

### Firefighters Easter Bingo

The Solway Volunteer Fire Department's Easter Bingo will be held Saturday, April 8th at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to enjoy a fun evening while supporting your firefighters. Proceeds are used for the purchase of needed firefighting gear and equipment.

## Recycling Shed Hours

Wednesday 3:30 to 6:30 PM  
Saturday 7:00 AM to 12:00 noon

If schools or businesses are closed because of bad weather or the temperature is -10 degrees or colder, the recycling shed will also be closed.

## Skating Fun

At the writing of this newsletter, plans are made for getting our rink flooded. Our firefighters will continue working to get usable ice laid. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. When the rink is ready to open, it will be posted on the township sign. Feel free to use the rink anytime at your family's convenience. The rink is lighted from dusk to 10:00 PM everyday.

For your comfort the warming house will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. During this time a township staff member will be available to distribute hot chocolate. Staff will be manning the counter and not be in a position to provide supervision on the rink so it's important if your children are of an age needing supervision that you or another adult will be present. Needless to say if we have bad weather on the weekend the warming house will be closed, as skaters won't be expected to be out. Enjoy!

## Country Music 1st Saturday of the Month

Bill Pelto and his entourage of singers and musicians continue their country music shows at the town hall. The show is being moved to the first Saturday of each month as more musicians and singers are available that weekend. First quarter dates are January 7th, February 4th and March 4th. The music starts at 6:00 PM and runs till about 9:15 PM. A potluck (bring a food dish to share) starts at 5:00 PM prior to the music show for those wishing to participate.

None of the performers are paid as they volunteer their time and talent. A free will offering is appreciated to cover show production expenses. Let's all support the show so we can keep live music performances at the town hall. Bring your dancing shoes and be sure to thank Bill and the other entertainers.

## High Speed Internet in Solway

The Town Board is seeking your help in procuring broadband/high speed internet within the township by establishing a working committee to address this matter.

The committee will seek to determine interest and needs within the township by developing a survey that will allow all residents to have input and to voice their concerns.

If interested in being part of the committee please call the town office and let us know.

## Community Club News...

### Solway Seniors

Any Senior Citizens from the surrounding area are welcome to join us. We meet monthly on the third Thursday at 1:00 PM. The next meeting is Feb 16, 2017.

### Flamettes

Thank you to all who came out to the Firefighter's bingo at Thanksgiving. We did very well. The next one will be Saturday April 8, 2017. Hope to see you then!

We will also be having the pancake breakfast on Sunday April 30th 8:00 AM to noon.

Come join us, we meet the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at town hall. We do not meet in January; July; or August. If the first Monday is on a holiday, we meet the next Monday. Thank you again for your support.

### Monday Bunch

We meet every Monday at 12:30 PM—4:00 PM. We share ideas in crafts, knit and crochet. We have two craft sales a year. The last Saturday in April and the last Saturday in September from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There is a \$10 charge for a table. Call Bonnie at 218-729-8382 to reserve a spot. We do crafts in the spring, and crafts and rummage in the fall. The money we get from tables is used for kitchen supplies in the town hall, special events at the town hall, Proctor Food Shelf, flowers at the town hall and advertising our sales. We divide up the money at the end of the year for these projects.

### South St. Louis County Fair—Proctor

The website is proctorduluthfair.com. Our fair dates will be July 12th to the 16th for 2017. Tuesday July 11th from 1:00 PM to 7:30 PM is entry day! For Industrial Building/Creative Arts and 4-H go to the website for premium list.

In case you are a new exhibitor, the prices listed next to the exhibit is your prize NOT and entry fee. So start getting your exhibits ready and we will see you in July!

We have booked the Whitesidewalls for Friday; Kids tractor pedal pull Saturday; with much more in the works. We will have more information in the March Newsletter.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Mary Korich at 218-348-1453 or Frank Siiro at 218-591-6274.

### Lakehead Harvest Reunion

The Lakehead Harvest Reunion meets the first Monday of each month at Solway Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Our annual meeting and potluck will be held Feb 11, 2017. We meet in the downstairs of the town hall.

### Bookmobile Schedule

The Bookmobile comes every three weeks on Thursday afternoons at 3:00 PM. They're in the parking lot 45 minutes before moving on to their next location. The next scheduled visits are January 19th; February 9th; March 2nd and 23rd.

### 2016 Halloween Carnival – Review

Ninja Turtles, pirates, princesses, haunted maze – we had all this and more at the Carnival held October 28th. People of all ages – kids to seniors – enjoyed the fun and excitement of skill games, cake walk, bingo and winning raffle prizes. There was good food, conversations and fellowship for all who came. It was your coming that made the carnival such a huge success once again.

Nothing just happens and it took dozens of individuals – adults and students alike – to organize, prepare and work the carnival. We thank each and everyone of you for sharing your time and talents. The Solway Special Events Committee would like to thank the businesses, organizations and individuals who contributed to the 2016 Munger Halloween Carnival. Without their support the event would not be possible.

### Maple Grove 4-H

4-H is for kids who love to learn by doing and want to explore something new!

Questions about 4-H? Contact Tim Caines, 4-H Coordinator at 218-733-2873.

### Culvert permits

Access to private properties off township roads require a township permit for the installation of property entrance culverts. Obtaining a permit requires a \$100 fee of which \$50 is returned to the property owner after the final inspection and the culvert is found to be properly installed.

An initial inspection of the proposed site for installation of the culvert is done with the applicant. At the inspection the length and diameter of the culvert as well as grade and ditching requirements for the installation are determined. The applicant can make arrangements for the installation. After the completion of the installation a final inspection occurs prior to getting the \$50 returned. Please note our office hours when a permit can be picked up. The permit can be mailed as well after receiving the

**ANNUAL MEETING and  
TOWN BOARD ELECTION  
Tuesday, March 14, 2017  
Polls open: 12 noon—8:00 PM  
Annual Meeting: 8:30 PM  
To vote absentee contact the town  
office 729-5134**

## Minnesota Association of Townships Scholarship

The Minnesota Association of Townships is a nonprofit corporation representing Minnesota townships while being a voice for its roughly 9,000 officers. It regularly conducts research and educational programs designed to foster efficient and economical town governmental services and acts as a liaison between state government officials to encourage sustained cooperation.

The Minnesota Association of Townships is awarding \$1,000 scholarships to six juniors currently attending a Minnesota public, private or parochial high school, or home study program that plan to further their education at a college, university, or vocational school.

Applicants must complete an application form and submit it along with a written essay discussing this year's topic:

**Clean Water is a resource vital to all aspects of life in Minnesota from drinking water, to farming, industry and recreation. Human activities can threaten the purity of water. Divisions arise as to what activities impede the goal of clean water. What policies and practices can rural governments pursue that promotes the goal of clean water, which bring together, and does not divide, communities?**

Essays must be between 450 and 500 words, and must be typed with double spacing. Applicants should not name themselves, their school, their town or city, or their local officials in the essay. Each essay will be judged by an independent panel based upon originality, knowledge of subject matter in relationship to the title, and supporting statements, as well as correct spelling and punctuation. **The judging will be completed by October 1, 2017.**

Along with the completed application and written essay, students must submit a current high school transcript and a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor. All items must be submitted in one envelope and mailed to: *Minnesota Association of Townships Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 267, St. Michael, MN 55376*, postmarked by **May 1, 2017**. Incomplete applications or applications postmarked after **May 1, 2017** will not be accepted.

Winners will be notified in writing by mid October and will be invited to attend the Minnesota Association of Townships Annual Meeting to be held on November 16-18, 2017 at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, Minnesota. Scholarship awards will be paid to the appropriate financial aid office upon receipt of verification of enrollment at a college, university, or technical school.

Applications can be obtained on the MAT website: [www.mntownships.org](http://www.mntownships.org).

## New Solway Residents?

If you have new neighbors in the Township that aren't getting the Solway Section Lines Newsletter please call the town office at 729-5134 to be put on the mailing list.

## Street Lights.....

If you've noticed a street light at one of our intersections being out or going off and on at night, please call the office 729-5134 to report it. Thanks for helping with this.

# PROCTOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS EQUITY IN ATHLETIC FACILITIES REFERENDUM



*As the Proctor School District looks at the next facilities upgrade to the District, equity is the word that immediately comes to mind. Equity is different than equality. Equity deals with fairness and being impartial. In essence, equity means providing things that are needed.*

*The project is slated to include a multi-purpose arena and installation of synthetic/artificial turf at Egerdahl Field. The project will also include outdoor athletic upgrades in Canosia, Grand Lake, Solway and Midway Townships. The project is called "Equity in Athletic Facilities" and is targeted to cost \$12,000,000. The estimated tax impact on a \$150,000 home would be \$3.89 per month or \$46.62 per year.*



**Polls open at Solway Town Hall 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

## Recycling Information

### Mixed Paper

- Pressboard boxes
- Paper of any color
- Envelopes with or without windows and self adhesive
- Junk mail
- Manila folders or envelopes
- Shredded paper
- Phone books
- Magazines



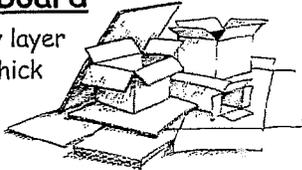
### Newspaper

- Newsprint and advertisements
- No paper bags



### Corrugated Cardboard

- Cardboard with a wavy layer between two pieces of thick paper
- No waxed cardboard
- Paper bags



### Mixed Containers

#### Plastic #1-7

- Rinse all food containers
- No FILM or FOAM including Styrofoam and plastic bags
- No plastic cups, plates, or utensils
- No buckets
- No motor oil or antifreeze containers
- No take-out or deli containers
- Caps and lids can be included



#### Glass Bottles and Jars

- Rinse all food containers
- All colors of glass are accepted
- No window glass, ceramics, or drinking glasses



#### Steel and aluminum cans

- Rinse all food containers
- Cans do not need to be flattened
- Labels do not need to be removed
- No scrap metal



## Community Education Classes at Solway Town Hall

Winter Community Ed classes brochure will be mailed the beginning of January. If you don't receive one you may go online at [www.ceconnects.com](http://www.ceconnects.com) to request one. Also use this website to register for classes or to check out available classes.

New class at Solway: Martial Arts

A Jeet Kune Do approach to Martial Arts with belt ranking in American Tae Kwon Do in addition to Kung - Fu techniques and weapons practice. Jeet Kune Do is a practical, person centered approach to martial arts developed by Bruce Lee, American Tae Kwon Do is a Korean martial art; a mix of Traditional Tae Kwon Do techniques and Kickboxing; Kung - Fu is a Chinese Martial Art that means excellence through human effort. Classes are for ages 7-Adult (and no you're not too old) with an emphasize on personal learning pace goals, but a cooperative team mentality.

Classes will be held Wednesday's 6PM starting Jan 18, 2017. Cost is \$40 for 8 weeks.

Four easy ways to register:

- On the website [www.ceconnects.com](http://www.ceconnects.com)
- By phone 218-729-9313 ext 6075
- Mail or in Person 4307 Ugstad Rd, Hermantown, MN 55811

## Hiring Local Weed Inspector

A local weed inspector is needed to identify noxious weeds and enforce the control or eradication of them as directed by Minnesota State law. An inspector will examine all lands, including highways, roads, alleys, and public ground in the township to discover if noxious weeds are present.

Current knowledge of noxious weeds is desired but not required. Ongoing training will be provided. The position pays \$12.00 per hour plus mileage on your vehicle in agreement with the Federal mileage rates.

If you are 18-years of age, have a valid driver's license, dependable car and are interested contact the town office (729-5134) prior to Jan 10th.

## The Truth About Styrofoam

Styrofoam—in order for a product to be recycled, there has to be a buyer on the other end that wants to make something out of that product. Unfortunately, there is no market for Styrofoam. This means that Styrofoam has to go in the trash. Your best option is to avoid it in the first place whenever possible. Use your own coffee mug, choose reusable plates, and pack items in newspaper instead of packing peanuts whenever possible.

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## ***Solway Section Lines***

### **Township Events Calendar**

Jan. 7.....Country Music Show and Potluck 5:00 pm  
Jan. 10 ..... Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
Jan. 16.....Special Events Committee Meeting 6:30 pm  
Jan. 19.....Bookmobile 3:00 pm  
Jan. 28 .....Winter Fun Day 1:00 to 5:00 pm  
Feb. 4.....Country Music Show and Potluck 5:00 pm  
Feb . 7.....Proctor Public Schools referendum vote—Polls Open 7 am to 8 pm  
Feb. 9.....Bookmobile 3:00 pm  
Feb. 14.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
Mar. 2 and 23.....Bookmobile 3:00 pm  
Mar. 4.....Country Music Show and Potluck 5:00 pm  
Mar. 14 .....Township Elections noon to 8:00 pm  
Mar. 14 : ..... Annual Meeting 8:30 pm  
Mar. 21.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
April 8.....Easter Bingo 6:00 pm  
April 11.....Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
April 30.....Pancake Breakfast 8AM to noon

### **Table and Chair Rentals**

When tables or chairs are replaced in the town hall, those that are still useable are put in our rental shed by the warming house. They can be used by residents for family events at their homes free of charge. Call to make arrangements for picking them up and returning them.