

Solway Section Lines

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Reconvened Annual Meeting

The 2022 budget was proposed to the electorate at the reconvened Annual Meeting on August 10, 2021 at 6:30PM. The prepared budget of \$367,000 broke down as follows:

Roads	\$108,600	Hall	\$34,300	Recycling	\$1,500
Fire	\$109,500	Park	\$13,000	General	\$100,100

The Board approved \$80,755 of aggregate revenue to be used toward the budget. The proposed levy of \$286,245 was unanimously approved by the electorate present.

Proctor School Board member Lynn Peterson reported that the School District has learning models in place for the school year. This includes full in person learning five days a week for grades Pre - K through 5th grade. The high school and middle school will have a hybrid learning model including distance and in person learning. The district has provided Chromebooks for all students to help with completing work at home. Lynn advised that there is a new app called ride 360 that allows for tracking bus routes and that there is an opportunity for the entire community to be involved in a book read. Lynn also advised that the donation of CARES funds that the Township made to the school district was used for childcare, food delivery, personal protection equipment, sanitizer, clothing, supplies, tutors, food boxes and more.

Officer Wade Rasch reported that crime stats have not changed in the township. There was a decrease in theft and suspicious activity with only 2 burglaries in 2020. Officer Rasch reminded everyone that there are several scams going around as well as mail theft happening. You should not answer calls or emails from people you do not know and do not let your mail sit on your porch or in your mailbox for long periods of time.

Other agenda items discussed during the meeting were: Hall rental fees and regulations; Cemetery rules and regulations; the electorate again approved \$1,000 toward hosting a National Night Out held the first Tuesday evening in August and \$1,000 for an appreciation dinner for current and retired firefighters, Flamettes and township employees; the electorate approved \$100 donations to the South St. Louis County Fair, the "Night to Shine" event, and Proctor Chem-Free Grad Party; publishing of township notices will continue in the Duluth News-Tribune, Proctor Journal, Hermantown Star, Cloquet Pine Knot and Cloquet Pine Journal; posting sites will continue at the town hall, recycling shed, Saginaw Post Office and Saginaw Union Station.

The 2022 Annual Meeting and Election will be held March 8, 2022.

In Recognition...

October is fire prevention month. It's a time to become aware of fire hazards that may lurk around our homes and to do something about correcting them. It's a time to teach our children how to get out of the house and where the family should gather outside in case a fire should occur. It's a time to check our fire alarms and fire extinguishers to ensure they're functioning properly. It's a time to be grateful for the men and women who daily serve the Solway community as firefighters and medical first responders.

It's easy to forget that these volunteers stand ready 24 hours a day seven days a week to come to your or my aid in case of a medical or fire tragedy. They not only respond to fires, accidents or medical emergencies but also put in hours for maintenance of equipment, planning/business meetings and training opportunities to acquire needed skills and to maintain certifications.

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SOLWAY TOWN BOARD

Chairperson: Ron Gajewski
Supervisors: Clare R. Stromlund
 and Scott Welsh
Clerk: Autumn Marquardt
Treasurer: Cindy Moe
Office Hours: M, T, Th 8:30-2:30

For Hall Rentals call 729-5134, leave your name, number and date wanted.
Phone: 218-729-5134
Fax: 218-729-5651

Township website:
solwaytownship-MN.gov

Email:
solwayclerk@hotmail.com

Recognition Cont.

Recently when the Greenwood/Isabella forest fire was raging out of control the Minnesota State Fire Marshall and Department of Natural Resources requested Solway's help in combating the fire. One of our pumpers and four firefighters responded filling an assigned weekend time slot.

Being a firefighter is a family commitment as well. Family members wait at home to hear from their loved one that may be in "harms way". Helping others takes time away from family members at home.

Solway Township is fortunate to have men and women willing to give of themselves and have the support of their families in providing these services to our families and community. Nationally, statewide and even more locally, communities are in crisis because as firefighters retire or for some reason resign from service, new recruits are not available to continue in their places. Consequently families, homes, businesses and forest resources are more endangered and fire insurance rates are escalating.

Let's not take our good fortune for granted, but be sure to thank our firefighters for their continued service. Our current firefighters are:

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| Nick Priolo - Chief | Bob Priolo - Asst Chief |
| Brandon Porter - 1st Capt. | Boo Hanson-President |
| Veronica Priolo-Treasurer | Adam Ross - Medical |
| Amber Porter - Secretary/Medical | |
| Shane Urban | Kim Mullen |
| Micah Kryzer | Jessica Keturi |
| Brittany Mullen | Kyle Mullen |
| Jennifer Sippo | |

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Solway Township's facilities are the busiest in the county. Prior to COVID-19 there was seldom a weekend or weekday evening that cars weren't parked at the town hall for some event. Currently with proper pandemic precautions our town hall and outdoor facilities have reopened to community events.

People continue to compliment the clerk or other board members on how beautiful and well cared for are our town hall and grounds facilities. This doesn't just happen but is due to the conscientiousness and ownership values of your township employees. We appreciate their keeping our Townsite grounds, buildings and the Solway Cemetery in good condition.

Leon Forstrom currently does our grounds keeping and building maintenance with the help of Butch Lund who also does our roadside mowing. Horst Blumerich supervises the recycling shed operation. We appreciate their consistent good work.

**Change in office hours  
New hours are 8:30-2:30 Monday,  
Tuesday and Thursday**

**Recognition Dinner tentatively scheduled**

The Solway Electorate at the reconvened Annual Meeting in August authorized the Town Board to host a recognition dinner for our firefighters and their spouse/guest; retired firefighters and their spouse/guest; current and retired Flamettes and their spouse/guest and our employees and their spouse/guest. All of these individuals deserve our thanks and recognition for a job well done in service to the Solway Community.

Your Township Board will continue to monitor Federal and State regulations regarding social gatherings to determine if it will be possible to hold the dinner on Thursday November 4th. Social time beginning at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. Invitations will be sent to guests confirming if the dinner will be held.

**Cemetery Reminder**

Township Cemetery regulations require that all flowers and plants allowed in our cemetery must be removed by Sept. 30. Beginning Oct. 10, township personnel will remove all flowers and plants from the individual grave sites and assemble them inside the cemetery fence north of the Van Gassler Road entrance where they will stay until Oct. 24. After Oct. 24 all unclaimed flower pots, holders, etc. will be disposed of by township personnel. The Town Board as recommended by the electorate allows solar lights at gravesites year round. Please claim all other items by Oct. 24. Our cemetery American Flag will be retired for the winter months to be re-flown next spring.

**You Have a Place: Solway Town Hall**

Did you know the town hall is available to residents/property owners of the township for your family events? The hall is used for weddings, receptions, funerals, luncheons, birthday parties, graduation parties, family reunions, family gatherings to celebrate Baptisms or Confirmations, family rummage sales, craft sales, etc. If you have an upcoming event and your home is too small or you can't trust the weather for an outdoor gathering think "town hall".

The hall is available to each family once per year free of charge unless you serve alcohol. If you have a gathering where alcoholic beverages are served a security officer is hired by the township at \$35 per hour paid by the renter plus a \$100 non-refundable clean up charge must be paid. There is also a \$600 damage deposit that is refunded if the hall is left in good condition. A \$25 reservation fee is necessary to reserve the hall for all rentals, but refundable after the event. Call the town hall at 729-5134.

## Community Club News...

### Solway Senior Citizens

Solway Senior Citizens meet every third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm at the Solway Town Hall. The object of this organization is to promote sociability among senior citizens. All senior citizens are invited to attend who live in the area. You don't need to be a resident of the Township. We have speakers, entertainment or play bingo at our meetings. Coffee and snacks are provided. Feel free to join us!

### 4-H Opportunities

Currently there's no 4-H Club in Solway Township as former members grew up and out of the program. If you have a child that would like to be involved in the 4-H experience contact the County 4-H Program coordinated by Tim Canines at 218-733-2873.

### Monday Bunch

Crafters welcome! Come join us on Mondays from 12:30-4pm; except on Holidays. Bring your work and share your talents. We have a coffee and snack break.

### Lakehead Harvest Reunion

The show was a little different this year as displays were moved to other places. The weather was not good with rain on Friday and Saturday. Sunday was nice.

Our meetings are at 7:00PM . Octobers meeting will be held at the show grounds. Starting in November we will be meeting at the Solway Town Hall.

We will be starting to decorate for Christmas hayrides; we need volunteers to help.

### Munger Goodfellowship Club

With the pandemic our gatherings were put on hold. When things improve allowing our members to again gather we'll schedule meetings. In the meantime please be safe.

### South St. Louis County Fair-Proctor

[www.proctorduluthfair.com](http://www.proctorduluthfair.com)

The Annual Board meeting will be Tuesday Oct. 19th at the Sports Complex at the fairgrounds. Social at 6PM; meeting at 7PM to elect Directors. Check to see if masks are required. July 27th-July 31st 2022 will be fair dates. We all hope to see you there.

### It's Cub Scout time

Looking for something to do—there's still Cub Scouts. Cub Scouts is for boys and girls Kindergarten through 5th grade. New members are always welcome, come and learn life skills while having fun doing so. The group meets at Grace Lutheran Church on Highway #53 every other Sunday.

Contact Jenny 218-380-8412 for meeting times and further information.

### The Flamettes

The Flamettes are an auxiliary for the Solway Volunteer Fire Department. We hold several events throughout the year to raise money to help purchase equipment needed by these volunteers to ensure their safety, and also to provide supplies needed to help the members of our township and surrounding townships. These family friendly events bring our township together as a community. So go ahead and step outside your door for our next event! You'll be able to talk to neighbors, catch up with old friends and perhaps meet new people!

Our members consist of four officers: Lori Johnson, President; Clare Stromlund, Vice President; Stacy Stuber, Secretary; and Stacie Oakland, Treasurer.

Other members include Mary Bush, Karen Hildre, Barbara Mattson, Kristi Modich, Shirley Nylund, Bonnie Siiro, Sharen VanDenHeuvel and April Vogel.

Over the past years, the Flamettes have given the Solway Volunteer Fire Department over \$17,000. None of this would be possible without our town coming together and supporting our events. So come to our bingos and enjoy hot dogs and treats, or join our group and support our community and our hard-working department. We are always looking for new fundraising ideas! We meet the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall with a few exceptions throughout the year. Our next Bingo is tentatively set for Friday, October 23rd at 6pm and masks will be required. (due to COVID, event may be cancelled)

Bingo: Our next fundraiser is being scheduled for Saturday 10/23 at 6:00p.m. Masks will be required to protect those in attendance. If a cancellation is required due to Covid-19 it will be posted on the town sign.

**We're Back!**  
**Country Music Show 2PM—5PM**  
**Oct. 2nd, Nov. 6th, Dec. 4th**

## Bookmobile Service

The Arrowhead Library System provides a variety of library materials to the people of northeastern Minnesota. Books and other materials are checked out for three weeks and are due back the next date the Bookmobile will stop at your location.

Books taken from the Bookmobile may be returned at any Bookmobile stop or member library. Your Arrowhead Library System borrower's card may be used on the bookmobile, or at the 29 member public libraries.

In case of bad weather, or breakdown, library materials are automatically renewed for three weeks.

Available on your Bookmobile are:

- Adult and Children's Books
- Large Print Books
- DVDs and Blu-rays
- Audio Books
- Music CD's
- Video games
- Interlibrary Loans

During the next calendar quarter the bookmobile will be at the town hall Thursday Oct 7th, 28th, Nov 18th and Dec 9th, 30th— 3:15 to 4:15pm.

For further information, contact the:

Arrowhead Library System  
5528 Emerald Ave.  
Mt. Iron, MN 55768  
218-741-3840 or 1-800-257-1442  
www.alslib.info

## Snow Removal for 2021-2022

St. Louis County will be providing snow plowing on our Township roads again this year. Paved roads are plowed as snow accumulates but dirt roads won't be plowed unless four inches accumulate. It's very difficult to remove snow in early winter and early spring when gravel road surfaces are not frozen. The plow gouge into the gravel surface causing ruts and plowing the gravel into the ditches.

County plow operators try to leave as little snow as possible across driveways. County removal of this windrow is not feasible and is the property owners responsibility. A suggestion is when you plow your driveway, also plow the road driving lane closest to your property about 25 feet or so in the direction from which the plow comes. As the plow approaches and hits the plowed area the plow's snow load will empty leaving very little to go across your driveway. We are reminded that it is unlawful to plow or blow snow onto or across County Roads.

Solway Township is not responsible for any property damage or clean up due to snow plowing.

## Current Community Ed Class Offered at Solway Town Hall

Martial Arts—American Tae Kwon Do

There are classes held at 4-5, 5-6, 6-7 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Ongoing sign ups available

Contact Proctor Hermantown Community Ed at [www.ceconnects.com](http://www.ceconnects.com) or 218-628-6293

Martial Arts is designed to teach focus, concentration, muscle development, balance and gross motor coordination. The instructor uses a traditional and contemporary approach to training in Tae Kwon Do, Kickboxing, and some Kung Fu.

Proctor Hermantown Community Education offers many classes at other area locations. If you have not received their Fall 2020 Community Education brochure please contact them to request one at 218-729-9313..

Covid-19 protocols will be followed.

## Country Music Show 10/2, 11/6 and 12/4

Keith and Sharon Olson have the County Music Show up and running. Still being the 1st Saturday of each month, the hours are 2 to 5 allowing the audience participants to get home earlier in the evening. There will be no meal but beverages and snacks may be available. Thanks Keith and Sharon for accepting the baton and continuing the show for our enjoyment. We wish you and the show continued success.

## Halloween Carnival News

Our Halloween Carnival is tentatively scheduled for Friday Oct. 29—6PM to 9PM. With schools back to in person learning we are being optimistic that the Halloween Carnival can be held this year. Our Special Events Committee members will be gathering to further decide whether the carnival is feasible and begin planning for the carnival if we feel we can move ahead. We will meet Monday 9/27 at 6:30 and 10/25 at 6:30.

We need to adhere to any Federal or State mandates that may be instated governing community gatherings at the time. Its anticipated that wearing masks would be required for staff and participants. We'll try to get information out to the community on our website, townhall sign and posted notice as circumstances change.

**The Fire Departments bingo tentatively scheduled for 10/23 at 6:00p.m.**

**Masks are required.**

**\$10 for 25 sheets—3 boards per sheet.**

**For ham and turkey raffle**

**\$15 for 25 sheets—3 boards per sheet.**

## You! You! You!

Not the other guy. Not the other gal. But you. Solway Volunteer Fire Department needs you to step up and be available to help your family, friends, neighborhood and community. You can make a difference! You can save a life! You can help save someone's home!

If you're graduating from school and are 18 years old being a 1st responder/firefighter can be the outlet for serving others. If your job doesn't always provide a sense of belonging you could join our fire team. You can meet new friends. You can feel the joy of accomplishment when a life is saved or a house is still available to be "home" to a family. Whatever your current circumstances are open the door to a new life venture.

We just need you to say "I'm available to serve" and we'll do the rest. We'll provide the knowledge through training and actual experience at fire and medical scenes to get you to the point of certification and building self confidence of your contribution to the team.

Please step up and call 729-6304.

## Road Maintenance Update

Roadside brushing, tree trimming, culvert replacement and ditching is completed for the year. Roadside grass cutting and grading will continue as needed.

St Louis County has newer and larger snowplowing trucks with belly plows and side wings that require bigger turnaround areas on our dead end township roads. We thank our residents at the end of these roads for allowing St. Louis County and Township Road maintenance vehicles to spill over from our turnarounds onto their driveways and property when turning around. This is greatly appreciated.

We thank all our residents who have reported street light outages, failing culverts, downed trees and other maintenance issues to the town office so we could address the problems.

## Fire Numbers

**We cannot find you if we cannot see your fire number!**

Please remove obstructions blocking your number: tree branches, brush, weeds, etc. If your number is faded, damaged, or missing call 911 to order a new one.

Thank you, SVFD Firefighters/ First Responders

## Recycling Shed News

### HOURS:

Wednesdays 3PM-6PM  
Saturdays 8AM-1PM

### Current recyclables accepted:

**Town Office**  
**4029 Munger Shaw Road**  
**Cloquet, MN 55720**

**Phone: 218-729-5134**  
**Fax: 218-729-5651**  
**Email: solwayclerk@hotmail.com**

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**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**

PRSR STD  
U.S. Postage  
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Permit No. 665  
Duluth, MN

Change Service Requested

## *Solway Section Lines*

### **Township Events Calendar**

#### **Notary Service**

Your Town Clerk is a State Licensed Notary. If you have documents that need your signature notarized call the town office and arrange a time to meet. This service is free of charge. Remember that it's necessary that you sign your document in the notary's presence as she is testifying to and certifying that it is your signature.

October 2 ..... Country Music Show 2-5PM  
October 7 ..... Bookmobile 3:15-4:15PM  
October 12..... Town Board Meeting 6:30PM  
October 23..... Halloween Bingo 6:00PM  
October 28..... Bookmobile 3:15-4:15PM  
October 29..... Halloween Carnival 6:00-9:00PM  
November 6 ..... Country Music Show 2-5PM  
November 9 ..... Town Board Meeting 6:30PM  
November 18 ..... Bookmobile 3:15-4:15PM  
December 4 ..... Country Music Show 2-5PM  
December 9 ..... Bookmobile 3:15-4:15PM  
December 14 ..... Town Board Meeting 6:30PM  
December 30..... Bookmobile 3:15-4:15PM