

**Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 28, 2014**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
RONALD BENEDETTI**

The **REGULAR BOARD MEETING of the SOLVAY VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** was called to order by Mayor Ronald Benedetti at the Town of Geddes Court Room, 1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209 at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Thomas Tarolli		
 ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:	Trustees	Harry DeCarlo	Present
		Daniel Bellotti	Present
		John Fall Sr	Present
		Derek Baichi	Present
		John Cregg	Present
	Deputy Mayor	Thomas Tarolli	Present
	Mayor	Ronald Benedetti	Present

PETITIONS: Charles Callura of King Ave thanked the Solvay Fire Department for their assistance with his father when he was caring of his father Joseph Callura.

Ty Pitoniak of 106 Lionel Ave and some of his neighbors thanked the Mayor, Board of Trustees, and the Codes Department for their help in the situation at 101 Lionel Avenue. There were people living at the church and it is not properly zoned for that purpose. It is a church.

Larry Ball addressed the issue and said the Code Department contacted the owner and told him that people cannot live in a church and it is not a parsonage. They will need proper building permits and zoning approval for any construction done in the church. They had to be out by February 1, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None at this time

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Mayor pointed out the new Woods Road Pavilion that was paid by the Community Development and can now be used by the residents .

The Mayor thanked Anthony DeStefano, Engineer for the many years of service he has given to the Village as he is retiring at the end of February, 2014. He did a fantastic job and received a standing ovation.

The Mayor and Board of Trustees will be looking for a new Treasurer. Mike Fecco will come back as our consultant until someone new is hired.

Governor Cuomo will be in the Village on Wednesday, January 29, 2014.

Legal Kevin Gilligan reported they will talk about Windstream in executive session.

Treasurer Consultant Michael Fecco had nothing to report.

Police Chief Cox reported 7430 calls for 2013 year end. Ed Weber, part time police officer, put in his resignation with the Solvay Police Department. Chief Cox praised him as an excellent officer and is sorry to see him leave.

Electric Joe Hawksby, Electric Superintendent reported the Electric Department will post a lineworker/journeyman job to fill the vacancy left after the retirement of Steve Susco in May of 2013. HMT has given the department a list of maintenance items for each substation that would need to be addressed in 2014. They took thermal images/ pictures of the substations. Joe asked the Board to approve the quotes for spare breakers for Lakeland substation not to exceed \$57,500.

He is also working with IEEP on funds for 2014 projects which will include the fire department, Geddes Bank , the high school and some residential properties.

Dave Au and Joe Hawksby showed and explained two pieces of line equipment for safety and reliability. Also he showed the new animal guards that will be placed on poles so the squirrels cannot knock the power out.

DPW/Highway Mark Cazzolli reported the highway the department has been out salting the roads quite a bit this month. We are a little over the salt usage and more salt has been ordered. Equipment is holding out pretty good. Work force is small and but they are doing an outstanding job. Hats off to the DPW guys for showing up.

The department has been working the sidewalk issues. They have been trying to keep them clear but more damage has been done due to the "wings." The shelter on the tennis court went very well and did an outstanding job. They did a nice job and by this spring, the residents will be able to use them.

Library Elizabeth Loftus reported:

Collections and Services

Typically we see a decrease in our December circulation because of the holidays. However, our circulation was up in December compared to December 2012 as was our computer usage. The circulation increase may have been due to the addition of Rapid Reads and other new materials we are featuring at the Library. We recorded 808 computer sessions compared to 723 the previous December.

Rapid Reads have really taken off although we introduced them at the height of the holiday season. Patrons have commented that they like finding these titles on the shelf and don't find it challenging to read them in a week. We have also introduced Fast Flicks which are popular dvds that we are loaning for 3 days only and like Rapid Reads are non-holdable.

We asked patrons to complete the Impact Survey through December 18 and despite the low number of respondents, we received some great feedback from people who use our computers. The reports furnished are great tools for outcome based metrics, something that the library system would like to gather more of.

Personnel and Training

Loretta Hughes and I attended the mandatory Sensitivity Training Class on December 18. This training was summarized for all Solvay Library staff.

Attended Suburban Library Director's Meeting on January 7 at East Syracuse Library. OCPL is introducing new procedures to expedite materials delivery throughout the system.

All of our circulation desk staff assists patrons with the public computers but we have one staff person who offers in depth training and on whom we and the patrons depend. Brian Rowlands is our tech person and received a compliment from a patron on January 10. I prepared a formal letter of recognition to give Brian for his personnel file and forwarded copies to the Library Board and Mayor Benedetti. In preparing this letter I inquired if the Village had something formal to recognize staff and was told that staff would certainly appreciate a way for residents to voice their appreciation. I will share some of our visitor satisfaction forms from the Library with Gail Tarolli.

Sadly, two of our part-time clerks are resigning this week. Longtime staff member Nancy DeGilio is resigning her regular position this week. She is going to continue as a substitute but we will miss seeing her every week. Patrons are sure to miss her as she is always extremely helpful and kind to everyone. We will also miss David Hubert who has tendered his resignation. We will be interviewing to replace at least one or both of them by next month.

Library Visibility and Community Outreach

I continue visiting Learn As You Grow Day Care each Wednesday morning to read to four groups of children ranging in age from 18 months to 4 years old.

I contacted the BASCOL After School Program which has a site at Solvay Elementary and discussed partnering with them to deliver Children's Services. The site director contacted me on January 8 about bringing kindergartners and first graders to the library for an after school read-aloud once a week beginning in February.

I Visited Solvay Middle School on December 19 to distribute flyers.

Contacted Solvay High School Principal about having students in their library courses volunteer or work at the Library. The Principal is looking into lining up some students.

Programs and Meeting Room Use

In December the library sponsored 13 programs for kids which were attended by 37 children. 17 attended the 3 programs offered for adults. 9 groups used our meeting rooms with 45 people attending those meetings.

The Superhero Alter Ego program presented in conjunction with the Everson Exhibit, *Art of Video Games* on January 3 drew a small but appreciative audience. There were three middle school boys who came together and interacted well with the Everson presenters to produce their own superhero. The Handwriting Analysis program presented by Blanche Sabene at the regular Library Adult Social was well-received by over a dozen people. The Italian conversation group Parliamo un po' had a good start on January 22 with 7 people in attendance. This past Sunday we offered a Toddlers Tango program that drew over 20 toddlers and parents.

In response to a call for projects from area libraries, I submitted a proposal for the iSchool's course on Planning, Marketing and Assessing Library Services to assess our provision of children's services and ways we can go

forward despite not having ideal staffing. Our proposal was accepted and we have a team of four graduate students working on evaluation of our children’s area and services.

Building

Work on the replacement windows has been completed.

It was a busy month for end of the year inspections. In addition to the sprinkler system, CNY Elevator Inspections inspected the elevator and Notifier tested and inspected our fire alarm system. Time Warner was also called in to adjust some of our security cameras because of blurry images. We had no heat in the work areas of the library and called Alberts to come in December 28 to rectify this.

This has been a challenging winter thus far between the snow and extremely cold temperatures. The Highway Department has done a good job of keeping our walkways and parking lots plowed although patrons complain when the parking lot snow is pushed against the curbs making them difficult to climb over. We did close early on January 2 when the snow just kept falling and neighboring schools and libraries were all closing.

Elizabeth Loftus, Interim Director

Codes

Tom Tarolli thanked Larry Ball and Peter Albrigo for helping with the 101 Lionel Ave issue and taking care of the situation. Also for the residents for bringing it up to our attention of the Board and Codes Dept. There will be a Public Hearing for the Nuisance Law that will help take care of the houses that have been causing nuisances. This will hopefully help the police.

Larry Ball, Code Officer will pursue a Grant application through NYS to digitize all the code records –software desk top scanner to access the records. We will apply the grant with NYS Archives so you can between the Town of Geddes and Village. With the combined services, this will help with schedules, inspections etc.

Stormwater

Anthony DeStefano reported on Stormwater

West Side Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Project Update

- ✓ We’re expecting the contract with D.E. Tarolli to be returned to the Village in the coming week or so.
- ✓ Assuming everything is in order, construction will begin shortly thereafter.
- ✓ Once a start date is identified, we’ll be providing Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection with that information.

Solvay-Geddes Youth Center Bioretention Project Update

- ✓ The Village Engineer has discussed the project with the new Solvay Tigers President, Dave Scrimale.
- ✓ The attorneys for the Village and Solvay Tigers will begin discussions shortly concerning easements for the project’s construction and maintenance.

Engineering Report

Community Development Block Grant Applications

- ✓ Village Engineer needs to meet with Board to finalize project submissions and approval of the Consolidated Plan at the February Board meeting.
- ✓ Community Development Block Grant applications are due March 21, 2014.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2013 Regular Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: John Fall Sr
SECOND: Derek Baichi
AYES: 7 **NAYES:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$7782.50 for services rendered form 1/23/13-12/31/13

MOTION: Daniel Bellotti
SECOND: Thomas Tarolli
AYES: 7 **NAYES:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC \$13,812.18 for services rendered for the month of December 2013.

MOTION: John Cregg
SECOND: Harry DeCarlo
AYES: 7 **NAYES:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Budget Modifications:

MOTION: Harry DeCarlo
SECOND: Thomas Tarolli
AYES: 7 **NAYES:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

<u>Account Revenue</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>(as modified) Current Budget</u>	<u>proposed Budget Mod</u>	<u>newly modified Budget Amount</u>
415600A	Safety Inspection Fees	15,000	(14,000)	1,000
415610A	Safety Registration Fees	10,000	(9,000)	1,000
424010A	Interest Income on Deposits	1,200	(400)	800
425550A	Permits	4,400	600	5,000
426210A	Seized and Forfeited Property		3,160	3,160
426650A	Sale of Equipment		910	910
427700A	Other Authorized Revenues	50	4,125	4,175
440890A	Federal Aid	190	(190)	-
430890A	State Aid		190	190
435890A	State Aid - Safer Roads & CHIPS	100,000	19,393	119,393
		130,840	4,788	135,628

Expenses

5312.01A	Police - Vehicle Repairs	5,209	10,000	15,209
5312.05A	Police - Fuel	22,566	15,000	37,566
5312.20A	Police - Telephone	6,640	5,600	12,240
531204A	Police - Other	15,600	(15,600)	-
551102A	Street Maintenance - Equip.		22,242	22,242
551103A	Street Maintenance - CHIPS	100,000	19,393	119,393
590108A	Employee Retirement System	224,167	(6,271)	217,896
590158A	Police Retirement System	359,678	(103,442)	256,236
590508A	NYS Unemployment		1,620	1,620
590558A	Disability Insurance		1,000	1,000
519304A	Contingent Account		55,246	55,246
		733,860	4,788	738,648

- Introducing proposed Local Law A of 2014, amending Chapter 120 of the Village of Solvay Code related to “Nuisances”, determining that the Village Board will act as lead agency, there are no other involved agencies, the enactment of this proposed local law is a Type 2 action, thus concluding the SEQR process and that a public hearing to consider this local law will be held at the February 25, 2014 regular meeting of the Solvay Village Board, all in accordance with the full resolution that has been circulated to the Village Board of Trustees.

Trustee Tarolli introduced proposed Local Law No. A-2014 to amend Chapter 120 (titled “Nuisances”) of the Code of the Village of Solvay at: 1) Chapter 120-2 by redefining “Public Nuisance” to no longer include loitering; 2) Chapter 120-4(C) by changing the number of incidents that must occur within a one (1) year period at a particular premise from two (2) to four (4); and 3) Chapter 120-11(C) by designating a three (3) member hearing panel, one (1) member each appointed by the Code Enforcement Officer, the Chief of Police and the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded **by Trustee DeCarlo**:

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Village of Solvay, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that this Board shall act as lead agency, the enactment of proposed Local Law A-2014 is a Type II Action and will have no adverse impact on the environment, in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local law No. A-2014 at the Town of Geddes Town Hall, 1000 Woods Road, in the Village of Solvay, on February 25, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Daniel Bellotti	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall, Sr.	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Thomas Tarolli	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Cregg	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Harry DeCarlo	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Ronald Benedetti	Mayor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DATED: January 28, 2014

- Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire a Line Worker II/Journeyman in the Electric Department to replace an employee who retired.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: John Cregg

Derek Baichi moved and Daniel Bellotti seconded to table the motion until next month.

Harry DeCarlo	Trustee	Voted	NO
Daniel Bellotti	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	NO
Derek Baichi	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Cregg	Trustee	Voted	NO
Thomas Tarolli	Trustee	Voted	NO
Ronald Benedetti	Mayor	Voted	NO

Motion to table the resolution failed.

Roll call vote for the original resolution

Harry DeCarlo	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Daniel Bellotti	Trustee	Voted	NO
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes

Derek Baichi	Trustee	Voted	NO
John Cregg	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Thomas Tarolli	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Ronald Benedetti	Mayor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DATED: January 28, 2014

7. Authorization from the Board of Board of Trustees to pay Petrocci Appraisal, Inc. the amount of \$2,500 from Electric, to pay for the cost of two appraisals relating to portions of Boyd Avenue and Mathews Avenue, pertaining to acquisition of such parcels from National Grid.

MOTION: Harry DeCarlo
SECOND: Thomas Tarolli
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to forward the requested appraisals of Boyd Ave and Mathews Ave parcels to National Grid to progress the Village’s acquisition of the subject parcels.

MOTION: John Cregg
SECOND: John Fall Sr
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to appoint Gail Tarolli as Village Clerk to fill the position vacated by Dave Terrell.

MOTION: Derek Baichi
SECOND: Harry DeCarlo

Harry DeCarlo	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Daniel Bellotti	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Cregg	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Thomas Tarolli	Trustee	Voted	Abstained
Ronald Benedetti	Mayor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DATED: January 28, 2014

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the purchase of two breakers for Lakeland substation price not to exceed \$57,500.00.

MOTION: Harry DeCarlo
SECOND: John Fall Sr
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

12. Authorizing the Mayor to sign checks on behalf of the Village, pursuant to Section 4-400-1k of the New York State Village Law, due to a vacancy in the office of Village Treasurer.

MOTION: Thomas Tarolli
SECOND: Derek Baichi
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

13. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to schedule a Public Hearing to consider the Community Development 5 year plan at this Board’s next meeting on February 28, 2014.

MOTION: Thomas Tarolli
SECOND: John Fall Sr
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract and/or personnel matter at 7:25 p.m.

MOTION: Daniel Bellotti
SECOND: John Fall Sr
AYES: 7 **NAYES:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 8:41 p.m.

MOTION: John Cregg
SECOND: Daniel Bellotti
AYES: 7 **NAYES:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

No action was taken at the Executive session meeting.

14. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to allow the Mayor to sign an agreement for shared services with between the Solvay Fire Department and Solvay Highway Department to salt Station One as required or as necessary to be determined by the Highway Superintendent.

MOTION: John Cregg
SECOND: Daniel Bellotti
AYES: 6 **NAYES:** 0 **Abstained:** 1 **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

MOTION: Daniel Bellotti
SECOND: Harry DeCarlo
AYES: 7 **NAYES:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Benedetti, Mayor
Village of Solvay