

Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, July 26, 2016

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Today, Tuesday, July 26, 2016 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 Derek Baichi

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL: Trustees William McVicker Present  
Daniel Bellotti Present  
John Fall Sr Present  
Derek Baichi Present  
John Cregg Excused  
Deputy Mayor Thomas Tarolli Present  
Mayor Ronald Benedetti Present

CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: Extend Village Elections from March to November**

Thomas Tarolli motioned to open the Public Hearing. Dustin Czarny, Commissioner of Onondaga County Board of Elections, answered questions from the Board. He stated the County will absorb all the costs by moving the election from March to November. There were favorable comments from the public - one of them being BRAVO! Daniel Bellotti moved and Derek Baichi seconded to close the Public Hearing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administrative Mayor Ronald Benedetti – None at this time**

**Legal Kevin Gilligan, Village Lawyer – On the agenda**

**Treasurer Cheryl Visconti, Acting Treasurer-** reported there were no budget mod this month and the current fiscal year is on target. She is continuing to work on last year’s fiscal closing (invoices). The Auditors will be in the office in August. 92% of the taxes have been paid (\$3,258,459.25) with 8% outstanding (\$300,410.36).

**Police Allen Wood, Police Chief** reported 907 service calls for June 2016. The department had 47 follow-ups, 0 felonies, 32 misdemanors, 136 Vehicle and Traffic, 1 DWI, 148 parking tickets and 15 accidents. The Police chief praised Officer N. Elsenbeck when he responded to a Hit and Run accident and spotted the car on Hall Ave. After securing the driver and passenger of the car, it was determined there was a loaded handgun illegally possessed by the occupants. It was later learned the driver of the car had an active warrant out of Syracuse and is a previously convicted felon on parole and a known gang member. Also, Officer J LaRose made a routine traffic stop and he discovered the driver had an active warrant out of Syracuse. The officer also located 1.3 gram of powdered cocaine and a large amount of marijuana. The individual was also a previously a convicted felon.

**Electric Joe Hawksby, Electric Superintendent** reported the work on Heritage Circle was completed. The 7 ft bucket truck was used to trim the trees on Woods Road, Orchard Rd and Longbranch Road. Brush hog will be here for the next four weeks down at the substation and in Lakeland to cut down the brush as some of the electric employees have had numerous deer ticks on them.

**DPW/Highway Mark Cazzolli, Highway Superintendent** reported the status of the pool is operating very well. They have a low maintenance rate and the weather has been great. The department is off to a bit of a late start with the sidewalk work and road resurfacing. On the agenda tonight the village will receive money for sidewalk replacement. The park projects are on schedule with completion of the Woods Road pavilion to be in mid-August.

**Library Loretta Hughes, Librarian** reported:

Incidents  
! Over the past couple weeks we’ve had three incidents with kids being told they had to leave the library because they were using inappropriate language. The group has ranged from as few as four kids to as many as 10-12. There is one teenager who has been involved in all three incidents. This evening the police were called because the kids were loitering in the back parking lot, standing on the picnic table and throwing things around.

**Summer Reading Program Update**

! The Summer Reading Program has gotten off to a good start. We’re a little more than half way through the seven week program. So far we have 67 kids enrolled in the program and as of today, they’ve recorded 222 books.

**Programs**

! On Friday, July 15 we hosted a Zoo To You program and had about 75 people attend.

! Scavenger Hunt – Held on Monday, July 25, 2016. Open to kids ages 5-17. Kids picked up a list of clues at the circulation desk and then explored the library to find the items. Everyone who completed the scavenger hunt received a prize of a string backpack with an insulated cup donated by Geddes Bank.

- ! MOST Traveling Science Show visits the library on Wednesday, 7/27 at 11:00 a.m.
- ! Dan the Snakeman – Will be here on Wednesday, August 3 at 11:00 a.m.
- ! Fancy Nancy Tea Party – Saturday, August 6 at 11:00 a.m. for kids ages 3-8.

Friends of the Library

- ! Assisting the library this summer by donating towards library programs. They're going to purchase cookies for the Fancy Nancy Tea Party and they're going to donate one \$50 gift card and two \$25 gift cards to Barnes and Noble that we can use for prizes for the Summer Reading Program.

Facility

- ! Seth Thomas Pendulum Clock – was recently cleaned and repaired and is now hanging above the fireplace in the Hazard Room. The clock is original to the library. It was donated by Cornelia Mertens who was hired as an Assistant Librarian in 1904 and was promoted to Head Librarian in 1912 when Mr. O. Ware Clary retired. Ms. Mertens died in 1939.
- ! Wi-Fi Hours Changed – the hours that the library's wi-fi was available used to be 8 am to 9 pm each day of the week. We've reset the wi-fi to match the hours that the library is open to discourage people from loitering outside the library when the library is closed to use the wi-fi.

**Codes** Thomas Tarolli reported Larry Ball, Part time Code Officer has resigned. Pete Albrigo said that in the fall, the department will look for a replacement.

**Stormwater Mark Malley** reported that ESF interns will map the storm systems which is required by the DEC.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION: John Fall Sr**  
**SECOND: Derek Baichi**  
**AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$15,347.50 for services rendered from 06/01/16 through 06/30/16. (Invoices: 0159826, 0159827, 159828, 0159829, 0159830, 159831) Below are the specific projects that will be reimbursed through a grant or the County.

*Invoice No. 0159827 – Project No. 114.213.001 – I/I Reduction Grant*  
*Invoice No. 0159828 – Project No. 114.214.001 – Senator DeFrancisco Grant*  
*Invoice No. 0159830 – Project No. 114.217.001 – USDARD Funding Application – Montrose Avenue Revitalization I/I Reduction*  
*Invoice No. 0159831 – Project No. 114.218.001 – SAM Grant*  
**Total cost to the Village: \$5,020.00**  
**MOTION: Daniel Bellotti**  
**SECOND: Thomas Tarolli**  
**AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC \$11,542.25 for services rendered for the month of June, 2016. (Reimbursed \$787.50 from Community Development, \$3,502 for Solvay Electric Labor; \$218.75 for Solvay Electric; \$34.00 for Labor) Total paid by Village general fund: \$7,034).

**MOTION: Derek Baichi**  
**SECOND: Daniel Bellotti**  
**AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve **WHEREAS**, the property described by the following tax map number(s) and located at the following address(s) is/are in the Village of Solvay, is/are owned by the following owner(s); and **WHEREAS**, as the aforesaid property owner(s) allows the property to accumulate high weeds, brush, grass, trash, debris, or other matter, in a manner that is unhealthy, hazardous, or dangerous and in violation of Chapter 56; and **WHEREAS**, the owner(s) was notified by certified mail and/or posted on site and a follow up revealed the violation still exists **NOW**, be it resolved that the Village of Solvay Board shall authorize the property to be cut, trimmed, and removed by the Village Representatives, and all actual costs of work or services rendered at the direction of the Village Board, shall be assessed and collected in the same manner and time as the taxes levied on the premises.

	STREET ADDRESS	TAX MAP	NAME OF OWNER
	203 Freeman Ave	011.-07-32.0	Kristen LaManna

**MOTION: Daniel Bellotti**  
**SECOND: Derek Baichi**  
**AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

5. Authorization to accept the bid from J&B Installations in the amount of \$29,225.00 for roof

replacement at Mountaintop Fire Station and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with J&B Installations to complete the roof replacement project.

**MOTION: Derek Baichi**  
**SECOND: Thomas Tarolli**  
**AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

6. Authorize acceptance of a bid for 2016 sidewalk replacement to Paduana Construction, as lowest

responsible bidder and authorize the Mayor to sign an appropriate contract for this work in accordance with the Paduana Construction bid and the Bid Tabulation prepared by C&S Engineers.

**MOTION: Daniel Bellotti**  
**SECOND: John Fall Sr**  
**AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve to hire Morgan Cappon as a lifeguard substitute at a rate of \$9.00 per hour for the summer of 2016.

**MOTION: Derek Baichi**  
**SECOND: Thomas Tarolli**  
**AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

8. **Daniel Bellotti** made the following motion which was seconded by **John Fall Sr.**

**WHEREAS**, Village of Solvay Elections have historically been held on the third Tuesday in March, in odd numbered years; and

**WHEREAS**, in September, 2012 the Village Board turned the conduct of Village Elections over to the Onondaga County Board of Elections; and

**WHEREAS**, many villages in the County have done likewise and have further changed the timing of their elections so that they are held in November, at the time of the General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, holding Village elections in the Fall, at the time of the General Election, can result in many efficiencies and reduced cost; and

**WHEREAS**, holding Village elections in the Fall, at the time of the General Election can result in greater voter turnout and participation in Village elections.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that from this date forward all Village of Solvay elections for the offices of Mayor, Trustee and Village Justice, formerly held on the third Tuesday in March of each Village election year shall henceforth be held on the normally scheduled November General Election cycle and date beginning with all Village Elections to be held in 2017, pursuant to the Onondaga County Board of Elections calendar; and it is further

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that all terms of current Village offices which would be up for election in 2017 shall be extended until December 31, 2017 and that the terms of current offices that would be up for election in 2019 shall be extended until December 31, 2019; these adjustments in terms of offices being approved in order to facilitate the change in election months and to provide for a period of transition and training of newly elected officers. The purpose of this provision is to make sure that office terms do not expire prematurely with the adoption of the new election cycle; and it is further

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

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

William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Daniel Bellotti	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Cregg	Trustee	Voted	Excused
Thomas Tarolli	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Ronald Benedetti	Mayor	Voted	Yes

**The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.**

**Dated: July 26, 2016**

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve Gregory Lowe as the accredited delegate for the

Village of Solvay at the Annual MEUA Conference on August 30, 31, September 1, 2, 2016 to be held at Holiday Valley, Route 219 Ellicottville, NY.

**MOTION: Derek Baichi**  
**SECOND: Daniel Bellotti**

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

**The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.**

**Dated: July 26, 2016**

**PETITIONS:** Ronald Reudink of 63 Heritage Circle inquired about the deer situation and if anything can be done to correct the situation. Trustee Tarolli explained that the DEC is in control.

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Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract and/or personnel matter at 7:07 p.m.

**MOTION:** Daniel Bellotti  
**SECOND:** John Fall Sr  
**AYES:** 6      **NAYES:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED**

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** Derek Baichi  
**SECOND:** John Fall Sr  
**AYES:** 6      **NAYES:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED**

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**No action was taken at the Executive session meeting.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

**MOTION:** John Fall Sr  
**SECOND:** Thomas Tarolli  
**AYES:** 6      **NAYES:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M Tarolli, Village Clerk