

**Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, October 18, 2011**

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK/TREASURER  
MICHAEL FECCO**

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The **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** of the **SOLVAY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** at the Solvay Village Library, 615 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209 at 5:59 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**                      **Daniel Bellotti**

<b>ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Trustees:</b>	<b>Jamie Colucci</b>	<b>Present</b>
		<b>Ronald Benedetti</b>	<b>Present</b>
		<b>Daniel Bellotti</b>	<b>Present</b>
		<b>Thomas Tarolli</b>	<b>Present</b>
		<b>John Fall, Sr.</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	<b>John McPeak</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Kathleen Marinelli</b>	<b>Present</b>

**PRESENTATION:** Patricia Blanchard gave a presentation from Ambit Energy Savings on ways to save money on your gas bills. Packets were given to the Mayor and Trustees

**PETITIONS:** **Jim Togni** recently bought a two family house in the Village of Solvay and put in a new driveway and sidewalk. He has had a lot of problems with snow removal and piles of snow on the sidewalk because of cars being parked on both sides of the street (odd and even parking). He apologized for putting up signs that said, "SNOW-no parking from November 15 to April 15 from midnight to 8:00 a.m." He didn't realize he had to get permission from the Village of Solvay. Mark Cazzolli, Highway Superintendent, spoke to Mr. Togni and said there were procedures to follow and he must talk to Donna Taggart, Code Enforcement Officer. The Village Board will let him know what to do next.

**David Butler** is the owner and operator of TLC Medical Services. Mr Butler introduced Lon Fricano, Director of Operations and spoke about servicing in the Village of Solvay. With the overcrowding in the hospitals, 911 may dispatch TLC if Rural Metro is busy. They want to get the closest EMS vehicle to the Village in an emergency. They were making the Village aware other EMS vehicles may be responding in the Village other than Rural Metro.

**David Blair**, owner of several rental properties in the Village of Solvay, questioned the Certification of Registration fees. He was told to call Donna Taggart, Code Enforcement Officer, for answers. The Village will research this.

**Mary Bosco**, of 409 Center Street, has a problem with 112 Worth Street. She stated the property has garbage, odors, animals, rats, and high grass. Part of the house is condemned and plaster is coming down. Mary has put up a fence to block out the yard and garbage. The Worth Street house has been in foreclosure and is on the list of properties to be cleaned up by the Codes Department. The Health Department will be notified. The Mayor will notify Donna Taggart and see what can be done.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**                      **None at this time**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administrative:** Received a thank you note from Rosemary Bednarski, 409 South Ave regarding her sidewalk that was repaired in two days. She wrote that Mr Cazzolli was patient, courteous and kind, as well as his office staff.

Also received a letter from Joan McDonald, Commissioner of the State of NY Department of Transportation regarding the petition we sent to Assemblyman Magnarelli, Congressman Buerkle, Town of Geddes Board, and the Village Board regarding the our flooding problems on Montrose Avenue. The NY DOT is aware of the problems and it is their understanding that design concepts are being developed by the Town of Geddes to address these problems. The DOT would like to review these concepts. It is the NYSDOT's responsibility and authority to assure that modifications made to the drainage system do not adversely impact the State Highway System. The local storm water drainage system is downstream from the state highway drainage system and any proposals developed by the Town must include provisions for the continued discharge of the state highway drainage system to the local storm drainage system. The NYS DOT staff stated they will continue to work with the Town of Geddes and the Village of Solvay to develop a drainage system that will alleviate the flooding problems for the Town and Village. The Mayor and Board of Trustees are developing this design concept of the flooding, not the Town of Geddes. A letter will be sent out to the NY DOT stating it is the Village of Solvay doing all the work. The Town of Geddes is not responding to the village about this situation.

**Legal**                      Kevin Gilligan will address the Legal in executive session

**Treasurer** The Village received a letter from the Dormitory Authority stating the information packet we sent in was not filled out properly. This is for the Highway garage and is almost two years old. The Budget Mods were discussed at the Finance meeting which are attached. A new health insurance plan will be presented to Village personnel in an effort to save money.

**Police** Police Chief Cox excused

**Electric** John Montone introduced Joseph Hawksby, our new Assistant Electric Department Superintendent to the Mayor and Board of Trustees.

After two weeks of switching and short planned outages, we now have the Village Distribution system operating from the Bridge Street substation. As most of you are aware this was done so that we could prepare the Mathews Substation for tear-down and rebuild and to comply with proper Utility standards.

The project is on schedule to be complete the first quarter of next year. Once this project is complete, the substation operation will become much more reliable with a high protocol on safe operational procedure. This substation is supplied by two transmission lines owned by National Grid which the point of interconnect will also be replaced to an upgraded line that has more capacity to handle our Electrical loads.

I have been notified by the Northeast Power Coordinating Council that we will have an annual review of Solvay's Critical Assets for our substations, this also includes the Critical Cybec assets (this is our computer Scada system that monitors all of the system. Solvay is one of the seven systems out of the fifty three munis and co-ops that had to register with the FERC coordinating council. This is because of our size and our connection to the bulk grid, transmission line

What I have to do is provide documentation on how we are in compliance and how we monitor and conduct the system operation. We have to be consistent with FERC enforcement agencies compliance program and if not penalties and sanctions could go into effect. On the first part of the review, which was an interview and survey process, it has been concluded that the Village of Solvay Electric Department clearly demonstrated that it meets or exceeds all minimum characteristics of a favorable Culture of Compliance with FERC. The next step in the process is an Audit in September, 2012.

John Montone spoke about the new position in Resolution #8 and it will be a Civil Service position.

**DPW/Highway** Mark Cazzolli sold three vehicles at the auction. FEMA projects are working on Case Street.

The blockages are clear and laterals are cleared. Rebuilt storage drains and is being done by the highway department. Completed another FEMA project on Hardwicke Drive and rebuilt the storm system. The next project will be Caroline Ave replacing the guardrail. The newer section will be contracted out. On Essex street it was found a 24 storm that connects up to the Westvale/Montrose area. The highway department is in the process of getting that cleaned out. A drainage grate may be the problem to the flooding....there may be a break there. This will be an ongoing problem. The sidewalks are on hold. Some of the sidewalks were replaced on Milton Ave in front of Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home. They had to put in a replacement sidewalk as it was a dangerous situation. The highway Department is getting their equipment ready for winter. Boyd Ave Park has been cleaned up. Signs will be put up saying the park is closed. Signs for streetscape will be put up regarding parking.

**Library** Cara Burton received the State of NY Financial Commissions report. Solvay Library Board members are asking the Board of Trustees to attend the Town of Geddes budget hearing on November 9 at 7:00 p.m. to show their support for the library. The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a Halloween party on Friday, October 28 at 3:30 p.m. Also, the Solvay Library Board will have their annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m. at which they will raffle off a Holiday Basket.

**Codes** Thomas Tarolli spoke on behalf of Donna Taggart. The property at 401 N Orchard Road has been ticketed and has been cleaned up. The Codes Department is still working with the bank on the property 25 Heritage Circle. Donna Taggart put a "Stop Work Order" at 212 Boulder Road as they were remodeling without a building permit.

**Stormwater** Anthony DeStefano excused

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Authorization from the Board to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2011 Regular Board meeting be accepted and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION: John Fall Sr.**  
**SECOND: John McPeak**  
**AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

2. Authorization from the Board to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2011 Special Board meeting be accepted and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION: Ronald Benedetti**  
**SECOND: John Fall Sr**  
**AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

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

**MOTION: John McPeak**  
**SECOND: Ronald Benedetti**  
**AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

To: Mayor Marinelli & Trustees

October 18, 2011

From: Mike Fecco

Village of Solvay General Fund  
 Schedule of Proposed Budget Modifications  
 For Approval at the October 2011 Regular Board Meeting

Account	Title	(as modified )		newly modified Budget Amount
		Current Budget	proposed Budget Mod	
<b>Revenue</b>				
415210A	School Resource Officer	38,000	295	38,295
415890A	Other Public Safety Income	8,500	207	8,707
420010A	Parks & Recs Fees	14,000	(7,500)	6,500
420890A	Field Days Income	2,500	(1,155)	1,345
425010A	Business Licenses	500	2,778	3,278
425550A	Permits	4,610	222	4,832
427053A	Gifts & Donations		400	400
427700A	Other Authorized Revenues		552	552
430890A	State Aid - Other	101,590	(6,714)	94,876
410900A	Interest & Penalties on Taxes	14,000	8,702	22,702
				0
				0
				0
				0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>183,700</b>	<b>(2,213)</b>	<b>181,487</b>

**Expenses**

551104A	Street Maintenance - Other	185,124	(6,714)	178,410
571201A	Pool Wages	31,099	(2,642)	28,457
571204A	Pool - Other	7,000	(3,500)	3,500
571454A	Field Days - Other	16,000	5,771	21,771
590458A	Life Insurance	17,000	(1,000)	16,000
590508A	NYS Unemployment	9,698	7,460	17,158
571101A	Parks & Recs - Wages	45,193	(1,588)	43,605
				0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>311,114</b>	<b>(2,213)</b>	<b>308,901</b>

4. Authorization from the Board to pay Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC \$8043.95 for services rendered for the month of September, 2011.

**MOTION: John Fall Sr**  
**SECOND: Ronald Benedetti**  
**AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

5. Authorization from the Board to pay WM Engineers \$\$6,717.98 for services rendered for the month of August 2011.

**MOTION: Ronald Benedetti**  
**SECOND: John McPeak**  
**AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

6. Authorization from the Board to pay WM Engineers \$7,799.85 for services rendered for the month of September 2011.

**MOTION: John McPeak**  
**SECOND: Ronald Benedetti**  
**AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

7. 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.

<i>STREET ADDRESS</i>	<i>TAX MAP</i>	<i>NAME OF OWNER</i>
112 Worth Ave	005.-07-07.0	Patrick LeBlanc
109 Draper Ave	015.-02-14.1	Maselli Plumbing

**MOTION:** John McPeak  
**SECOND:** Thomas Tarolli  
**AYES:** 7      **NAYES:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED**

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to add to the Electric Department roster, a Civil Service titled position - "Maintenance Electrician/Solvay Substation Technician."

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

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to offer non-union employees non-coverage stipend which states in the event a current full time employee covered by this agreement elects not to be covered by the village's health insurance plan, said employee will receive an annual sum of \$3000.00 (if eligible for family coverage) or \$1500.00 (if eligible for individual coverage) payable in quarterly increments provided:

- a. The employee makes said election in writing by December 1 of the preceding year acknowledging that he or she will not participate in the Village coverage for that year; and
- b. The employee is not otherwise eligible to be covered as a spouse or dependent under the Village's plan. The employee must be currently in the plan to take advantage of the buyout plan.

**MOTION:** Jamie Colucci  
**SECOND:** John McPeak  
**AYES:** 7      **NAYES:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED**

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay Officer Jason MacConaghy, Second Class wages of \$53,747 annual rate of pay starting October 22, 2011 based on legal precedence.

**MOTION:** Ronald Benedetti  
**SECOND:** John Fall Sr  
**AYES:** 7      **NAYES:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED**

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire Ruslan Solovskiy as a part time Library Page at a rate of \$7.25 per hour effective October 21st for the Solvay Public Library. This position is filling a vacancy and will not affect the library's budget.

**MOTION:** Jamie Colucci  
**SECOND:** John McPeak  
**AYES:** 7      **NAYES:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED**

12. Authorization from the Board of Trustees for the Village to participate in the Year-4 Stormwater Education and Outreach Compliance Program being conducted by the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board (CNYRPDB) in accordance with the full resolution that has been circulated to the Village Board and authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with CNYRPDB to this effect.

**MOTION:** John McPeak  
**SECOND:** Thomas Tarolli  
**AYES:** 7      **NAYES:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED**

13. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay Rocco & Frost Construction Inc approximately \$2187.00 not to exceed \$2500 to build a wooden platform over the in-ground pool encapsulating the pool as it is unsafe and unsanitary at 25 Heritage Circle, Solvay, NY.

**The motion was tabled to November 22, 2011 at the Regular Board Meeting.**

**MOTION:** Jamie Colucci  
**SECOND:** John Fall Sr  
**AYES:** 7      **NAYES:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor appointed Ronald Benedetti, Thomas Tarolli and John Fall Sr to work with Anthony Alberti on the 2012 Field Days and if it is feasible host it.

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Resolved that this Board move into Executive Session to discuss a contract and personnel matter and real estate.  
Time 7:45 p.m.

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

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting.  
Time 8:15 p.m.

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

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**MOTION: John Fall Sr**  
**SECOND: Ronald Benedetti**  
**AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fecco, Treasurer/Village Clerk