

**Special Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, May 10, 2011**

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

The **SPECIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING of the SOLVAY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** at the Solvay Library, 615 Woods Road, Solvay, NY at 5:44 p.m. No quorum @ 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG John McPeak

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:	Trustees:	Jamie Colucci	Absent
		Ronald Benedetti	Present 5:50 pm
		Daniel Bellotti	Excused
		Thomas Tarolli	Present
		John Fall, Sr.	Present
	Deputy Mayor	John McPeak	Present
	Mayor	Kathleen Marinelli	Present

PETITIONS: Marie Carlisle, of 302 Caroline Ave asked about the meeting date regarding the No Parking on Caroline Ave. Questions were asked about the new guard rails on the 300 block of Caroline Ave. Would emergency and garbage vehicles fit on the street with the new guard rails in place if they will be placed one foot further out. The village will bring vehicles up to see if they will fit with the parking and Mark Cazzolli will paint a stripe on the road for the cars. The Parking restriction has been rescinded from April 1 to November 1 and the signs have been put up. At the May 24, 2011 Board Meeting the Trustees will schedule the Public Hearing for the Local Law which will be on June 24, 2011.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative: None

Legal: None

Treasurer: Estimated surplus for year end is \$21,000 with one month to go. We have to pay unemployment in the amount of \$10,000-\$15,000 next year which is not budgeted. We will have to put another ad in the paper for Assistant Electric Superintendent as we did not get the responses we expected. This ad will also go into NYCOM news. Thanks to our collections agency we reduced our \$16,168.57 electric write out to \$14,158.96. with a new winter turn-off policy approved today these write offs should decrease.

Police: None

Electric: Bids will be open on Thursday, May 12th at 2:00 p.m. for the construction of Mathews Ave. The Power Authority has informed John Montone that they will be conducting a "Municipal-Industrial Economic Development Program Audit."
The program was intended to incentivize NYPA Municipal Electric customers with low cost hydro energy allocations, (they will conduct the audit and it is a good thing) in exchange for their part in attracting and retaining businesses within the service territories. The overall goal is to encourage economic development business expansion and the creation of jobs within the State of New York. The purpose of this audit is to examine and review the program allocations and commitments.

DPW/Highway: Mark Cazzolli wants to have new Refuse and Recycle Guidelines. The residents and the Commercial buildings will be notified through the electric bills and stickers until they get used to it. The highway employees will also have some new changes; they will set the refuse cans in place with the lid placed inside the can by the refuse crew. It will take a few months to get used to it. A discussion took place. The union suggested the following guidelines:

**VILLAGE OF SOLVAY
REFUSE AND RECYCLE GUIDELINES**

- *No refuse or recycle service for rental property with 5 units or more*
- *No refuse or recycle service for commercial businesses*
- *Restrict can size to 32 gallon maximum*
- *Limit refuse cans to three (3) and recycle bins to three (3) per household*
- *All garbage must be bagged*
- **NO LOOSE GARBAGE ALLOWED IN CANS**
- *Picking up only non-profit organizations*
- *All refuse and recycle must be placed at curbside only*
- *No loose recycle items will be picked up*
- *All refuse cans will be set in place with the lid placed inside the can by the refuse crew*

Mark would like this in place by the fall. Kevin Gilligan will be notified to see if this is a Local Law and if so, letters will be sent out and we will have a Public Hearing in June. There are two cars that need to be auctioned off. Mark will check to see if they will get more money from Weisserman for scrap.

There was a discussion regarding FEMA. Anthony Albert will tour the village with his brother Pete Alberti, Emergency Management former Director to review damage in the village and what benefits may be due to the Village. We were asked by the Emergency Management from the County to schedule an appointment. If people have claims, will they get anything from FEMA? You must submit invoices that come in and FEMA reviews the damage. Montrose Ave was flooded; one home was flooded from the sewer and one had water just pouring in through the cellar. If the homeowner's insurance doesn't cover the damage, maybe FEMA will. After FEMA goes through all the municipalities, they will say who qualifies for FEMA. We need to let FEMA know how our system was compromised by this water. We have several sinkholes in the village and a month from now, we hope they won't collapse. Mark will let them know the condition of our village and ask FEMA what if this happens again. Questions were asked about paving in the village.

Library: NYS census data is coming out Thursday and hopefully there will be more funding. There are fireplace problems at the library which is used in the winter when the temperature goes below 0 degrees. If we can get electric inserts, it would be cheaper than paying National Grid for gas. This can be an alternative option.

Codes: The Village will be getting a Family Dollar store in the Old Eckert's site (Westvale Plaza). At 25 Heritage Circle, a portion of the fence around the in-ground pool is down. Donna is trying to work with the bank to fix the pool or seal it up. The bank will have to seal the pool up which is partly full. A letter was sent out for high grass.

At 113 Charles Ave. a neighbor behind it is interested in buying it. The highway department boarded up the door. A contractor would have charged \$500, the village charged \$300 and it was cited for high grass now. The property on Abell Ave is vacant and has been cleaned up. Two family houses on Charles Ave will be checked out by the Codes department.

Stormwater: None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board to approve minutes from the April 26, 2011 Regular Board meeting and the reading of the minutes be herewith dispensed.
MOTION: John Fall Sr
SECOND: Ron Benedetti
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

2. Authorization from the Board to hire eleven (11) personnel for summer help. Seven (7) will be paid out the highway budget, two (2) will be paid out of the electric budget and

the remaining two (2) will be paid out the highway with payroll saved from two (2) employees being out on disability for three months.

MOTION: John McPeak
SECOND: Tom Tarolli

Ron Benedetti would like a discussion in Executive session.

Authorization from the Board to rescind the motion to hire eleven personnel for summer help.

MOTION: John McPeak
SECOND: Tom Tarolli
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

- 3. Authorization from the board to write off \$14,158.96 of electric bad debts from October 2010. The original amount was \$16,168.57 before collection recovery.

MOTION: Ron Benedetti
SECOND: John McPeak
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

- 4. Authorization from the Board to approve changes to winter/summer electric policies per Electric Commission Committee.

MOTION: Ron Benedetti
SECOND: John Fall Sr.

The Winter/Summer turn off starts November through April. Policy in the past didn't allow us to turn off power in the winter. We followed the Rules and Regulation from the NYS Power Authority. We added a few policies gives it a little more meaning. The fees went up also. We are following the policies as described by the State and have protection necessary for the village in that regard. We will adopt the resolution into the NY Power Authority tariff. It was recommended by the Electric Commission and approved by Felix from NYPA.

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that this Board move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 6:50 p.m.

MOTION: Ron Bendetti
SECOND: John McPeak
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 7:27 p.m.

MOTION: John Fall Sr
SECOND: John McPeak
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

- 5. Authorization from the Board to hire eleven (11) personnel for summer help. Seven (7) will be paid out the highway budget , two (2) will be paid out of the electric budget and the remaining two (2) will be paid out the highway with payroll saved from two (2) employees being out on disability for three months.

MOTION: Ron Benedetti
SECOND: John McPeak
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION: John Fall Sr.
SECOND: Tom Tarolli
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fecco, Treasurer/Village Clerk