

**Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, July 23, 2013**

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

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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** Daniel Bellotti

<b>ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:</b>	Trustees	Harry DeCarlo	Present
		Daniel Bellotti	Present
		John Fall Sr	
Present		Derek Baichi	Present
		John Cregg	Present
	Deputy Mayor	Thomas Tarolli	Excused
	Mayor	Ronald Benedetti	Present

Mayor Benedetti praised Michael Fecco, Village Clerk/Treasurer who is retiring August 1. He spoke about how he was a true friend and will be missed by all. He congratulated him on his retirement.

**PETITIONS:** None at this time

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None at this time

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None at this time

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**  
**Administrative** None at this time

**Legal** Kevin Gilligan also praised Mike Fecco on his accomplishments and congratulated him on his retirement.

**Treasurer** Mike Fecco thanked the Mayor and the Board for their kind words on his retirement. Tax bills were 3.075 million and 2.8 million were collected – around 91 %. The auditors were at the village hall and they found minimal adjusting entries. The surplus before audit was \$29,000 almost a \$200,000 difference from what was projected of minus \$165,000. He thanked the superintendents for their help. Also, Mike reminded the trustees about the MEUA conference.

**Police** Lt Wood reported 773 calls for June, 2013. A Letter of Commendation was read for Sgt Lawrence Claps, Officers Jason MacConaghy and Michael Niedzialek for handling a suicide complaint that occurred on July 17, 2013. Only after more than an hour of communication with the individual, did he come down from the roof. The Police Department and the Mayor and Board of Trustees commended them for a job well done. Also, Sgt Richard Ghezzi is retiring after more than twenty years of service in the police department.

**Electric** Joe Hawksby reported the work is complete in the orange parking lot and Pumps two and three for O'Brien and Gere. HMT continuing maintenance work at the Industrial substation. The electric department was upgraded for rodent control due to problems in the control rooms at 3 substations. Also, the department is replacing two poles on Bridge Street for clearance for Time Warner. On Woods Road the first four poles will be transferred and the outage will be scheduled and Garcia's Automotive will be notified. There were forty three work orders and four street light orders completed in the last month.

**DPW/Highway** Mark Cazzolli reported the highway department had a setback on the paving schedule due to the amount of rain in May and June. Hopefully they will finish the contracted repairs in mid August.

The sewers and storm drains have been running good the past month with only two digs and four storm repairs.

The sidewalk spraying is complete and have had only minimal complaints. The equipment has been in good running order with only a few minor repairs in June. All other daily work orders being completed such a brush, garbage and grass cutting. Mark also praised Mike Fecco for being able to sit down and talk to him-good guy.

- Library** Loretta Hughes reported the following:
- ≡ Summer Reading update – currently have 62 participants signed up. We're planning to have a party for everyone who participated in the program on Wed., August 21 at 1:00 p.m.
  - ≡ Reminder: Lafayette Band will be here to perform an outdoor concert on Tuesday, July 30 at 7:00 pm . The band is made up of approximately 30 musicians who perform free concerts throughout the area.

- ≡ August Programs – During August, some of the special programs we have scheduled include:
  - MOST will be bringing their interactive science show to the library on Thursday, 8/1 at 11:00 a.m. In keeping with the “Dig Into Reading” theme, the program will be about dirt. What is the difference between dirt and soil, where does it come from, what kind of creatures live in the soil and why humans should learn to love soil.
  - On the following Thursday, educators from the Zoo will be bringing some of their zoo animals for their Zoo-to-You program on Thursday, August 8 at 11:00 a.m.
  - On Tuesday, August 6, Jim Reith, who's working as an educator for the County's Save the Rain program will be here to present a Rain Barrel Information program at 6:30 p.m. He'll give a presentation on the improvements to the quality of the lake, details of what has been done through the Save the Rain program and information on how to install and use a rain barrel. At the end of the program he'll have a drawing and give away a free rain barrel.
- ≡ If anyone would like tickets to a Chiefs game, I have plenty of tickets available for the game on Tuesday, August 20 at 7 pm. That night is Onondaga County Public Library Night.
- ≡ Our Pajama Time Story Hour on Tuesday nights at 6:30 which just started two weeks ago seems has gotten off to a good start. The first week we had 4 people and the second week we had 10 so there seems to be an interest. In September, we're planning to once again offer a preschool story hour during the day as well as the one in the evening.

Also in September, we're starting a Creative Writers Group meeting. This will be an informal group that will meet the second Saturday of every month. It's open to anyone who's interested in writing and would like to get together with other writers to exchange ideas, offer feedback and support.

- ≡ Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 for a concert with Maria DeSantis and some of her band. We were awarded a Cultural Programming Grant through Senator DeFrancisco which will cover the entire cost of the musicians performance fee. Maria graciously worked with us on her fee so that we were able to plan the program within the budget from the grant. She'll be bringing four musicians and she and Keith Condon will be performing duets.
- ≡ Friends of the Library – at their meeting last week, they voted to allow the library to purchase a video gaming system and some video games for the library to use for children's and adults programs. This fall we're planning on scheduling some Game Days for kids.

Beginning in September we're planning to start having Library Social once a month for adults to get together during the day. The social would vary from month to month and may include using the video games, or show a movie of a newly released popular movie, we may get a speaker of some sort, or just simply a social get together for adults with refreshments. The Friends also voted to provide us with money for refreshments for the social.

**Codes** None at this time

**Stormwater** Anthony Destefano reported:

**CNY Stormwater Coalition Education Compliance Assistance:**

- ✓ The second edition of the CNY Stormwater Coalition's electronic, public newsletter, “*Gardens and Gutters*” was distributed on July 18th.
- ✓ “*Gardens and Gutters*” is the quarterly electronic newsletter of the CNY Stormwater Coalition. The summer edition is focused on the many benefits of trees, and includes resources for calculating the benefits of incorporating trees in your landscape, how to properly plant a tree, and how to get involved in tree protection efforts in your community.
- ✓ A copy of the newsletter will be posted to the Village's website.

**Construction General Permit Notice of Intent Form Updated:**

- ✓ NYSDEC has updated the Notice of Intent (NOI) form for the *SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity* to address the runoff reduction criteria in the 2010 version of the *NYS Stormwater Management Design Manual*.
- ✓ NYSDEC will not accept the old NOI form after October 1, 2013.
- ✓ In addition, NYSDEC has developed worksheets to help owners/designers account for runoff reduction techniques and complete the new questions that were added to the NOI. The worksheets are available as Excel spreadsheets on the NYSDEC's website.

**West Side Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Project - Update:**

- ✓ Last week I spoke to Jeff Locke at RockTenn concerning their participation in the project.

- ✓ Mr. Locke requested additional I&I reduction estimates for the various elements of the project.
- ✓ Based on that re-assessment, the estimated I&I of the project has increased to 272,000 gpd, from the original estimate of 205,000 gpd.
- ✓ That information, provided by C&S, was forwarded to Mr. Locke today.
- ✓ As in the past, Mr. Locke hinted that RockTenn does intend to participate in the project.
- ✓ RockTenn is currently in discussions with OCDWEP pertaining to the status of any additional I&I reduction credit above and beyond the offset they need for their boiler house project.

**Hazard Mitigation Grant:**

- ✓ The State of New York, acting through State Office of Emergency Management, is coordinating applications for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
- ✓ These Federal funds provide up to 75% reimbursement of eligible costs up to the amount of the award. In-kind services or materials may be used toward the 25% non-Federal match.
- ✓ The Village is considering a joint application with the Town of Geddes to address recurrent flooding in the Fay Road / Montrose Avenue area.
- ✓ Applications are only accepted online and are due by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2013 Regular Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.  
**MOTION: John Fall Sr**  
**SECOND: Daniel Bellotti**  
**AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**
  
2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2013 Special Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.  
**MOTION: Daniel Bellotti**  
**SECOND: Derek Baichi**  
**AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**
  
3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$7,655.00 for services rendered form 06/1/13 to 6/30/13.  
**MOTION: John Fall Sr**  
**SECOND: Daniel Bellotti**  
**AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**
  
4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC \$8,558.40 for services rendered for the month of June, 2013.  
**MOTION: Daniel Bellotti**  
**SECOND: Harry DeCarlo**  
**AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**
  
5. Authorization from the Board to approve the submission of the Section 211 waiver for Conliff Richard Cox to New York State Civil Service Commission. The Village canvassed the complete and most current Civil Service list which contained thirteen (13) names. There were twelve (12) no responses and one (1) response that stated an interest.  
**MOTION: Daniel Bellotti**  
**SECOND: John Fall Sr**  
**AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**
  
6. 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.

<b>STREET ADDRESS</b>	<b>TAX MAP</b>	<b>NAME OF OWNER</b>
209-217 Charles Ave	011.-09-05.1	Leer Dev. Group Ltd IV, LLC
312 Cogswell Ave	004.-08-11.0	Tracey Propheter
105 Boyd Ave	004.-05-19.0	Andrew Aupperle
207 Abell Ave	004.-09-26.0	Barry Fairbanks
325 Sixth St	005.-07-27.0	John Louise
109 Gertrude Ave	007.-02-25.0	Jerod Schoonmaker
2000 West Genesee St	014.-07-18.0	Leer Dev. Group Ltd IV, LLC
208 Charles Ave	011.-08-06.0	Mathew Varughese

**MOTION: John Cregg**  
**SECOND: Harry DeCarlo**  
**AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

7. Introducing Proposed Local Law C of 2013, titled "A Local Law Amending Chapter 157 of the Village of Solvay Code, to Include Boats, or Parts Thereof" which Chapter relates to outdoor storage, determining that there are no other involved agencies with respect to the enactment of this proposed local law, determining that this Board shall act as lead agency, that this is an Unlisted Action; on the basis of the EAF submitted in support of this local law and having determined that there are no reasonably anticipated adverse impacts associated therewith; the Board hereby renders a negative declaration for purposes of SEQR and schedules a public hearing to be held as to the enactment of this proposed local law at the Village's regular Board meeting to be held on August 27, 2013 at 6:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at which time all persons wishing to be heard on the subject of this Proposed Law and its enactment shall be heard, all in accordance with the full resolution that has been distributed to the Board.

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

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to increase the weekly deductions for health insurance from \$20.00 to \$40.00 a week effective pay period ending August 2, 2013 (check date August 8, 2013). This applies to all non-union employees of the Village of Solvay.

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

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire David Au as Assistant Electric Superintendent starting at an annual salary of \$65,000 effective August 5, 2013.

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

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve Gregory Lowe as the accredited delegate for the Village of Solvay at the annual MEUA Conference August 20-23, 2013 to be held at the Holiday Valley, Ellicottville, New York. Greg replaces Joe Hawksby.

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

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to apply for the annual Justice Court Assistance Program Grant for 2013/14.

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

12. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to waive the two million dollars auto requirement in favor of

one million dollars, waiving the OCP, waiving performance/payment bond requirement, and accepting insurance from an authorized but not licensed NYS insurance carrier for Dewald Roofing contractor for the Village Hall roof.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

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Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:28 p.m.

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

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

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

13. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire AMRIC Associates Limited at \$75.00 per hour for completion for assignments.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fecco, Village Clerk/Treasurer