

**Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013**

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DAVID TERRELL**

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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** Harry DeCarlo

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

**PETITIONS:** None at this time

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mayor Benedetti received an email and a letter attached from FFRF (Freedom of Religion) regarding the Nativity set. It stated that the Village should not have the Nativity set and our lawyers will handle it.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None at this time

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administrative** The Mayor presented Marcus Lukins and Joseph DeGennaro with a Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship Training in the Occupation of an Electrical Outside Line Worker. Congratulations for a job well done.

**Legal** Kevin Gilligan, Village Lawyer reported on the Solvay-Geddes Yard Waste contract, the Boyd Ave and Mathews Ave situation regarding the land that National Grid owns, explained the Type 2 SEQr review in Resolution #9.

**Treasurer** David Terrell, Treasurer had nothing to report

**Police** Chief Cox reported 574 calls (partial) for November 2013

**Electric** Joe Hawksby, Electric Superintendent reported the department would like to get two spare breakers for Lakeland substation, the elevated voltage testing was done which is mandated by the State, the Electric Department needs to install two gang operated switches on Industrial Drive for feeder tie at RockTenn. There are outstanding bills from companies and Joe is working with Dave Terrell to get it finalized. Also, Joe DeGennaro and Marcus Lukins were complimented for their Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship Training.

**DPW/Highway** Mark Cazzolli, Highway Superintendent reported that the estimate of salt usage to date is 800 tons. If you break this down into quarters, the village has used our allotment for this quarter. The equipment is in fair shape with moderate repairs. Larry Mazinski, Mechanic, has been busy with the equipment. The pavilion project at the tennis courts should be done sometime in January 2014. The Mayor praised the Highway Department for all their hard work with pick-ups and salting etc.

**Library** Elizabeth Loftus, Interim Director reported:

**Collections and Services**

Not surprisingly as we enter the holiday season, our circulation is somewhat down. However we had an increase in the number of audiobook downloads indicating that people are using the library from home. Patrons downloaded a total of 167 e-books. This month we are introducing Rapid Reads and Fast Flicks at Solvay. We are offering patrons the opportunity to borrow bestselling titles and popular films without having to put them on hold. Books are loaned for one week and DVDs for 3 days. They are not renewable and must be returned to Solvay Public Library.

**Programs and meeting room use**

In November the library sponsored 13 programs for kids which were attended by 45 children. 87 people attended the 5 programs offered for adults. 14 groups used our meeting rooms with 131 people attending those meetings. Our public access computers were signed out a total of 864 times. Now and through December 18 computer users are being asked to complete an Impact Survey on our computers and internet access.

Our annual Holiday Open House on December 8 was a wonderful event and we appreciated so many Village officials taking the time to stop by. Everyone seemed to enjoy the refreshments sponsored by our Board of Trustees and the Piercefield Women's Group. The Highland Winds Quartet comprised of local music educators performed a nice medley of holiday, classical and popular folk tunes.

We have some special programs planned for kids during the Holiday Break and have distributed flyers around the village to advertise these programs.

#### **Friends of the Library**

The Friends did a great job furnishing gift baskets that were raffled off at the end of the Holiday Open House. They also provided newly printed magnets with the Library's hours. The Friends had their holiday luncheon at Bridge Street Tavern on December 13 at which they distributed their latest newsletter.

#### **Community Outreach**

I have made two visits to Learn As You Grow Day Care where I read to several groups of children ranging in age from 18 months to four years old. The children really seem to enjoy all the books and other activities I shared with them.

I attended the annual Legislative Breakfast with state representatives on December 13. This annual event sponsored by the Central New York Library Resources Council is a great way to meet with several legislators at one time and speak with them about library funding and other initiatives. It is also an opportunity to thank them for all they do. I had the chance to speak with Senator DeFrancisco and thank him for attending our Open House as well as for his support of cultural programs in the Library. In conjunction with Senator DeFrancisco's Office we are collecting cell phones for soldiers through January 6.

#### **Facility and Security News**

Solvay Glass has begun replacing windows in our Fiction Room. This is the last phase of the construction project undertaken at Solvay Library.

We had some disturbances with some neighborhood kids and worked with the Police Department to review appropriate measures for handling and resolving these kinds of situations.

Elizabeth Loftus, Interim Director - Solvay Public Library

**Codes** Tom Tarolli reported for Pete Albrigo, Code Officer. Pete was at the codes meeting and reported on the past year the absentee landlords and building inspections are coming along. The Sharp Car Dealer on Bridge Street is a "work in progress". Nadine Bell, Attorney will come to the next Codes meeting on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:30 and will have suggestions on the political signs.

#### **Stormwater Anthony DeStefano reported:**

##### **December 10<sup>th</sup> Village Stormwater Committee Meeting Highlights**

- ✓ NYSDEC Environmental Audit Policy
  - Based on the 2012 Self Assessment performed as required by the MS4 permit, the Village is currently implementing the majority of Best Management Practices (BMPs) concerning municipal pollution prevention and good housekeeping.
  - With a relatively low environmental violation exposure level, the Committee decided to postpone participating in the program at this time and instead concentrate on implementing additional pollution prevention BMPs.
- ✓ Davis Drainage Complaint
  - This issue was brought to the Board's attention at the November Regular Board meeting.
  - Site has been visited and potential mitigation options have been developed.
  - My report is under internal review and will be released to the Board once that review is completed, no later than the end of this week.
- ✓ Youth Center Bioretention Project
  - The "Save the Rain" program requires the applicant to own the property where the project is located. Since the Committee meeting, we have confirmation from the County that they'll only require a long term agreement (10 years or more) with the Solvay Tigers so they can show a benefit to the taxpayers financing the program.
  - Village Attorney has suggested an easement, which the County agrees will meet their requirements.
  - Next step: Meet with Solvay Tigers to discuss the easement.

##### **December 16<sup>th</sup> Village Codes Committee Meeting**

- ✓ At Trustee Tarolli's request, I met with the Codes Committee to discuss drainage issues (property owners changing drainage patterns and/or discharging additional stormwater runoff to abutting properties) that are not specifically addressed in the Village's Code book.

✓ All were satisfied after the discussion that these issues can be addressed during the Village's SEQR review, not to mention civil court decisions available to individual property owners.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2013 Regular Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION:** Daniel Bellotti  
**SECOND:** Derek Baichi  
**AYES:** 7 **NAYES:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$6359.52 for services rendered form 11/1/13-11/30/13.

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

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC \$11,063.00 for services rendered for the month of November 2013.

**MOTION:** Derek Baichi  
**SECOND:** Harry DeCarlo  
**AYES:** 7 **NAYES:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

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

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

**Village of Solvay General Fund**

Account	Title	(as modified ) Current Budget	proposed Budget Mod	newly modified Budget Amount
<b>Revenue</b>				
410010A	Real estate taxes	3,047,966	25,401	3,073,367
426800A	Insurance recoveries	3,000	25,384	28,384
430010A	State Aid- Per capita	192,467	(14,126)	178,341
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,243,433</b>	<b>36,659</b>	<b>3,280,092</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
510104A	Board of Trustees-Other	600	400	1,000
513204A	Auditor-other	10,000	3,850	13,850
514404A	Engineer - Other	25,000	10,000	35,000
514504A	Election-other	810	(725)	85
531201A	Police-Wages	1,090,456	25,384	1,115,840
5312.05A	Police-other-Fuel	12,566	10,000	22,566
5312.13A	Police-other-Equ repair/ser	225	2,000	2,225
5312.15A	Police-other-office supp	574	400	974
5312.17A	Police-other-computers	36	100	136
5312.18A	Police-other-Association fee	0	200	200
5312.19A	Police-other-Misc expenses	1,158	600	1,758
5312.20A	Police-other-telephone	4,640	2,000	6,640
531204A	Police dept - other	30,900	(15,300)	15,600
571204A	Pool-Other	6,337	2,000	8,337
581201A	Sanitary sewer-Wages	10,724	5,000	15,724
581401A	Storm Sewer-Wages	47,157	(5,000)	42,157
581601A	Refuse Collection-Wages	13,113	3,000	16,113
581701A	Street Cleaning-Wages	94,377	(3,000)	91,377

	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,338,073</b>		<b>36,659</b>		<b>1,374,732</b>
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5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the renewal from Excellus BC/BS PPO for the Village's Health Insurance Plan for the year 2014 and authorize Mayor Benedetti to sign the contract. The new monthly rates are individual - \$926.35 and family - \$2396.04.

**MOTION: Harry DeCarlo**  
**SECOND: Thomas Tarolli**

Daniel Bellotti	Trustee	Voted	No
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: December 17, 2013

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the renewal from Excellus Medicare Blue PPO for the Village's Retiree Health Insurance Plan for the year 2014 and authorize Mayor Benedetti to sign the contract. The new monthly rates are \$240.55.

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

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the renewal from MVP for the Village's Health Insurance Plan for the year 2014 and authorize Mayor Benedetti to sign the contract. The new monthly

Rates are individual - \$679.85 and family - \$1359.70.

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

**Resolution #7 was amended.**

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the renewal from MVP for the Village's Health Insurance Plan for the year 2014 and authorize Mayor Benedetti to sign the contract. The new monthly

Rates are individual - \$679.85 and employee and spouse - \$1359.70 and family plan \$1767.61.

**MOTION: Daniel Bellotti**  
**SECOND: Derek Baichi**  
**AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the renewal from EBS RMSCO for the Village's Dental Insurance Plan for the year 2014 and authorize Mayor Benedetti to sign the contract. The new monthly

Rates are individual - \$36.14 and family - \$98.57.

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

10. Authorizing Counsel to include the Village in the current project to expand the SEQR Type 2 list for the

Village, in an effort to reduce SEQR review costs for those matters not likely to raise environmental concerns for both the Village and applicants that come before the Village.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

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Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract and/or personnel matter or general ligation matter at 6:55 p.m.

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

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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

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

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees Type II action in pursuant to SEQR for a handicap parking spot in

front of 202 Hazard Street, Solvay.

**MOTION: Harry DeCarlo**  
**SECOND: Derek Baichi**  
**AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Terrell, II, Village Clerk/Treasurer