Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees Tuesday, June 26, 2018

OFFICE OF THE CLERK HARRY DECARLO

Today, <u>Tuesday, June 26, 2018</u> the **REGULAR BOARD MEETING of the SOLVAY VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** was called to order by Mayor Derek Baichi at the Town of Geddes Court Room, 1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209 at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL: **Trustees** William McVicker Present **Daniel Bellotti** Present Thomas Tarolli Present **Raymond Fougnier** Present John Cregg Present Deputy Mayor John Fall Sr Present Mayor Derek Baichi Present

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayoral State of the Village, 6 month address: Mayor Baichi expressed how the community is coming together and we are making strides as a Village Board. In January, new legal fee saving was established with our Village Attorney. The savings amount is \$18,000 on an annual basis. The Police Contract was settled in 87 days. For the fifth year in a row, we have a balanced budget. We now have a new DPW Superintendent, Richard Penhall. He is doing a fantastic job so far. The sidewalk grant initiative is in progress. Our Codes department is certainly making progress with the addition of Chuck Callura and Ashleigh Cruz. Savings have been made by the use of Court Security Officers. Trustee Fougnier is leading the way on establishing electric charging stations for vehicles in the Village. The return of the Solvay Summer Celebration is coming up. Music, food and other activities will be part of the event. Going forward, Boyd Ave Park improvements are taking place which include safety, underground power, landscaping and other various updates. The focus will soon shift to next year's budget and a dialogue with the Solvay School Board addressing the need for a public safety officer in the schools. We have been making strides with our Village Website and would like to thank Harry DeCarlo for all of his help developing it. A Police Surveillance proposal is being put into place. A \$50,000 grant is being secured thanks to Senator DeFrancisco's office. The focus will be put on higher crime areas in the village to assist our police department. In regards to the surplus, we are going to responsibly focus on sidewalk and street repair that need a major facelift. Next Year, the splash pad will be added to the pool area. The pool looks beautiful and thank you to all involved in making it happen. The pizza party is going to be rescheduled. Trustee Fall has been doing an exceptional job leading the building committee and focusing on a new Village Hall. Thank for all of his help and he has certainly been a great mentor to me. Thank you to everyone for being here.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Open the Public Hearing regarding Electric High Density Load Service.

MOTION: John Fall Sr SECOND: Raymond Fougnier

7-0, Motion Passed

Bit coin operation was addressed and the negative effect on the load of our electric system. Computer servers associated with this operation run 24/7. This could also cause issues with hydro power. A resolution to limit usage with a six month moratorium is on the agenda for this evening. Massena and Plattsburgh have passed similar resolutions to address the issue. This operation generates large amounts of heat and could cause a fire. This poses a threat to neighbors. There were no comments from the public.

Close the Public Hearing regarding Electric High Density Load Service.

MOTION: John Fall Sr SECOND: Raymond Fougnier 7-0, Motion Passed The Mayor opened up the floor to the public and gave them the opportunity to bring up any questions or concerns regarding tonight's resolutions on the agenda.

 John Maesti, Resident addressed Resolution #5, concerning additional pay out to Former DPW Superintendent, Mark Cazzolli. Mr. Maestri questioned how it came about and if an original resolution existed approving Mr. Cazzolli's award of call out pay.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative

Mayor Derek Baichi - None

Legal – Kevin Gilligan, Village Attorney - None

Treasurer

Cheryl Visconti, Treasurer - Discussed the Budget Modifications listed on the agenda. We are working on closing the books for 5/31/18. We have begun collecting taxes for 2018/19 tax year. To date, we have collected \$2,192,000.00 which is equivalent to 63%. eTax software was launched. While there has been a few minor glitches, the County has been working through them with us. Overall, the addition of the program has been a success. We are working on a link to the new and improved Village Website lead by Harry DeCarlo. A reminder that e-billing is available. Please call the village hall for details. You can use the web pay even if you do not receive e-bills. Comments from John McPeak, resident, included the surplus and the budget modifications dated for fiscal year ending May 31, 2018.

Police

Allen Wood, Police Chief - reported 1124 service calls for May 2018. The department had 39 follow-ups, 34 felony, 80 misdemeanors, 184 Vehicle and Traffic, 3 DWI, no juvenile, 104 parking tickets, 19 accidents and no stolen vehicles. Recognized Sgt. Robert Cross for being named Officer of the Year for the Solvay PD. Resident asked about enforcement of nuisance law. Another resident asked about drug activity and arrests in the Village. The Fourth of July and the use of fireworks came up as well.

Electric

Joe Hawksby, Electric Superintendent - Informed the board that connect services for LED lights was taken care of as well as meters being set. Bridge Street job update: Poles were removed on west side of road. First Light Fiber is taken care of and a special thank to Kevin Gilligan for his assistance throughout the process. Cutouts were installed on 5 KV transformers in Village. This will be a two year project. Tree trimming in Lakeland is taking place and pricing is being established to remove dangerous trees. State Contract pricing is available and will be brought back to the board. Metered Lighting in the Orange Parking Lot was discussed as well as the State DOT and their assistance with the high mast lighting.

Fire

Tony Modaferri - Discussed the activity in June which included: 645 fire calls, 1690 man hours, 97 drills, 1700 man hours, 11 meetings, 9 miscellaneous details, 225 stand by for a total of 987 events which accumulates to 5906 man hours.

DPW/Highway

Richard Penhall, DPW Superintendent - Explained that June has been an active month for the DPW. Besides our usual day to day activity such as brush, mowing, sweeping and refuse pickups, we have been actively handling: Sidewalk repair - Emergency related slabs and curbs have been identified and repaired. Administrative - Working with the Mayor's Office, Village Clerks office and Engineers office. Pot Hole and Sectional Resurfacing - Many small potholes and a few larger sectional patches, such as Third Street, Cogswell Ave and Woods Road. Park Repairs - Tarvia Surfaces, walkway center, all structural brackets, rails and Memorial Items in need of surfacing. Also, working on planting and landscaping throughout certain parks in the Village. Trees -Removed all the tree planting near police station and Driscoll road blocking view. Perennials and other plants will be added to the already mulched area. Also, trimmed back trees and bushes at Woods Road and Summit Ave. Village Hall - Building work such as building new surface on the Village Hall Ramp that was in desperate need of repair. Reinforcing the beaming under the structure. Sewer repairs - Cogswell Ave, King Ave, Several Plunges, Roto - Rooting and clearing blockages. Equipment Repair - Our packer had an issue with rust throughout the body of the rear trunk. Our mechanic is dealing with it and building replacement panels. This vehicle has served its purpose but may need to be replaced down the road. Pool - Pool Crew has been very active cleaning, planting and revamping the pool itself. The Building, equipment and electrical

work has been performed. A pump contactor has been ordered for Pump 2. Chlorine system is also being attended to. An electrician has been used to correct safety issues at the pump house. Paving - Our sub source, Suit-Cote has been delayed in coming due to I-81 problems. They plan on starting in early July to pave Franklin, Boulder, Second Street portions. DPW is working on preliminary efforts such as marking utilities, sweeping and pre-paving surfaces. Boyd Park - The DPW and Solvay Electric are preparing to install electrical to meet the requirements of our grant on this property. Gertrude Park - We are starting working on plumbing at this site. In conjunction with our grant, the Village Engineer and myself are assessing plumbing requirements at this time. Pool House Roof - The roof work has been completed by DeWald Co. They always provide excellent craftsmanship and professional service. A tree will be removed to prevent future issues with the roof and its life over time. The Village Engineer, James Dineen and myself have been in contact with tree service companies to resolve the issue. In closing, I would like to thank all of the staff throughout the Village. It has certainly made my transition here at the Village of Solvay smooth and it is very much appreciated.

Library

Dan Golden, Library Director - summer hours will go into effect from June 17 to September 2nd. Our summer hours will be: Monday-Wednesday 9am-8pm, Thursday and Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-1pm, Sunday we will be closed during the summer. According to Dan, these are the upcoming programs for the 2018 Summer Reading Program: MOST Science Show-Wednesday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m. The MOST Summer Library Program will bring a 45-minute interactive demonstration. Superhero Costume Party, Friday, July 13, 2 p.m. Party in superhero costume for young people of all ages. Moreland the Magician-Wednesday July 25 at 10:00 a.m. Moreland the Magician will use a wide variety of magic tricks to celebrate the fun of reading. Dan the Snakeman-Thursday, August 2nd at 10 a.m. Dan Chase, the 'Snakeman,' will present live reptiles to teach about wildlife and the environment.

Our next Report to the Village Trustees will provide more information on our upcoming Summer Reading Program. As always, the Library welcomes suggestions from the public.

Codes

Anthony Alberti - Reported the activity for the month of June: 18 electrical inspections, 8 rental inspections, 23 high grass, 9 unregistered vehicles. Clean up on 300 block of First Street took place. The pool is up and running with significant help from the staff. Abandoned houses and the plan for the future was discussed and brought up by the public.

Storm water Celebrations Mark Malley - Discussed recent Storm water updates.

Derek Baichi - Reminded the public that the Summer Celebration is coming up August 11th and significant financial support has been coming in.

Buildings

John Fall Sr, Trustee - Addressed the progress of obtaining a new village hall. A spot on Milton Ave has been identified and it is Village owned property. The Village owns one acre of land in that area. Plenty of room for a Village Hall and a new Police department. The resolution on the agenda for brought up in reference to the electric department taking over the cost of improvements to the current electric building. C&S Engineers will continue to assist and the goal is to have bids go out in October of 2018. The next Buildings Committee meeting is on July 17th at 5:30, Village Hall Conference Room.

Comprehensive Plan

John Cregg, Trustee - Discussed the recent meeting and was satisfied with the response and attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for July 17th at 7:00, Geddes Town Hall.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$18,180.00 for services rendered from 5/1/18 to 5/31/18. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$12,230.00)
 Below are the specific projects that will be reimbursed through Grant or the County:
 - Invoice No. 0172412 Project No. 114.213.001 I/I Reduction Grant
 - Invoice No. 0172414 Project No. 114.218.001 SAM Grant
 - Invoice No. 0172429 Project No. 114.220.001 SAM Grant

MOTION: John Fall Sr SECOND: Raymond Fougnier

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC \$17,449.90 for services rendered for the month of May 2018.

MOTION: John Cregg SECOND: John Fall Sr

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Raymond Fougnier SECOND: Thomas Tarolli

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2018 Special Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: William McVicker SECOND: Raymond Fougnier

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to reverse and rescind the resolution of this Board, adopted at a Special Meeting held on June 5, 2018, whereby the former DPW Superintendent (Mark Cazzolli) was approved to be paid an additional sum of \$7,238.10 representing 'call out' pay at a rate of \$69.60 per day for 8 unused vacation days and 96 sick days.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: Raymond Fougnier

William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Raymond Fougnier	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Cregg	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall, Sr.	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Daniel Bellotti	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Thomas Tarolli	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to acquire two electric vehicle charging stations and install them at locations within the Village, on Village-owned property, at a cost of \$ 20,787.76, to be purchased from the NYS Bid list, number 67222, said cost to be paid by or reimbursed by IEEP.

MOTION: John Fall Sr SECOND: Thomas Tarolli

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to introduce the proposed Local Law E of 2018 to extend the moratorium related to convenience stores in the Village of Solvay for an additional six month period, determining that there are no other involved agencies, that the Village Board of Trustees will act as lead agency and further determining that the extension of the convenience store moratorium is a Type 2 action for purposes of SEQR, thus concluding the environmental review process and further, scheduling a public hearing to consider the extension of the convenience store moratorium to be held on July 24,2018 at 6:00 pm in the Geddes Town Hall Meeting Room, 1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY, all in accordance with the full resolution that has been circulated to the Mayor and Trustees.

MOTION: Thomas Tarolli SECOND: Daniel Bellotti

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

8. 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.

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Paul D Maroney, Jr
Nardis Enterprises LLC
Peter J McShane
Liane K Marks
Julia T Koagel
Benjamin Lambert
Kevin Revette
Heatway LLC
Thomas Bingham
Carolyn M Carbone
Lora L Reynolds
Sharon N Marris
Victor T Palerino
Shannon K McGrath

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: Daniel Bellotti

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to select Reagan Companies Inc as the Village of Solvay Commercial Insurance provider with an effective date of July 1, 2018. The total Annual Premium is \$185,695. Reagan Companies offers zero general liability deductible, high umbrella coverage and the premium rate is locked for the next three years.

MOTION: William McVicker SECOND: John Fall Sr

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay all non union employees a 2% raise with the exception of Elected Officials and Committee Members effective June 30, 2018.

MOTION: John Fall Sr SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire Rachael Hillary as a Lifeguard at a rate of \$11.40 per hour and a start date of June 27, 2018 and Kyra Bednarski as a Lifeguard at a rate of \$11.40 per hour and a start date of June 30, 2018. These are replacements for two Lifeguards originally selected but then declined the position.

MOTION: Raymond Fougnier SECOND: Thomas Tarolli

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

12. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to purchase one 2019 Police Interceptor Utility Base AWD Vehicle from Carbone Ford under State Contract Number PC67965 with the purchase price of \$41,343.00 for the Police Department.

MOTION: John Fall Sr SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

13. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to send the following Police vehicles to auction based on a surplus and no longer needed by the department:

2008 FORD VIN #2FAHP71VX8X164067
 2001 CHEVROLET VIN #2G1WF52E419315320
 2003 CHEVROLET VIN #1GNEK13V83J306480
 2007 FORD VIN #1FAFP53U87A164138

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: Raymond Fougnier

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

14. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve Phase #4 and the base video management software and server included in the proposal for the Village of Solvay Street Surveillance System. The purchase from Cedar Path Solutions Group, Inc is under NYS bid # PT65381. The total cost of this phase of the proposal is \$99,904.74 and shall not exceed that amount. \$50,000 of the total price will be paid for by a State grant through Senator John DeFrancisco and the Village hereby commits to pay the \$49,904.74 balance with local funds.

MOTION: Raymond Fougnier SECOND: Thomas Tarolli

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

15. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the reduced assessed value from 4,339,707 to 4,268,564 and decrease Village tax bill from \$61,491.04 to \$60,482.99 for Niagara Mohawk Power Corp, Real Estate Tax Dept, 300 Erie Blvd W, Syracuse, NY 13202-4201 (Parcel ID 800.-13-230.200). The application has already been approved by the Onondaga County Director of Real Property. The reason for the adjustment is based on the Real Property Tax Law, Section 550(3): Error in Essential Fact and final eq rate of 90% not used to calculate special franchise.

MOTION: William McVicker SECOND: John Cregg

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

16. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to determine that the NYSDOT is an involved agency for purposes of SEQR, determining that the Village Board of Trustees will assume lead agency status for purposes of this environmental review, further determining that the Village Board will proceed on an uncoordinated basis, and determining that the project to repair and replace various sidewalks in the Western portion of the Village is a Type 2 action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c) (1) and (2), thus concluding the environmental review process for this project, authorizing the submission of a preliminary grant application to the NYDOT TAP 2018 Grant program on June 28, 2018.

MOTION: John Cregg SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

17. Authorization from the Board of Trustees on the advice of the Village's Auditor, William Freitag of BST Co., effective May 31, 2018 the Village Board hereby transfers the improvements made to 507 Charles Avenue, home of the Solvay Electric Department and the Solvay Police Department to the Village of Solvay Electric Department at a total value of \$800,000. The Electric Department will assume the outstanding debt balance for the improvements in the amount of \$485,000 and will reimburse the Village's general fund the amount of \$315,000, representing equity achieved through past payments by the Village on the debt. The \$315,000 reimbursement will be taken from the depreciation reserve fund. This is an internal transfer of assets within the Village of Solvay governmental unit.

MOTION: John Fall Sr SECOND: Daniel Bellotti

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

18. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Budget Modifications: Village of Solvay General Fund

Account	Title	(as modified) Current Budget	Proposed Budget Mod	Newly Modified Budget Amount
426600 A	Sale of Real Property	0	315,000	315,000
420000 A	Total	0	315,000	315,000
Expenses				
511101 A	Police Justice-Wages	91,650	1,806	93,456
511104 A	Police Justice-Other	8,000	337	8,337
514404 A	Engineer-Other	40,000	12,830	52,830
536204 A	Codes-Wages	42,100	2,500	44,600
536204 A	Codes-Other	42,200	(2,500)	39,700
516204 A	Building-Other	35,000	2,500	37,500
550101 A	Street Admin-Wages	69,400	30,000	99,400
554104 A	Street Lighting	42,000	9,000	51,000
571104 A	Parks & Recreation-Other	34,000	(19,000)	15,000
581401 A	Storm Sewer-Wages	34,170	(20,000)	14,170
581604 A	Refuse-Other	383,000	8,000	391,000
581701 A	Street Cleaning -Wages	87,223	3,000	90,223
590608 A	Health Insurance	515,700	(28,473)	487,227
599000 A	Appropriated Fund Balance	(350,000)	315,000	(35,000)

MOTION: John Cregg SECOND: John Fall Sr

Total

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

19. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to send Karen Ladouceur and Wendy Pellizzari to the NYSAMCC, Inc Court Clerks Conference in Lake Placid on Sunday, September 16, 2018 to Wednesday, September 19, 2018 with a fee of \$1,258.00 total.

1,074,443

315,000

1,389,443

MOTION: William McVicker SECOND: Daniel Bellotti

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

20. Authorization from the Board of Trustees Enacting Local Law 3-2018, imposing a 6 month moratorium on the establishment of electric high density load service operations in the Solvay electric service area, all in accordance with the full resolution in this matter that has been circulated to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: John Cregg SECOND: Daniel Bellotti

William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Raymond Fougnier	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Cregg	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall, Sr.	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Daniel Bellotti	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Thomas Tarolli	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes

PETITIONS:

- **Joe Fragnito** Addressed the board regarding resolution #20 its effect on hydro power. He was also concerned about any legal ramifications regarding the passing of the above resolution.
- **Ed Weber**, Deputy Supervisor for the Town of Geddes Gave his praise of Mayor Baichi and his cooperation with the Town Board. It is nice to see this type of progress and certainly appreciates the transparency. The Deputy Supervisor also invited out new DPW Superintendent to the next Town Highway Commission meeting.
- A **Resident** addressed the parking issues with county signs on Gertrude and Milton Avenue.
- Another Resident addressed the Mayor and the petition they have completed regarding a resident on Hall Avenue. The resident then proceeded to hand the Mayor this documentation.

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract and/or personnel matter at 8:04 p.m.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: Raymond Fougnier

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Tarolli exited the Executive Session meeting before meeting concluded.

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 8:46 p.m.

MOTION: John Fall Sr SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

No action was taken at the Executive session meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: Raymond Fougnier

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk