

Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, September 24, 2019

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Today, Tuesday, September 24, 2019 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**

<b>ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Trustees</b>	<b>William McVicker</b>	<b>Present</b>
		<b>Daniel Bellotti</b>	<b>Present</b>
		<b>Thomas Tarolli</b>	<b>Present</b>
		<b>Raymond Fougner</b>	<b>Present</b>
		<b>John Cregg</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	<b>John Fall Sr</b>	<b>Excused</b>
	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Derek Baichi</b>	<b>Present</b>

**PETITIONS:** This section was moved to the end of the meeting. Trustee Cregg referenced a past resolution to move the Petition section to the end of the meeting. Trustee Fougner discussed a potential “Rules of Procedure” being put in place.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**MAYORS COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:** The girl scouts of nypenn pathways announced the winners of the girl scout bronze award: Jenna Wing, Zoie Markowski and Allison O’Neill. Proclamations will be prepared for these individuals. Recognition was given to Kathy Brouse (Marinelli) as a past Mayor. A new “Mayors Wall” be being put together at the Village Hall. Various ongoing projects were discussed including Milton Avenue to the Camillus Line including paving and new lighting. Thank you to Mark Malley of C&S Engineers on all of his hard work securing grant funding for the Village of Solvay. Boyd Ave Park Phase I project is almost complete. The DPW and Electric Department working together with in kind service was mentioned. Trustee Fougner discussed the Erie Canal Project. Honeywell is involved with this project with trails being developed to continue to loop the lake. A grant for trees was also done by Mark Malley. Mayor Baichi brought up the new state of the art camera being used for the board meeting and that is available to all departments for training purposes. Joe Britton, resident addressed resolution #7 on the agenda and recognized what an asset Charles Orr Jr. was for the Village and our DPW. John Maestri and John McPeak questioned resolution #7 and how it would be paid for bond, surplus or general fund. Trustee Cregg stated that it will be discussed when the resolution comes to the table.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Mayor Derek Baichi - None</b>
<b>Legal</b>	<b>Nadine Bell, Village Attorney</b> – Referenced the recent Codes Committee Meeting and new items that will be coming forward.
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Cheryl Visconti, Treasurer</b> – No budget modifications this evening. Our annual audit field work has been completed and no issues have been brought to our attention. Resolutions #6-8 were addressed and how these items will be funded. A discussion with Trustee Cregg and Bellotti took place. The options of bonding, using surplus or the general fund were debated. Trustee McVicker requested monthly reports on department overtime and comp time.
<b>Police</b>	<b>Derek Osbeck, Lieutenant</b> – Stated that the police department had 1057 calls to service in the month of August, 32 follow ups, 3 felonies, 42 misdemeanors, 144 moving violations, 2 DWI, 1 Juvenile and 119 parking tickets. Joseph Stala is retiring at the end of the month. A resident addressed her concern with a vehicle parking on the mountain top basketball court.

- Electric** **John Kurtz, Asst Electric Superintendent** – Discussed the fence and retaining wall projects taking place. Completion of the upgrades to 15 KV on Caroline and Conklin. Tree trimming on various streets in the village. Hot water heater program per NYPA. Looking for 10 customers willing to try out this program. Must have Wi-Fi in home. Must be a single-family home, residential only. Currently must have an electric hot water heater. More to come on this pilot program. Thank you to John Fall Sr. for the work he and Mark Malley put into the wall and fence.
- DPW/Highway** **Charles Orr Jr., Interim DPW Superintendent** – Addressed the 10 sewer calls for the month, storm drain issues, catch basins, sidewalks and Pine Hill Rd. issues. A discussion regarding the Belle Isle/Honeywell project.
- Library** **Dan Golden, Library Director** - Our new website, Solvaylibrary.org, will launch on September 30, 2019. Digitization of the Solvay Process Room is proceeding rapidly. Digital copies of some files will be made available on our new website and at certain designated computers in our Library. The Director is searching for volunteers to assist the Annual Friends booksale, scheduled to take place May 15-17. Armchair Travel and Coffee-Every first Tuesday of the month at 2pm. Monthly series of travel programs at the Solvay Public Library. The next Armchair Travel will be on Tuesday, October 1st at 2pm and will focus on the Terra Cotta Warriors in central China. Chair Yoga at the Library-every Wednesday at 4pm. Learn to stretch and relax at your local library. SU Athletes Meet & Greet-Sunday, October 13, 1pm. We welcome members of the SU Orangemen for a reception to meet the players. 115th Anniversary of our Building- October 20, 2019. Public reception to celebrate the birthday of the Solvay Public Library. Please join us for music and refreshments. Friends of the Library Holiday Open House- Sunday, December 15, 2 p.m. The Friends of the Solvay Public Library invite you to our annual Holiday Open House. Please join us for a fun family holiday tradition with refreshments and the raffle drawing. At the Solvay Library, we are proud of 115 years of service to Solvay and the Town of Geddes.
- Codes** **Anthony Alberti** – Referenced the 13 electrical inspections for the month, 3 rental, 2 fire and 17 trash letter that were issued by the department. The codes department has been working alongside the DPW. Notices are being put out for homes putting trash out early for pickups. Air BNB homes were discussed and well as vacant property registries. The next codes meeting is on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.
- Stormwater/Montrose Ave** **Mark Malley, Village Engineer** – Discussed grant for Montrose Ave. where 90% will be funded. Also, vac truck grants are being worked on with assistance of Charles Orr Jr. \$2.4 Million has been awarded for Milton Ave. paving.
- Celebrations** **Mayor Derek Baichi** – Discussed the upcoming Christmas and Tree Lighting in December. The Solvay Fields will be 3 days next year with so much more to come.
- Buildings** **Mayor Derek Baichi** – A meeting with WestRock took place regarding the land. Referenced the fact that the current Village Hall is unsafe and moving forward with the new building is a priority.
- Friends of Charles Ave Park** **Residents Report** - \$500 was raised at the recent fundraiser at Gracie's. Planning to have a spaghetti dinner at the VFW on election day. Marty Skahan from the county was contacted regarding grants and funding for the park. Any grant must go through the Village and cannot be applied for through a non-profit.
- Cost Cutting** **Mayor Derek Baichi** – The recent meeting was discussed and items to assist with the budget were brought up.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$20,760.00 for services rendered from 8/1/19 to 8/31/19. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$7,800.00)

Below are the specific projects that will be reimbursed through Grant or the County:

- Invoice No. 0181797 – Project No. 114.220.002 – Upper Gertrude Park Walkways – Community Development
- Invoice No. 0181798 – Project No. 114.222.001 – Aquatic Spray Park – Grant
- Invoice No. 0181799 – Project No. 114.224.001 – Gere Lock Rd. Culvert Replacement – Bele-Isle Tree Replacement Grant
- Invoice No. 0181802 – Project No. 114.229.001 – Boyd Park Improvements - Community Development Grant
- Invoice No. 0181804 – Project No. 114.232.001 – Funding Application GIGP

**MOTION: William McVicker**

**SECOND: John Cregg**

**AYES: 6                      NAYES: 0                      MOTION CARRIED**

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC \$14,364.25 for services rendered for the month of August 2019. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.

**MOTION: Raymond Fougner**

**SECOND: John Cregg**

**AYES: 6                      NAYES: 0                      MOTION CARRIED**

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2019 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION: John Cregg**

**SECOND: Daniel Bellotti**

**AYES: 6                      NAYES: 0                      MOTION CARRIED**

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2019 Special Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION: Daniel Bellotti**

**SECOND: Raymond Fougner**

**AYES: 6                      NAYES: 0                      MOTION CARRIED**

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees for the following findings and determinations with respect to the West End Phase I Lighting Project, the County of Onondaga is an involved agency (as the funding source); this SEQR review will be conducted on an uncoordinated basis; the Village Board of Trustees will act as lead agency; that this action is an unlisted action; that based upon review of the EAF submitted in connection with this project, the Board hereby determines that there will be no adverse environmental impacts emanating from the proposed activity; and therefor renders a negative declaration for purposes of SEQR compliance; further, that the Board hereby accepts the \$150,000.00 Community Development Grant from Onondaga County and authorizes the West End Phase I Lighting Project and finally, authorizes the Mayor to sign any and all documents in order to give full force and effect to this resolution.

**MOTION: John Cregg**

**SECOND: Daniel Bellotti**

**AYES: 6                      NAYES: 0                      MOTION CARRIED**

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to accept Mayor Baichi's appointment of Charles Orr Jr as DPW Superintendent with an annual salary of \$75,000, full health benefits and an effective date of September 28, 2019.

**MOTION: John Cregg**

**SECOND: Thomas Tarolli**

**AYES: 6                      NAYES: 0                      MOTION CARRIED**

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to purchase a 2021 Freightliner 108SD 4X4 and Viking Plow from Tracey Road Equipment, 6803 Manlius Center Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057 for the Solvay DPW. The amount is not to exceed \$207,614.00 and on the Onondaga County Bid List # 8996. This will replace the 1999 snow plow truck (#17).

**MOTION TO TABLE: John Cregg**

**SECOND: Raymond Fougner**

**AYES: 6                      NAYES: 0                      MOTION CARRIED**

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to purchase (2) 2020 Ford F350 XL Reg Cab Trucks with snow plows from Van Bortel Ford, 71 Marsh Rd, East Rochester, NY 14445 for the Solway DPW. The amount is not to exceed \$80,000 and on the Onondaga County Bid List # 7974 2020. These will replace #5 and #6 pickup trucks.

**MOTION: John Cregg**

**SECOND: William McVicker**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

- Truck # 3 VIN ending in 2053
- Truck # 5 VIN ending in 5047
- Truck # 6 VIN ending in 7934

**MOTION: Daniel Bellotti**

**SECOND: Thomas Tarolli**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel and electric department matter at 7:27 p.m.

**MOTION: John Cregg**

**SECOND: Raymond Fougner**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 8:17 p.m.

**MOTION: John Cregg**

**SECOND: William McVicker**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to allow Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC to retain the services of a third-party investigator for the purposes of conducting an investigation into a personnel matter for the Village of the Solway, the cost of such services is not to exceed \$5,000.00, unless further Board approval is sought.

**MOTION: William McVicker**

**SECOND: John Cregg**

**AYES: 5**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Trustee Bellotti recused himself**

A discussion regarding the rules of procedure was brought up again. A special board meeting is being planned for October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. The purposed of the meeting is to address the rules of procedure and DPW truck purchase.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The regular meeting of the Solway Board of Trustees be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

**MOTION: William McVicker**

**SECOND: John Cregg**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk