

**Annual Organizational Meeting of the
Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
HARRY DECARLO**

The **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of the SOLVAY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Derek Baichi at the Town of Geddes Community Room, 1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Deborah DeGilio

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:

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| Mayor | Derek Baichi | Present |
| Deputy Mayor | John Fall Sr | Present |
| Trustees | William McVicker | Present |
| | John Cregg | Present |
| | James Cometti | Present |
| | Raymond Fougner | Present |
| | Deborah DeGilio | Present |

| Name | Newly Elected Positions | Year Expires | No. Term |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| James Cometti | 1st Ward Trustee | 2024 | 4 year term |
| John Fall Sr | 2nd Ward Trustee | 2024 | 4 year term |
| Deborah DeGilio | 3rd Ward Trustee | 2024 | 4 year term |

Mayor Baichi makes the following Appointments:

| Appointed Positions | | | |
|----------------------------|---|------|-----------|
| John Fall Sr | Deputy Mayor | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Harry DeCarlo | Village Clerk | 2022 | 2 yr term |
| Cheryl Visconti | Treasurer | 2022 | 2 yr term |
| Anthony Noce | Associate Village Justice | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Joseph Dattellas | Auditor | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Chuck Orr | Highway Superintendent | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Village Engineers | C&S Engineers | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Village Attorneys | Costello, Cooney & Fearon PLLC | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Wendy Pellizzari | Full Time Court Clerk | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Karen Ladoucer | Part Time Court Clerk | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Megan Cavaliere | Part Time Court Clerk | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Victor Brouse | Electric Comm. (retirement of Matt Raman) | 2024 | 4 yr term |
| Beert Polstra | Electric Comm. | 2024 | 4 yr term |
| Chris Germain | Zoning and Planning Board | 2025 | 5 yr term |

1. That the Board of Trustees remove Mayor Baichi’s Appointments for Village Attorneys, Victor Brouse for Electric Commission and Chris Germain for Zoning and Planning Board.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

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| Deborah DeGilio | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| Raymond Fougner | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| William McVicker | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| John Cregg | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| James Cometti | Trustee | Voted | No |
| John Fall Sr | Trustee | Voted | No |
| Derek Baichi | Mayor | Voted | No |
| | | | Motion Passed |

2. That the Board of Trustees approve the following of Mayor Baichi’s Appointments:

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|-------------------|---------------------------|------|-----------|
| John Fall Sr | Deputy Mayor | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Harry DeCarlo | Village Clerk | 2022 | 2 yr term |
| Cheryl Visconti | Treasurer | 2022 | 2 yr term |
| Anthony Noce | Associate Village Justice | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Joseph Dattellas | Auditor | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Chuck Orr | Highway Superintendent | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Village Engineers | C&S Engineers | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Wendy Pellizzari | Full Time Court Clerk | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Karen Ladoucer | Part Time Court Clerk | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Megan Cavaliere | Part Time Court Clerk | 2021 | 1 yr term |
| Beert Polstra | Electric Commission | 2024 | 4 yr term |

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: William McVicker

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| Deborah DeGilio | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| Raymond Fougner | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| William McVicker | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| John Cregg | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| James Cometti | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| John Fall Sr | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| Derek Baichi | Mayor | Voted | Yes |
| | | | Motion Passed |

3. That the Board of Trustees approve the payment of Attorney’s fees for the month of January 2020.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: John Cregg

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. That the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Costello, Cooney and Fearon on a month to month basis.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: James Cometti

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

5. That the Board of Trustees to table the appointment to the Electric Commission related to the retirement of Matt Raman for 90 days.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: James Cometti

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| Deborah DeGilio | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| Raymond Fougner | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| William McVicker | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| John Cregg | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| James Cometti | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| John Fall Sr | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| Derek Baichi | Mayor | Voted | No |
| | | | Motion Passed |

6. That the Board of Trustees table the appointment to the Zoning and Planning Board for 90 days.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

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| Deborah DeGilio | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| Raymond Fournier | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| William McVicker | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| John Cregg | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| James Cometti | Trustee | Voted | No |
| John Fall Sr | Trustee | Voted | No |
| Derek Baichi | Mayor | Voted | No |
| | | | Motion Passed |

7. That the Board of Trustees sever and remove appointments to the Ethics Committee from Mayor Baichi’s appointments of the standing and sub-committees.

MOTION: Deborah DeGilio

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

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| Deborah DeGilio | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| Raymond Fournier | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| William McVicker | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| John Cregg | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| James Cometti | Trustee | Voted | No |
| John Fall Sr | Trustee | Voted | No |
| Derek Baichi | Mayor | Voted | No |
| | | | Motion Passed |

8. That the Board of Trustees sever and remove Friends of Charles Ave Park from Mayor Baichi’s appointments of the standing and sub-committees.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

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| Deborah DeGilio | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| Raymond Fournier | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| William McVicker | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| John Cregg | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| James Cometti | Trustee | Voted | No |
| John Fall Sr | Trustee | Voted | No |
| Derek Baichi | Mayor | Voted | No |
| | | | Motion Passed |

9. That the Board of Trustees approve Mayor Baichi’s Appointments of the Standing Committees and Sub-Committees:

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| Administration: | Chair: | Mayor: | Derek Baichi |
| | Members: | Trustees: | John Cregg |
| | | | James Cometti |
| | | | John Fall Sr. |
| | | | Raymond Fournier |
| | | | Deborah DeGilio |
| | | | William McVicker |
| Public Works: | Chair: | | John Cregg |
| | Members | | Deborah DeGilio |
| | | | Raymond Fournier |

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| Police: | Chair: Members: | John Fall Sr James Cometti William McVicker |
| Parks: | Chair: Co-Chair: | Derek Baichi Deborah DeGilio |
| Library: | Chair: | Deborah DeGilio |
| Codes: | Chair: Members: | James Cometti John Maestri Gus Capella Victor Brouse Kathy Brouse Jim Foresti Irene Baldini Bob Czerow Si Bagozzi Roxanne Leach Bill Ekstrand Lisa Ligoci Danielle Ryan |
| Cost Cutting: | Chair Members: | Derek Baichi Raymond Fougner James Cometti Sal Sciuga Victor Brouse Joe Solan Jerry Albrigo (Town Liaison) Ed Weber (Town Liaison) Si Bagozzi Marc Buselli Jim Jerome Danielle Ryan |
| Buildings: Buildings Sub-Comm. | Chair: Co-Chair (Village Hall Project) | John Fall Sr Derek Baichi Ron Reudink John Maestri John McPeak Joe Solon Christine Czerow Victor Brouse Kathy Brouse |
| Finance: | Chair: Co-Chair | Derek Baichi Raymond Fougner |
| Safety Committee: | Chair: Co-Chair | William McVicker Raymond Fougner |
| Insurance: | Chair: | Derek Baichi |
| Stormwater: | Chair: Co-Chair | Raymond Fougner William McVicker |
| Montrose Ave: | Chair: Co-Chair: | John Cregg James Cometti |
| Senior Outreach: | Chair: | Derek Baichi |
| Centerstate CEO: | Chair: Co-Chair: | James Cometti Raymond Fougner Deborah DeGilio |

Field Days: Co-Chair: Anthony Alberti
 Co-Chair: Lori Volski

Seating Facing Podium – Left to Right: William McVicker, John Fall Sr, Mayor Baichi, Raymond Fougner, John Cregg, James Cometti, Deborah DeGilio

MOTION: John Fall Sr
SECOND: James Cometti

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| Raymond Fougner | Trustee | Voted | No |
| William McVicker | Trustee | Voted | No |
| John Cregg | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| James Cometti | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| John Fall Sr | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| Derek Baichi | Mayor | Voted | Yes |
| | | | Motion Passed |

10. That the Board of Trustees blanket approve Resolutions 11-19.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: John Fall Sr

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

11. That the Board of Trustees designated the fourth Tuesday of each month as the Regular Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees, such meetings are to be held at the Town of Geddes Court Room, 1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209 at 6:00 p.m., local time.

12. That the Board of Trustees continues to follow the procurement policy in accordance with Chapter 29 of the Village Code.

13. That the Board of Trustees authorize for all periods commencing January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 the Mayor, all Trustees, Village Officers, Department Heads, to attend meetings, seminars, and schools, from time to time, and to authorize expenses incurred thereby. Such meetings would include those convened by the MEUA, NYPA, the Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials, Department of Audit and Control, Clerk’s Meetings and any other meetings convened, that relate to the business of the Village of Solvay, pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Village Code.

14. That the Board of Trustees designate Solvay Bank as the Official Depository for the Village of Solvay.

15. That the Board of Trustees designate the Post Standard as the official newspaper for the Village of Solvay.

16. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage as reimbursement to officers and employees of the Village of Solvay.

NOW, THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees shall approve reimbursement of such officers and employees at the rate of - \$.58/mile.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect January 1, 2020. If a Village vehicle is available the employee will use the Village vehicle and not receive mileage.

17. That the Board of Trustees authorize the Village of Solvay Electric Power Department to enter into a license agreement with Consolidated Rail Corporation for an aerial power line occupation. Location: Secondary Track, LC 30-6251, Mile Post 5.14, Albany Division, (File S-1755).

18. That the Board of Trustees authorize that the next Annual Organizational Meeting will take place on January 5, 2021 at the Geddes Town Hall, 1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209.

19. Authorizing the approval of a blanket insurance policy covering all Village employees as required by Section 3-306 of the Village Law and specifically covering the Village Justices and personnel as required by Public Officers Law, Section 11(2).

20. Authorizing the promotion of Hunter Nerber as a Full Time Police Officer at the Union Rate of Pay. The effective day is January 11, 2020.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

21. Authorizing the hourly pay rate to be increased to \$25 for all new and existing Part Time Police Officers. This will include one complete uniform. The effective date is January 11, 2020.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

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| William McVicker | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| John Cregg | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| James Cometti | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| John Fall Sr | Trustee | Voted | Yes |
| Derek Baichi | Mayor | Voted | Abs. Motion Passed |

PETITIONS:

John McPeak, Village Resident addressed the Ethic’s Board not being approved and what is going to be done about it.

Joe Britton, Village Resident promoted the Solvay Tigers Little League Winter Clinic that goes from 2:00-4:00 pm on Sundays. Early registration for Little League can be done now with a discount. In reference to my appointment to the Ethics Board, I am just trying to volunteer and help my community. A request for more positivity on social media rather than all the negative comments towards the village and employees. Disheartened by the comment made at the Village Attorney at the end of the last board meeting.

John Maestri, Village Resident requested an update on the Investigations involving former Trustee Bellotti and the Chief of Police. Will former Trustee Bellotti be responsible for his legal bills now?

Dawn DeCarlo, Village Resident stated that since we are talking about qualifications, what are the qualifications of the two new elected Trustees? What are your plans to improve our community? The community has the right to know what you bring the Village as elected officials. Important and crucial decisions need to be made and I want to make sure you are up for the task.

Jim Baleno, Village Resident is looking to assist with the Village of Solvay’s social media presence. Discouraged by the constant negativity on Facebook about individuals within the Village. Donated a keyboard for all those who hide behind it.

Lauren Robarge, Village Resident expressed her discouragement with social media commentary and drama being presented during board meetings. The focus should only pertain to village business.

Lisa Ligoci, Village Resident was concerned that her qualifications for the codes committee were questioned. Brought up here previous residence and how trustees and an employee at the time were there.

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract and personnel matter at 7:02 p.m.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: Deborah DeGilio

AYES: 6

NAYES: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

No action was taken at the Executive session meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

That the Special Board/Organizational Meeting be adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk
Village of Solvay