

**Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
HARRY DECARLO**

Today, Tuesday, February 25, 2020 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

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

MAYOR’S COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Tonight, we are having a contest for the best video of the board meeting. A correspondence was read that was written by James Baleno. Our new Village Attorney, Tom Cerio thanked the board for the recent appointment to represent the Village. Tom gave a presentation regarding the history of villages and why they were created. It gives the residents the ability to have a direct contact with its representatives. Through time, villages have evolved. The way meetings should be run was explained including the how residents are encouraged to ask questions but cannot expect an immediate answer from the board. We would like to refrain from any negativity going forward.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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| Administrative | Mayor Derek Baichi – A Special/Budget Meeting will take place on March 3, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the village hall. |
| Legal | Village Attorney - None |
| Treasurer | Cheryl Visconti, Treasurer – No report at this time. Trustee Fougner made the request for monthly and annual financial reports. |
| Police | Allen Wood, Police Chief – January had 932 calls including 35 follow up investigations, 42 misdemeanors, 148 traffic tickets, 1 juvenile, 196 parking tickets, 10 motor vehicle and 2 stolen vehicles. |
| Electric | Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk – On behalf of Joe Hawksby, openings are still available for the hot water heater pilot program. Please contact Joe at the electric garage if interested. Continued work on installing cutouts on 5 KV transformers. Assist B&M with battery replacement at Mathews Ave Substation. Worked with O’Connell Electric to help outage restoration at Chemtrade. Snow removal off and on for the past month. Trustee Cregg read a letter from Robert Bishop of Chemtrade praising the efforts of the electric department for their quick response to the recent power interruption. |
| DPW/Highway | Charles Orr Jr, DPW Superintendent – The department had 96 pickups including only 3 mattresses. A significant drop in mattress pickups have occurred since the new fee was introduced. We also have 7 sewer calls and OCWA has had 3 water main breaks. |
| Library | Dan Golden, Library Director - We held a fun Kids Book Swap, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, on February 21. About 30 people attended. We thank Village Trustee Ms. Deb Degilio for organizing the Coffee for the Police Chief on Saturday, February 22, attended by 17 people. The scanning and digitization of the Solvay Process Collection is continuing. We are hoping to provide digital copies of our collection via the library’s website in the coming weeks. We have scheduled the next Solvay Local Business Mixer and Networking for Tuesday, May 12 at 4pm. We ask the help of the Village of Solvay, the Town of Geddes and local businesses to make this program a success, |

thereby showcasing all the Library and the Village have to offer. The Director is working with the Solvay School District to find volunteers for the Friends booksale on May 15-17. We will need people to help us lift boxes and set up the sales areas, especially on Friday Irish Dance with Rince Na Sonas- Saturday, March 7, 2p.m. An afternoon of traditional Irish dance and folk music. Solvay Local Business Mixer and Networking -Tuesday, May 12 at 4p.m. This Mixer will afford an opportunity for business-to-business networking, and for establishing new relationships and business contacts here in Solvay, Geddes and surrounding areas.

Codes **James Cometti, Trustee** – The codes department has 13 electrical inspections, 4 rental and 4 trash. The recent mattress removal fee and progress was discussed.

Stormwater/Montrose Ave **Mark Malley, Village Engineer** – Discussed recent correspondence with Adam Woodburn and the discharge of floatables in Onondaga Lake. We are currently working with Onondaga County Water and Environmental protection, NYS DEC soil and conservation service and the County DOT to resolve the issues.

Celebrations **Mayor Derek Baichi - None**

Buildings **John Fall Sr, Trustee** – Discussed the recent meeting with WestRock and our new law firm regarding the procurement of the land. The next step would be an RFP.

Cost Cutting **Mayor Derek Baichi** – The committee met last month and had a productive meeting. They will not be meeting in March in an effort to focus on the budget.

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John McPeak, resident asked about Motion #2 and if any of the charges involved the Bellotti investigation. This matter is being looked into.

Mike Maloney, resident promoted the last week of early signup for the Solvay Little League program. The last day to get the discounted rate is Saturday, February 29th.

Joanne Kerr, resident asked the Chief if they are looking into grants providing “Ring” type doorbells for village residents. Chief is looking into this matter.

Trustee DeGilio promoted “Beauty and the Beast” taking place this week at Solvay High School.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$18,335.00 for services rendered from 1/1/20 to 1/31/20. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$17,015.00)

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

- Invoice No. 0185208 – Project No. 114.222.001 – Aquatic Spray Park – Sam Grant
- Invoice No. 0185211 – Project No. 114.232.001 – Montrose Avenue Drainage Phase II
- Invoice No. 0185212 – Project No. 114.233.001 – Electric Department

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

- 2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC \$17,535.75 for services rendered for the month of January 2020. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: John Cregg

MOTION TO TABLE: Derek Baichi

SECOND: John Fall Sr

AYES: 6

NAYES: 1 (DeGilio)

MOTION CARRIED

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2020 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.
MOTION: John Cregg
SECOND: John Fall Sr
AYES: 5 **NAYES: 2 (Fougner, McVicker)** **MOTION CARRIED**
4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2020 Special Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.
MOTION: John Fall Sr
SECOND: William McVicker
AYES: 7 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**
5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to appoint Tony Calisto, John Maestri and Jon Lorber to the Ethics Committee for a two-year term with an effective date of February 25, 2020.
MOTION: William McVicker
SECOND: John Fall Sr
AYES: 3 **NAYES: 4 (DeGilio, Fougner, McVicker, Cregg)**
MOTION FAILED
6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to waive the application of the Board rules thereby allowing an amendment of the Ethics Committee resolution from the floor during the Board meeting.
MOTION: Raymond Fougner
SECOND: John Cregg
AYES: 6 **NAYES: 1 (Fall)** **MOTION CARRIED**
7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to appoint Tony Calisto, Dave Bosco and Brittany Abend to the Ethics Committee for a two-year term with an effective date of February 25, 2020.
MOTION: Raymond Fougner
No Second
MOTION TO TABLE: John Fall Sr
SECOND: Derek Baichi
AYES: 4 **NAYES: 3** **MOTION CARRIED**
8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to have the Mayor sign the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau Initial Boundary Validation Program Information Form and Map as required by the United States Department of Commerce.
MOTION: John Cregg
SECOND: Raymond Fougner
AYES: 7 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**
9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to appoint Joseph Hawksby, John Kurtz and Greg Lowe as an alternate for all MEUA and NYMPA meetings for 2020.
MOTION: John Fall Sr
SECOND: John Cregg
AYES: 7 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**
10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to appoint Chris Germain to Electric Commission for a four-year term.
MOTION: James Cometti
SECOND: John Cregg
AYES: 7 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**
11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to appoint Sal Sciuga to the Zoning and Planning Board for a five-year term.
MOTION: Deborah DeGilio
SECOND: Derek Baichi
MOTION TO TABLE: James Cometti
SECOND: John Cregg
AYES: 6 **NAYES: 1** **MOTION CARRIED**

12. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to submit an Application for Variance from 6 NYCRR Part 360 on behalf of the Village of Solvay for landfill post-closure monitoring. The Variance would reduce the groundwater sampling from semiannual to annual thus reducing the annual sampling costs by 50%.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

13. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to accept a check for \$50,000 from the Town of Geddes for reimbursement from a joint grant between the Town of Geddes and the Village of Solvay for new sidewalks. The amount shall be returned to the Town of Geddes if they are not reimbursed by the state.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: John Cregg

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract and a personnel matter at 6:50 p.m.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 7:02 p.m.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: John Fall Sr

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract matter at 7:03 p.m.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 7:06 p.m.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:07 p.m.

MOTION: James Cometti

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 7:10 p.m.

MOTION: James Cometti

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:10 p.m.

MOTION: James Cometti

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 7:16 p.m.

MOTION: James Cometti

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to appoint Les Ball for a 5 year term and Sal Sciuga as an Alternate for a 1 year term to the Zoning and Planning Board.

MOTION: James Cometti

SECOND: John Cregg

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to appoint Tony Calisto, Jon Lorber and Brittany Abend to the Ethics Committee for a two-year term with an effective date of February 25, 2020.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: John Cregg

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: John Fall Sr

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk