

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

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
HARRY DECARLO**

Today, Tuesday, August 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 Rd, Solvay, NY 13209.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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:

The Solvay-Geddes Community Youth Center Go Fund Me was discussed as well as various generous donations. Tony Modafferri and Fire Department are having an event to burn documents. The recent 4% utility bill tax was discussed and opposed by the Mayor. Trustee Cregg provided insight on the new tax. Trustee Fougner read a letter received from Belle Isle residents and the project completed by Honeywell. Increased level of allergies due to the recent plantings including overgrown ragweed.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative	Mayor Derek Baichi – None
Legal	David Herkala, Village Attorney – Provided update regarding investigation reports from former village attorneys, Costello, Cooney and Fearon.
Treasurer	Cheryl Visconti, Treasurer – Explained the single budget modification resolution. The auditors from BST were in doing their field work the past week. Trustee Cregg questioned the larger amount of invoices the past few years from them and why a RFP is not put out for these services. Mayor addressed the surplus and requested the “other” category be taken out of the budget. He also requested a budget for the electric fund.
Police	Allen Wood, Police Chief – For the month of July, 989 calls for service which included: 19 follow up investigations, 7 felonies, 57 misdemeanors, 107 traffic, 5 DWI, 60 parking tickets, 2 motor vehicle and 2 stolen vehicles.
Electric	Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk – Tree trimming at various locations in Lakeland and Solvay. Preparing for winter season. Waiting on new AC unit for industrial sub control room. Inspections on bucket trucks are complete waiting for Altec to make repairs. Di Electric test to be done later in the week. Ordered six overhead reconditioned transformers for 5 KV use. This should get us through the Winter. Ongoing testing of residential electric meters per PSC.
DPW/Highway	Charles Orr Jr, DPW Superintendent – 285 bulk pick-ups along with mattresses, 7 sewer calls as well as several brush pick-ups. Road work will be starting on Thursday. Updates on signs and sidewalks was provided. The brush truck was addressed. Trustee Cregg notified the

public of an Earth Day on September 26th, 8:00 am at the DPW. Deputy Mayor Fall Sr discussed new proposal for DPW to pick up whole trees that residents are leaving out. Fees and limits were debated.

Library

Dan Golden, Library Director - The Solvay Public Library is still offering Library Takeout services. Residents can request materials by placing holds online with their library card number and personal identification number. For now, our operating hours will be: 9am to 8pm Monday-Wednesday, 9am to 5pm Thursday and Friday, and 9am to 1pm Saturday. We are still limited to curbside pickup only. Fortunately, business has been brisk and we continue to be very busy with pickup orders averaging 15-20 takeout's per hour, as well as other deliveries and requests. We are also researching and answering reference questions, continuing to work on the digitization project, offering virtual programs and reorganizing large areas of the collection and storage areas. In the fall season, we are planning to develop and expand our outreach to local schools. Although the building is not yet open to the public, we are still able to provide public programs. On August 13th, the Museum of Science and Technology presented a program on Zoom for a virtual audience of 13 young people. In the coming weeks, we have scheduled more virtual programs that will appear on our website and on our Facebook page. The first will be our weekly story times with Library Trustee Rosemarie Novembrini. Later this fall season, I will present a series of programs on the job search, including: preparing a job application, designing a resume, and handling a job interview.

Codes

Aaron Sauer, Codes Enforcement Officer - Village Code Violations: Long grass: 4 new, 137 YTD, Junk vehicles: 6, Junk and debris: 11 new, 90 YTD Zoning: 1 new, 5 YTD, Shrubs: 3 new, 13 YTD, Trees obscuring signs: 2, Stormwater: 1 new, 2 YTD. Building without a permit: 2 new, 30 YTD, Unregistered rental: 12 new, 25 YTD. State Code Violations: 1 Unsafe structure, (1) violation of Fire Code, (6) Property Maintenance Violations. YTD totals are approximate due to software tracking and reporting limitations. For example, a case against a property may list its violation type as NYS Property Maintenance, but the case may include other violations of Village Code. The software reporting feature does not accurately parse these violations. I plan to further research alternative software to fulfill my department's needs and will inform the board of my findings.

Stormwater/Montrose Ave

Mark Malley, Village Engineer – None

Buildings

John Fall Sr, Trustee – Discussed recent meeting with Mr. Tantalo of WestRock regarding land acquisition. David Herkala, Village Attorney is in the process of reviewing the agreement between the Village and WestRock.

Cost Cutting

Mayor Derek Baichi – Had a meeting over the Summer discussing various topics. Will resume in the Fall once pandemic is under control.

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Five Minute Time Limit Per Petitioner)

Kathy Brouse, Former Mayor addressed the recent tax increase created by 4 of the current Trustees. Under my administration, there never was a threat for bankruptcy. Our sales tax was taken from the county which was a blow to our budget. Several improved were made throughout the village such as: New DPW garage, 10-year plan, a new police vehicle each year, renovations to the pool, library and various community events for Christmas and movie nights. Received several grants from community development with the help of Assemblymen Magnarelli. The current surplus was created by inflating the DPW budget by a prior administration. We need to get back to working together and getting Solvay back the way, it used to be.

John McPeak, Village Resident questioned the minimum fund balance and suggested it should be around \$600K while something it should be around One Million. Can we agree upon \$800K which is 13% of the year's budget? It establishes what the fund balance must be. Suggested that the board leans on legal to assist through the process.

Dave Torez, Village Resident stressed the importance of coming together and having unity on the village board. Please try to lead by example. Trustee DeGilio has been called out and questioned why she continues to be harassed. People should be behind her and respect her being a strong female. We certainly do not have to support all of our elected officials. Its why we have elections. Asked the Mayor to bring us together and lead by example.

Mike Maloney, Solvay Little League Board Member asked the board for assistance with building repairs on Woods Rd that the little league uses. Can budget modifications be done for renovations? Trustee Cometti interjected and would like to see the little league utilize Solvay more for games and the parade. All events seem to take place in Lakeland.

Joe Britton, Village Resident stated how the village board is not working together is unethical. Board members are out of control motioning for resolutions anytime during meetings. The public should be able to offer their opinion once these new resolutions are put on the table. Putting them on at the end of meetings is shady. Being a tax payer, I demand more transparency.

Sal Sciuga, ZBA member stated how he walked out of last meeting and feels robbed of the democratic process. Suggested his 2nd ward representatives' motion for a resolution giving the residents a chance to speak when new resolution is motioned during meetings.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to add new business to the agenda.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: James Cometti

No Vote Took Place

MOTION TO TABLE: Deborah DeGilio

SECOND: John Cregg

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 Carried

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$15,220.00 for services rendered from 7/1/20 to 7/31/20. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$7,830.00)

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

- Invoice No. 0188980 – Project No. 114.222.001 – Aquatic Spray Park – Sam Grant
- Invoice No. 0188982 – Project No. 114.235.001 – Community Development Grant

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$8,354.50 for services rendered for the month of July 2020. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2020 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to contract janitorial services with Marshall & Mauro Janitorial Services, LLC, 5640 E. Taft Road #5378, Syracuse, NY 13220 starting September 1, 2020. The Village of Solvay procurement requirements have been met.

- Solvay Electric/Police Department - \$1104.75 per month
- Village Hall, Codes, Court Offices - \$717.51 per month
- Solvay DPW - \$311.22 per month

*Additional Fee for Electrostatic Disinfectant Spraying

MOTION: Raymond Fournier

SECOND: William McVicker

No Vote Took Place

MOTION TO AMEND: Deborah DeGilio

Add Library to cleaning locations.

SECOND: William McVicker

No Vote Took Place

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: Derek Baichi

AYES: 6

NAYES: 1 (DeGilio)

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

No action was taken at the Executive session meeting.

Authorization from the Board of Trustees to contract janitorial services including electrostatic disinfecting with Marshall & Mauro Janitorial Services, LLC, 5640 E. Taft Road #5378, Syracuse, NY 13220 starting September 1, 2020. The Village of Solvay procurement requirements have been met.

- Solvay Electric/Police Department - \$1308.75 per month
- Village Hall, Codes, Court Offices - \$819.51 per month
- Solvay DPW - \$347.22 per month
- Library - \$1244.96 per month

MOTION: Raymond Fournier

SECOND: William McVicker

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Raymond Fournier	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 Carried

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the modification of work hours and compensation for full time village hall employees from 37.50 to 40 hours per week with an effective date of August 29, 2020. The new village hall hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

No Vote Took Place

MOTION TO TABLE: Deborah DeGilio

SECOND: John Cregg

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John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			Motion Carried

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to act as lead agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act in connection with the purchase of a new 2021 MV 607 4x2 Brush Truck equipped with a LB3000 Brush Body with Tarp for the Highway Department, and determining pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act that this action is a Type II action and that the S.E.Q.RA regulations have been satisfied with respect to the expenditures to be authorized by the immediately following Bond Resolution.

MOTION: James Cometti

SECOND: John Fall Sr

No Vote Took Place

MOTION TO TABLE: John Cregg

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

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James Cometti	Trustee	Voted	No
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	No
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	No
			Motion Carried

Mayor Baichi stated that he will not be signing the contract for the purchase of the brush truck.

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve a Bond Resolution with Estoppel Notice in the amount of \$97,766.00, the proceeds of said Bonds to be used to purchase a new 2021 MV 607 4x2 Brush Truck equipped with a LB3000 Brush Body with Tarp for use by the Highway Department, all as more particularly set forth in the long form Bond Resolution attached to the Agenda and which is presently before the Board.

***Resolution was listed on the original agenda but was not read due to the previous resolution being tabled.**

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the following budget modifications:
Village of Solvay General Fund

Account	Title	(as modified) Current Budget	Proposed Budget Mod	Newly Modified Budget Amount
Expenses				
536201 A	Code Enforcer-Wages	80,000	(3,100)	76,900
510104 A	Board of Trustee-Other	680	3,100	3,780
	Total	80,680	0	80,680

MOTION: John Fall Sr
SECOND: James Cometti

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John Cregg	Trustee	Voted	Yes
James Cometti	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 8:45 pm.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk