

Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, May 25, 2021

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
HARRY DECARLO

Today, Tuesday, May 25, 2021 the **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** of the **SOLVAY VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** was called to order by Mayor Derek Baichi at the Town of Geddes Community Room, 1000 Woods Rd, Solvay, NY 13209 at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

MAYOR’S COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Manny Martinez honored at the NY Yankees game on Sunday.
- Neighborhood Watch is returning
- Pavilion Music Series begins on June 2nd
- Update on Electric/Mathews Ave potential purchase
- Our Chief of Police is retiring and shall be recognized for his great career with the Village.
- KJ O'Connor from Parkitects presented options for Boyd Ave Park playground equipment and the options for the build (complete install, community build)
- Boyd Ave Park new playground
- Charles Ave Park new playground
- Montrose drainage and park updates
- Solvay pool and splash pad are coming along, Life Guards are being recruited.
- Mission 22/Fundraiser for Veterans. Brian Worrall received “Angels for 22” award.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Semi-Annual and Annual 2021 MS4 Reports

MOTION TO OPEN PH: John Cregg

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

6-0 Vote, Motion Carried

Mark Malley led the discussion. Discussed the Onondaga County Watershed and the Stormwater Sewer System. The Village of Solvay is in compliance. No public comment.

MOTION TO CLOSE PH: James Cometti

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

6-0 Vote, Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative	Derek Baichi, Mayor – Administrative meeting will be scheduled in June
Legal	David Herkala, Village Attorney - None
Treasurer	Cheryl Visconti, Treasurer – Budget Modifications and Year End Closing
Police	James Cometti, Trustee – 1052 calls for service in April: 21 follow up investigations, 11 felony arrests, 48 misdemeanor and other types of arrests, 193 traffic tickets issued, 3 DWI arrests, 148 parking tickets issued and 14 motor vehicle accident investigations.
Electric	William McVicker, Trustee – Flags are up on Woods Rd and EV testing is being done.
DPW/Highway	Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent – Thank you for warm welcome. Handling park maintenance including recent grading of Boyd Ave Park. Various sewer repair and replacing catch basins.

Library

Deborah DeGilio, Trustee - On Saturday, May 1, we discovered a leak downstairs. We called Solvay DPW and they called the plumber, who said the leak was caused by a part inside the public drinking fountain unit that had simply disintegrated. The plumber was able to patch up the leak, and a company called Servpro cleaned up the standing water and brought in fans and other equipment to properly dry this area. Several days after the incident, Servpro carved out sections of the walls downstairs to allow these areas to air out and prevent mold. We were extremely lucky: Servpro found only very small amounts of mold, and none of our electrical outlets or equipment were affected. We are now collecting drywall repair estimates for our insurance carrier. With regard to our agenda item tonight, for the past several years, the State has mandated large increases in the hourly minimum wage. Because of these increases, both library clerks and library pages currently earn the same amount, \$12.50/ hour, despite the fact that the clerk position has greater skill and responsibility than the page job. The Solvay Library Board has approved new rates of pay for the library clerks, in order to better reflect the skill-levels of their work. Please let us know if you have any questions. We are also continuing to present virtual programs on our website and on our Facebook page; including our weekly storytimes, a series of programs on using social media with Brian Rowlands, and regular Crafting with Carolyn programs with our own Carolyn Patapow. Starting June 1, we will reintroduce public meetings and programs at the library that are in compliance with Covid safety guidelines.

Codes

James Cometti, Trustee – Discussed various code violations for the month and year to date.

Stormwater/Montrose Ave

Mark Malley, Village Engineer – Crestview terrace eroding was discussed. County used Ground Effects for hydro-seeding. DASNY grant can be used to remedy Montrose Ave.

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board:

Authorization from the Board of Trustees to add the following to the agenda: rescind Sandy Lovine’s Retirement Letter and approve a leave of absence from May 14, 2021 through September 30, 2021 and continue her health insurance.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: William McVicker

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	Exc
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	No
			Motion Carried

Authorization from the Board of Trustees to add the following to the agenda: a public hearing shall be scheduled for June 22, 2021 to amend the local law regarding parking on Second Street during the Winter months.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: Deborah DeGilio

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Local Law regarding the sale of marijuana as well as usage was brought up by Trustee Cregg. The options for the Village were addressed such as opting out as a village board or going to public referendum. Sales taxes and how is would be distributed was touched upon as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Five Minute Time Limit Per Petitioner)

Shirley Crenshaw, Village Resident requested a hidden driveway sign be installed at or around 799 Woods Rd.

Joe Solan, Village Resident questioned resolution #11 regarding the new refuse contract and why it's for 5 years. Village does have the option to opt-out after 2 years.

Joe Britton, Village Resident questioned why the new refuse contract increases 100k from year one to year five. Also questioned resolution #19 and how it affects the tax payers with the continued funding of health insurance.

John Maestri, Village Resident questioned resolution #12 regarding the Letter of Credit/Solvay Bank/NYS DOT.

Ron Reudink, Village Resident asked about the cost cutting committee and how it would save on the refuse contract. Discussed studies done by hospitals in the 70's and 80's regarding marijuana use. Discouraged by the direction of the county.

Ty Marshal, Village Resident thanked Mayor Baichi and Trustee DeGilio for the improvements to Boyd Ave Park. Questioned if its an issue if a trustee candidate and a family member work for the village. The position of Clerk/Treasurer was also questioned.

Christina Rodgers, Village Resident would really like to see the drainage issues on Montrose Ave resolved. April 26th marks 10 years where major damage was done to her home.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$14,007.50 for services rendered from 4/1/21 to 4/30/21. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$10,812.50)

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

- Invoice No. 0194565 – Project No. 114.240.001 – Reimbursable Grant

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: John Cregg

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2021 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Deborah DeGilio

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$9,935.50 for services rendered for the month of April 2021. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: James Cometti

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to accept Ground Effects Proposal for \$34,996.50 to apply a 4" Eco Blanket, using the Express Blower application system, on a 6,666 square yard area of slope on Crestview Terrace to prevent further erosion and sediment material from entering the Montrose Avenue storm sewer system, utilizing the Onondaga County Contract #18110 Pricing. The full amount shall be taken from surplus. Total area 1.37 acres.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

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William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Cregg	Trustee	Voted	Yes
James Cometti	Trustee	Voted	Yes

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to institute new rates of pay for the Library Clerk 1 position, according to the following years of service:
- 0-3 years of service, \$12.75/ hour
 - 3-10 years of service, \$13.25/ hour
 - 10-20 years of service, \$13.75/hour
 - 20+ years of service, \$14.50/hour

The following employees will continue to receive the standard 2% annual raise: Dan Golden, Loretta Hughes and Brian Rowlands.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

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

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to have the Mayor sign the NYSDEC 2021 Annual MS4 Report and the NYSDEC 2021 Semi-Annual Report MS4 Onondaga Lake Report and submit both Reports to the NYS DEC MS4 Permit Coordinator, Division of Water 4th Floor 625 Broadway, Albany New York 12233-3505.

MOTION: Deborah DeGilio

SECOND: John Cregg

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to award the Village of Solvay Collection and Disposal of all Refuse Rubbish, Garbage and Recyclables to Superior Waste Removal. The Contract also includes Multi-Family and Commercial (Bid-2 Alternate). The Contract will start May 31, 2021 through May 30, 2022 for the contract amount not to exceed \$561,800.40 from May 31, 2022 through May 30, 2023 for the contract amount not to exceed \$578,876.40 and from May 31, 2023 through May 30, 2024 for the contract amount not to exceed 595,952.40 and from May 31, 2024 through May 30, 2025 for the contract amount not to exceed \$630,104.40 and from May 31, 2025 through May 30, 2026 for the contract amount not to exceed \$664,256.40. Total Contract Amount for the five (5) years of collection is \$3,030,990.00. The award of the Contract to the lowest bidder, Superior Waste Removal is a five-year contract period for each year that, in the opinion of the Owner, is qualified to perform the work required and is responsible and reliable.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: James Cometti

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

12. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to obtain an irrevocable letter of credit for \$80,000 from Solvay Bank acceptable to NYSDOT in the full amount of estimated project costs per Schedule A, solely for the purpose of paying Betterment costs and providing for expenditures therefrom or sight drafts thereon by NYSDOT negotiable through and acceptable to the State’s depository bank for such purpose. The Mayor and Village Treasurer shall sign the agreement with Solvay Bank.

MOTION: James Cometti

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

13. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to compensate Sandy Lovine, Retired Clerk I for her 26 vacation days, 128 sick days and 2.25 hours that were unused during his time of employment with the Village of Solvay.

MOTION TO MOVE TO END OF AGENDA: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

14. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to appoint Salvatore Giordano, John Kurtz and Greg Lowe as an alternate for all MEUA and NYMPA meetings in 2021.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: James Cometti

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

15. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to allocate \$200,000 from the upcoming SAM grant to be used for porous pavement on Montrose Avenue.

MOTION: Deborah DeGilio

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	Exc
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			Motion Carried

16. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the following budget modifications:

Village of Solvay General Fund					
Expenses					
531201 A	Police-Wages	1,477,550		30,000	1,507,550
531202 A	Police-Equipment	30,000		(30,000)	0
580101 A	Zoning Board-Wages	8,120		1,430	9,550
550101 A	Street Administration-Wages	75,000		9,300	84,300
551101 A	Street Maintenance-Wages	370,000		15,000	385,000
551421 A	Snow Removal-Wages	90,000		(6,200)	83,800
571101 A	Parrks & Rec-Wages	90,000		(9,000)	81,000
581201 A	Sanitary Sewer-Wages	9,500		(3,500)	6,000
581401 A	Storm Sewer-Wages	19,500		(7,030)	12,470
514404 A	Engineer-Other	143,857		8,000	151,857
551424 A	Snow Removal-Other	82,200		(8,000)	74,200
575504 A	Celebrations	1,000		(900)	100
576204 A	Programs for the Aging	0		900	900
	Total	2,396,727		0	2,396,727

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: James Cometti

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

17. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to create the position of Village Clerk/Treasurer in the Village of Solvay, add it to the roster and to submit a new position duty statement to Onondaga County Civil Service together with any other documentation required by Civil Service for the creation of this position.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

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

18. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire Barb Lenweaver as a Part Time Court Clerk at an hourly rate of \$17.77 and a start date of June 15th, 2021. The position shall not exceed 20 hours per week. Barb is a replacement for Karen Ladouceur who is retiring.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: John Cregg

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			Motion Carried

19. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to rescind Sandy Lovine's Retirement Letter and approve a leave of absence from May 14, 2021 through September 30, 2021 and continue her health insurance.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: Deborah DeGilio

MOTION TO TABLE: Derek Baichi

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Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			Motion Carried

20. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to schedule a public hearing for June 22, 2021 to amend the local law regarding parking on Second Street during the Winter months.

MOTION: Raymond Fournier

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

21. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to compensate Sandy Lovine, Retired Clerk I for her 26 vacation days, 128 sick days and 2.25 hours that were unused during his time of employment with the Village of Solvay.

MOTION: Derek Baichi

SECOND: James Cometti

No Vote took place.

MOTION TO TABLE: John Cregg

SECOND: Deborah DeGilio

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John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Exc
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	No
			Motion Failed

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MOTION: Derek Baichi

SECOND: James Cometti

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

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION: James Cometti

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk