

**Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, June 22, 2021**

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HARRY DECARLO**

Today, Tuesday, June 22, 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 Court Room, 1000 Woods Rd, Solvay, NY 13209 at 6:00 pm.

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:

Chief Allen Wood is retiring and was honored with a plaque with his Officers by his side. A painting representing the history of Juneteenth was presented to the village as well as a speech by two sophomores from Solvay High School. They gave a wonderful presentation on the origins and what the day represents. A Neighborhood Watch update was provided. The ice cream social was cancelled the other night due to the weather. A Bicycle Day has been scheduled for July 26th at 6:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Second St Parking/Winter Months

MOTION TO OPEN: John Fall Sr

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

7-0 Vote, Motion Carried

David Herkala, Village Attorney led the discussion. The current law seasonally prohibits parking. The requested change not prohibit from the months of November 1st through April 1st. Trustee Fougner addressed the concern of neighbors and how the limited parking causes issues during the Winter months. Trustee Fall touched on the change that was made in 2017.

MOTION TO CLOSE: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: William McVicker

7-0 Vote, Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative Derek Baichi, Mayor – None

Legal David Herkala, Village Attorney – None

Treasurer Cheryl Visconti, Treasurer – None

Police James Cometti, Trustee – Reported on the 1125 calls for the month of May. Thanked Chief Allen Wood for his service to the Village. He will truly be missed.

Electric William McVicker, Trustee – Reported on the storm from the other night and the Electric and DPW crews out working to clean up and make sure no power outages occurred.

DPW/Highway Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent – Discussed the paving quotes received, plan for sidewalk repairs, working with codes on high grass violations, storm drains and opening up the pool for the season.

Library

Dan Golden, Library Director – We wish to thank our own Brian Rowlands for the amazing work he doing to coordinate the Summer Reading Program. This year, he will be spearheading almost every event this summer. Because of the Covid crisis, this will be our fully first-person Summer Reading program since 2019, though we are going to wait until next year to bring back outside performers such as Moreland the Magician and Dan the Snakeman. The one exception will be a program by the Museum of Science and Technology; otherwise, we will rely on our own creative talents this year—and, I’m happy to report, we have a lot of talent. Over the past couple of months, we had some incidents related to our building. On May 1, we discovered a leak downstairs caused by a part inside the public drinking fountain unit that had simply disintegrated. Several days after the incident, a work crew had to carve out sections of the walls downstairs to allow these areas to air out and prevent mold. We were, in fact, extremely lucky: the Servpro crew 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. A little over a month later, an elevator service crew discovered oil and water at the bottom of the elevator shaft. Apparently, a sump pump failed and allowed ground water to and lubricating oil to gradually accumulate. So, we are also contacting local firms that specialize in cleaning these kinds of messes.

Codes

Aaron Sauer, Code Enforcement – Long Grass 16 (63), Trash, Junk and Debris 36 (337), Unlicensed/Junk Vehicles 6 (37), Zoning 2 (9), Shrubs 1 (3), BWOP 2 (8), Rental Registry 9 (13), Dumpster 2 (14), Other 1. State Code Violations: Fire Code 1 (4), Property Maintenance code 9 (29), Unsafe Structure 1 (5), Unfit for Occupancy 2 (4), Permits Issued 8, Rental Properties Inspected 12 and 3 Work orders.

Stormwater/Montrose Ave

Mark Malley, Village Engineer – Drainage on Montrose worked the other night during the storm. Touched upon the resolution and plan for deer management in the Village of Solvay. A committee needs to be formed. A pool update was provided as well. Cleaning up and hauling of old lead paint is taking place as well as hydro blasting. Painting the pool is next with opening day right around the corner.

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board:

Trustee Fournier presented a need for a Sgt. Of Arms at the board meetings. The 28 rules voted and passed by the village board need to be informed for a smoother and more productive meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Five Minute Time Limit Per Petitioner)

Tony Callisto, Village Resident thanked Chief Allen Wood for his service to the village. Congratulated Derek Osbeck for his promotion to Chief. Stressed that the village is in good hands with Mr. Osbeck taking over as Chief. Showed his support for the Solvay Library.

Mary Lou Baichi, Village Resident questioned the need for a Sgt. Of Arms and how our current board should be able to work through issues.

Kathy Marinelli, Village Resident stated how hiring a Sgt. Of Arms is a complete waste of tax payer money.

Joseph Britton, Village Resident addressed the issues are meeting and how the board is really coming around and working together.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$10,202.50 for services rendered from 5/1/21 to 5/31/21. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$9,567.50)
Below are the specific projects that will be reimbursed through Grant or the County:
 - Invoice No. 0195067 – Project No. 114.240.001 – Reimbursable Grant

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2021 Special Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: John Cregg

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$12,012.50 for services rendered for the month of May 2021. 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 retirement of Officer Edward Gesser on the date of June 26, 2021 and compensate Officer Gesser for 28 unused vacation days, 2 Federal Military Observance days, 5 Village holidays and 2 quarterly insurance buy-out payments.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

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 TO AMEND PENDING APPROVAL OF LEGAL DEPARTMENT: Raymond Fougner

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

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to appoint Rosemary Novembrini to the Library Board with a term expiring in 2026.

MOTION: Deborah DeGilio

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

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 Carried

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire the following Part Time Police Officers at a rate of pay of \$25 per hour and a start date of June 26, 2021:

- Tyler Hemingway
- Joseph Hardy

A Part Time Officer will also serve as Sgt. Of Arms during Village Board Meetings.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

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	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			Motion Carried

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to increase the rate of pay for Substitute Library Clerk to \$13 per hour.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

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 Carried

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to compensate Joe Hawksby, Retired Electric Superintendent for his 5 vacation days that were unused during his time of employment with the Village of Solvay.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: Derek Baichi

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

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to establish a Deer Committee to oversee the process of managing the deer population within the Village. The Deer Committee anticipates that the process of managing the deer population within the Village will be a long-term project that will utilize adaptive management to accommodate changing conditions and lessons learned. Furthermore, the Deer Committee anticipates the success of this program is dependent upon the following: Assistance from professional wildlife management organization(s) Utilization of multiple management approaches and supplements Transition from "initial phase" which is anticipated to rely primarily on culling, to a "maintenance phase" which will utilize a controlled hunting program and non-lethal measures. To ensure the safety of persons and property, as well as the quick and humane cull of deer, all NYS, Village, and VSDMP rules and regulations, must be followed.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: John Cregg

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Mayor's appointment of Harry DeCarlo as Village Clerk/Treasurer to a two year term with a start date of July 3rd, 2021, at an initial hourly rate of \$30.77 per hour and, provided he satisfactorily performs the duties of Village Clerk Treasurer, to increase his hourly rate to \$33.33 per hour, effective December 31, 2021, and authorizing the filling with Onondaga County Civil Service of the necessary paperwork to effectuate such appointment.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

MOTION TO AMEND TO AN 18 MONTH APPOINTMENT: John Cregg

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

Deborah DeGilio	Trustee	Voted	No
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 Carried

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees, in the event the Treasurer is unavailable, allow Harry DeCarlo to execute checks on behalf of the Village of Solvay upon his due execution of the necessary documentation with Solvay Bank, including signature cards and authorizing Solvay Bank to honor Village of Solvay checks signed by Harry DeCarlo.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: James Cometti

No Vote Took Place

Authorization from the Board of Trustees to allow the Village Clerk/Treasurer to execute checks on behalf of the Village of Solvay upon his due execution of the necessary documentation with Solvay Bank, including signature cards and authorizing Solvay Bank to honor Village of Solvay checks signed by the Village Clerk/Treasurer.

MOTION TO AMEND: John Fall Sr

SECOND: James Cometti

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

12. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to, in the event the Treasurer or Village Clerk/Treasurer is unavailable, allow Mayor Derek Baichi, or in his absence, the deputy mayor, to execute checks on behalf of the Village of Solvay upon his due execution of the necessary documentation with Solvay Bank, including signature cards and authorizing Solvay Bank to honor Village of Solvay checks signed by Mayor Derek Baichi or in his absence, the Deputy Mayor.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: John Fall Sr

AYES: 6

NAYES: 1 (DeGilio)

MOTION CARRIED

13. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to amend Village Code Section A171-1 Fees to approve an increase in the Residential Rental Property registration fee as follows:
- \$25 Registration (currently \$15)—
 - \$25 per unit First Inspection fee (includes 1 re-inspection for code compliance)
 - \$25 per unit additional inspection fee (for any subsequent inspections after re-inspection for code compliance)

(currently Fee schedule does not delineate between the initial inspection fee and additional inspections)

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: James Cometti

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

14. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to amend Village Code Section A171-1 Fees to approve an increase in the Building Permit fees as follows:

- \$40 for the first \$3000
- \$10 for each additional \$1000
(currently \$20 for first \$1000, \$5 each additional)

MOTION: Deborah DeGilio

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

15. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to give public notice and advertise the Public Hearing to be held on July 27, 2021, at the regularly scheduled Village of Solvay Board Meeting to consider a Local Law amending Village Code Section 159A-3(l)(ii) by striking in its entirety and replacing it with a new section 159A-3(l)(ii) that will allow the Board to set fees by future resolution.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: John Fall Sr

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

16. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay all full-time non-union employees a 2.0% raise with the exception of Elected Officials and Committee Members effective June 1, 2021.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: John Fall Sr

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

17. Authorization from the Board of Trustees approving the issuance pursuant to Section 90.00 and/or Section 90.10 of the Local Finance Law of refunding bonds of the Village of Solvay, Onondaga County, New York, to be designated substantially "Village refunding (serial) bonds", and providing for other matters in relation thereto and the payment of the bonds to be refunded thereby, all as more particularly set forth in the long form bond resolution attached to the Agenda and which is presently before the Board.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: Derek Baichi

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 Carried

18. Authorization from the Board of Trustees adopting Local Law no. 3 of 2021 repealing Local Law no. 4 of 2017 removing the seasonal parking restriction along the south side of Second Street from the intersections of Second Street and Woods Road to the intersection of Second Street and Gertrude Ave in the Village of Solvay.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: William McVicker

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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 Carried

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:20 p.m.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

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 7:26 p.m.

MOTION:

SECOND:

AYES:

NAYES:

MOTION CARRIED

No action was taken at the Executive session meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: John Fall Sr

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk