

Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, October 26, 2021

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Today, Tuesday, October 26, 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**

<b>ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Deborah DeGilio</b>	<b>Present</b>
		<b>Raymond Fougner</b>	<b>Present*</b>
		<b>William McVicker</b>	<b>Present</b>
		<b>John Cregg</b>	<b>Present</b>
		<b>James Cometti</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	<b>John Fall Sr</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Derek Baichi</b>	<b>Present</b>
			<i>*via Zoom</i>

*Moment of Silence for Neva Gene Glinski, Connie Mangano and Albert Salvagno – Rest in Peace*

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Bailey St Concerns – Request for signage on the 100 block.
- Dog Park Update/Amendment to Code – A meeting is going to be set up to discuss locations.
- Halloween Contest Winner – Shall be announced in the next few days.
- American Tower Lease – A revenue stream was secured by the Village Clerk-Treasurer. A land acquisition was negotiated and a purchase price of \$775,000 was agreed upon.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- **Marijuana Law**  
ADJOURN: John Fall Sr  
SECOND: William McVicker  
7-0 Vote, Motion Carried
- **Stop Signs at intersections of Woods Road and Lamont Avenue**  
OPEN: John Cregg  
SECOND: Raymond Fougner  
7-0 Vote, Motion Carried

Resident against new stop signs. Will create blockage of driveway. No other comments from the public.

CLOSE: John Cregg  
SECOND: Raymond Fougner  
7-0 Vote, Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Derek Baichi, Mayor</b> – American Rescue Fund distribution is currently being discussed.
<b>Legal</b>	<b>Village Attorney</b> - None
<b>Finance</b>	<b>Derek Baichi, Mayor</b> - None
<b>Police</b>	<b>Derek Osbeck, Chief</b> – 968 calls for the month, which included: 13 follow up investigations, 57 misdemeanors, 201 traffic tickets and 4 DWI arrests. All new police fleet is in and on the road. Incident on Caroline Avenue is still under investigation.
<b>Electric</b>	<b>Salvatore Giordano, Electric Superintendent</b> – 6 street light calls, 5 call outs, 3 disconnects, continuous tree trimming and update on WestRock job.

- DPW/Highway** **Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent** – New DPW vehicles and financing options discussed. A special board meeting is scheduled for 11/9 to make a decision. The order must be placed by 11/12 and will take approximately 30 weeks for delivery. The vehicles that were sent to Auctions International brought in \$28,000.
- Library** **Dan Golden, Library Director** - As of Labor Day, we have resumed our regular schedule of weekly public programs including the following: Children’s Storytime, every Tuesday morning at 10:15am, Free Movie Night, every second and fourth Wednesday at 5:30pm, Gaming and Streaming with Brian, every Thursday afternoon at 4pm and crafting with Carolyn, every Friday at 2pm and Chair Yoga with Carrie Frank, every Sunday at 2pm. This fall season, we had hoped to arrange another Open House for local businesses here in the area and another Holiday party that take place in December. Because of the ongoing covid situation, both events have been postponed until next year. Work continues taking photos of paintings and posters in the Solvay Process Room and adding them to our digital files. The Solvay Process collection includes hundreds of posters from past high school productions, geographic maps, and old photos and paintings from around the area. We recently started taking digital photos of these larger documents, to add to our database of scanned materials. In the coming school year, we are hoping to increase the number of contacts and joint projects with the Solvay Union Free School District, as our common goal is to boost learning and literacy here in the community. We continue to ask everyone to wear masks in the building, as per the directive from County Executive Ryan McMahan regarding masks in schools and libraries.
- Codes** **Aaron Sauer, Code Enforcement** – 71 violations for the month which included: 4 unlicensed vehicles, 3 units unfit for occupancy.
- Stormwater/Montrose Ave** **Mark Malley, Village Engineer** - None

**Additional Resolutions from the Village Board:**

*Trustee Cometti added:*

Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the purchase of new signage, radar and equipment for the Solvay Police Department from Kustom Signals, Inc. 9652 Loiret Blvd, Lenexa, KS 66219-2406 for an amount not to exceed \$25,409.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** (Five Minute Time Limit Per Petitioner)

*Ron Reudink, Village Resident* expressed is disagreement with Resolution #5 regarding payout of un-used sick time for a recently retired village employee.

*Joe Britton, Village Resident* questioned the recent resolution for an audit/investigation. Mr. Britton also questioned the contribution to the campaign funds of Trustee DeGilio by the Onondaga county Comptroller.

*Salvatore Sciuga, Village Resident* stated how an active investigation was not taking place and it’s a lot different than an audit.

Trustee Cometti provided an update regarding the Deer Management committee.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$22,517.50 for services rendered from 9/1/21 to 9/30/21. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$18,417.50)  
Below are the specific projects that will be reimbursed through Grant or the County:
  - Invoice No. 0197539 – Project No. 114.224.001 – Tree Reimbursable Grant
  - Invoice No. 0197543 – Project No. 114.240.001 – Reimbursable Grant

**MOTION: John Fall Sr**

**SECOND: James Cometti**

**AYES: 7**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$10,168.00 for services rendered for the month of September 2021. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.

**MOTION: William McVicker**

**SECOND: John Cregg**

**AYES: 7**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2021 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION: John Cregg**

**SECOND: Raymond Fougner**

**AYES: 7**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to promote Matt Ryan to Sergeant at the salary of \$85,365.00 and an effective date of October 30, 2021.

**MOTION: James Cometti**

**SECOND: John Fall Sr**

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
			<b>Motion Carried</b>

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to compensate John Kurtz for 42 un-used sick days.

**MOTION: John Cregg**

**SECOND: William McVicker**

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			<b>Motion Carried</b>

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to promote Justin Mersfelder to Line Worker II after his successful completion of apprentice training on 10/29/21. The new rate of pay is \$40.68 per hour with an effective date of 10/30/21.

**MOTION: John Fall Sr**

**SECOND: John Cregg**

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

