

Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, November 23, 2021

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
HARRY DECARLO

Today, Tuesday, November 23, 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:

Happy Thanksgiving to all. The American Recovery Fund Distribution Update.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- **Marijuana Law**
MOTION TO OPEN: John Fall Sr
SECOND: William McVicker
7-0 Vote, Motion Carried

The discussion was led by David Herkala, Village Attorney regarding opting out and the effect on retail sale and cannabis consumption on site or take home. If the village does nothing, you are automatically in. A village resident questioned the law and the effects if the motion to opt out is approved by the village board tonight. The details of the state law are still being finalized at this point.

MOTION TO CLOSE: James Cometti
SECOND: Raymond Fougner
7-0 Vote, Motion Carried

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to adopt a local law of the Village of Solvay adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 opting out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the jurisdiction of the Village of Solvay.

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to opt the Village of Solvay out of hosting retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments within its jurisdiction.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131, which expressly authorizes Villages to opt-out of allowing retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments to locate and operate within their jurisdiction.

Section 3. Local Cannabis Retail Dispensary and On-Site Consumption Opt-Out

The Village Board of the Village of Solvay, County of Onondaga, hereby opts-out of allowing retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments from locating and operating within the jurisdiction of the Village of Solvay, and hereby requests that cannabis control board prohibit the establishment of such retail dispensary licenses and on-site consumption licenses within the jurisdiction of the Village of Solvay.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131, this local law is subject to a permissive referendum and thus may not be filed with the Secretary of State until the applicable time period has elapsed to file a petition or a referendum has been conducted approving this local law.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

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
			Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Administrative** **Derek Baichi, Mayor** – The regular board meeting in December is being moved to December 21st.
- Legal** **Village Attorney** – None
- Finance** **Derek Baichi, Mayor** - Finalizing Agreement with American Tower for \$775,000. \$75,000 will be received by the end of December from Street Surveillance Grant. Village Taxes surrendered to County - \$3,428,223.69 Collected and \$103,406 Outstanding. General Fund entries are current thanks to our team. Working on cleaning up Chart of Accounts with possibility of combining some accounts. Forming a Finance Committee to meet Monthly and start working on new budget in January with Department Heads. Possible consolidation of QuickBooks Accounts for Fiscal Year Starting June 1, 2022.
- Police** **Derek Osbeck, Chief** – 1056 calls for the month: 13 follow up investigations, 3 felonies, 48 misdemeanors, 3 DWI arrests, 203 parking tickets and 7 motor vehicles accidents. The new speed signs have been ordered and Coffee with the Chief is scheduled for December 6th.
- Electric** **Salvatore Giordano, Electric Superintendent** – 44 work orders were completed for the month.
- DPW/Highway** **Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent** – Thank you to the staff during first winter storm and snow removal. The new truck order has been placed with Van Bortel. Sidewalk work for the season has been completed. Ongoing drainage projects are taking place.
- Library** **Dan Golden, Library Director** - The Friends of the Solvay Library have introduced a new year-round fundraiser featuring a book cart with bestselling books. Books on the cart will be available for \$1 for hardcover, 25 cents for paperbacks and children's books. If a patron

buys a \$5 Friends Book Bag, they can fill the bag with books from the cart at no extra charge. If they come to the library with a Friends Book Bag already in hand, they can fill that bag with books for \$5. So, Friends Book Bag=\$5 for a bag of books. We are continuing 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. Chair Yoga with Carrie Frank, every Sunday at 2pm. 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.

Codes **Aaron Sauer, Code Enforcement** - 53 New Village Code Violations including 2 long grass (121), 42 trash (636), 5 unlicensed/junk vehicles (49), 1 dumpster (21), yard waste (8), 2 property maintenance code (4) and 7 permits issued. We have begun scanning our records to digitize and archive them.

Stormwater/Montrose Ave **Mark Malley, Village Engineer** - None

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Five Minute Time Limit Per Petitioner)

John Maestri, Village Resident asked about the progress of the Deer Management Plan – Permit completed, locations approved.

RESOLUTIONS:

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$9,720.00 for services rendered from 10/1/21 to 10/31/21. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$6,880.00)

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

- o Invoice No. 0198071 – Project No. 114.224.001 – Tree Reimbursable Grant
- o Invoice No. 0198075 – Project No. 114.240.001 – Milton Avenue Paving Project Reimbursable Grant

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$10,057.00 for services rendered for the month of October 2021. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2021 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: James Cometti

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2021 Special Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: James Cometti

SECOND: John Fall Sr

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to renew the Excellus Health Plans effective January 1, 2022:

WHEREAS the Village of Solvay currently offers health insurance to its active full-time employees through Excellus BCBS and Non-Stop Wellness deductible funding, and

WHEREAS the Village of Solvay currently offers a Group Medicare health insurance plan to its eligible retired employees through Excellus BCBS, and

WHEREAS the Village desires to renew the Active Employee Group Health Plan using the Excellus Bronze 4 and Non-Stop Wellness funding plan and the Excellus Group Medicare health plan on January 1, 2022, and

WHEREAS effective January 1, 2022, the health plans from Excellus BCBS are being offered at a total monthly premium of:

TIER OF COVERAGE	Excellus Bronze 4 with Non-Stop Wellness	Excellus Medicare Plan
Employee / Single	\$774.44	\$439.63
Employee + Spouse	\$1,492.23	\$879.26
Employee + Child(ren)	\$1,294.86	N/A
Full Family	\$2,126.82	N/A

as is, therefore be it,

RESOLVED that it is hereby decided by the Village of Solvay to renew these policies effective January 1, 2022.

MOTION: William McVicker

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
			Motion Carried

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to renew the MVP Health Care Plan effective January 1, 2022:

WHEREAS the Village of Solvay currently offers a health insurance plan option to its active full-time employees through MVP Health Care, and

WHEREAS the effective date of the Village health insurance plan from MVP Health Care is January 1, 2022, and

WHEREAS effective January 1, 2022, the Village desires to renew the Active Employee Group Health Plan using the MVP EPO Platinum 3, and

WHEREAS effective January 1, 2022, the MVP EPO Platinum 3 health plan is being offered at a total monthly premium of:

TIER OF COVERAGE	MVP EPO Platinum 3 - 2022
Employee / Single	\$1,003.80

Employee + Spouse	\$2,007.60
Employee + Child(ren)	\$1,706.46
Full Family	\$2,860.83

as is, therefore be it,

RESOLVED that it is hereby decided by the Village of Solvay to renew this policy effective January 1, 2022.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: William McVicker

Deborah DeGilio	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Raymond Fougner	Trustee	Voted	Yes
William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Yes
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8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the contracting of PLM, Electric Powering Engineering, 46 Lizotte Drive, Marlborough, MA 01752 to perform an electric system study and capital plan. The total cost shall not exceed \$16,000.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: John Fall Sr

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to declare Truck #121, 2003 Altec International Digger Derrick Model 4300, VIN #3HTMMAA93N86608 surplus and send to auction.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to allow the Electric Department to start the process of fleet replacement starting with:

- Truck #126, 2013 Ford F150 Pick Up, VIN#1FTFX1EF4DKF99178
- Truck #131, 2013 Ford F250 Pick Up, VIN#1FT7X2B64DEA40405
- Truck #132, 2013 Ford F250 Pick Up, VIN#1FT7X2B62DEA40404

Proposals will be provided to the Village Board for purchase approval.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:35 p.m.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 6:47 p.m.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: John Cregg

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

No action was taken at the Executive session meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: John Cregg

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk