

Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, February 28, 2023

OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
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Today, Tuesday, February 28, 2023 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>Salvatore Sciuga Jr</b>	<b>Present</b>
		<b>William McVicker</b>	<b>Excused</b>
		<b>Brian Worrall</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>

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Solvay PTO Fundraiser on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all departments for all their hard work.

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract and/or personnel matter at 6:01 p.m.

**MOTION: Sciuga**

**SECOND: Cometti**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 6:19 p.m.

**MOTION: Cometti**

**SECOND: Fall**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

No action was taken at the Executive session meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** *None*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Derek Baichi, Mayor</b> - <i>None</i>
<b>Legal</b>	<b>Village Attorney</b> - <i>None</i>
<b>Finance</b>	<b>Derek Baichi, Mayor</b> – March tentative budget meeting schedule: March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm, village hall conference room.
<b>Police</b>	<b>Derek Osbeck, Chief</b> – 832 calls for the month including 33 follow up investigations, 7 felonies, 61 misdemeanors, 157 tickets and 97 parking tickets. A resolution is on the agenda for the purchase of license plate readers that is full funded by the IEEP.
<b>Electric</b>	<b>Pete Reap, Electric Superintendent</b> – With the cold snap, crews have been sent to Skaneateles to assist. The installation of new street lights is in progress. Still have issues finding new vehicles for the department.
<b>DPW/Highway</b>	<b>Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent</b> – Winter has arrived late. The crew has been out plowing and salting. Continued issues with the village sewers. Working on building projects during down time. Would like to begin advertising for seasonal life guards and summer help. Planning a bus trip to Albany to lobby for increased CHIPS funding. An update on the diagnostic machine needed for village fleet vehicles.
<b>Library</b>	<b>Matt Gomm, Library Director</b> – Thanked everyone from the village including staff, board and citizens for a warm welcome to Solvay. Looking forward to a new career in the village.

<b>Codes</b>	<b>Casey Palmer, Code Enforcer</b> – All of the monthly numbers were provided for the department. It has been a very productive and continued revenue with recent update of fees.
<b>Stormwater</b>	<b>Mark Malley, Village Engineer</b> – Televising of Milton Avenue has been completed.
<b>Parks</b>	<b>Brian Worrall, Trustee</b> – Boyd Ave is having new equipment delivered on March 2 <sup>nd</sup> .

Authorization from the Board of Trustees to add Resolution #9: Purchase of Autel Commercial Vehicle Diagnostic Table from O'Reilly Auto Parts for an amount not to exceed \$4198.

**MOTION: Cometti**

**SECOND: Fall**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Additional Resolutions from the Village Board: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- *Ron Reudink, Village Resident questioned resolution number 8 for the new accountant and the high salary proposed.*
- *John Maestri, Village Resident requested an update on the Piercefield project.*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$16,020.00 for services rendered from 1/1/23 to 1/31/23. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$13,620.00)

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

- Invoice No. 01109666 – Project No. 114.240.001 – Milton Avenue Pavement Project – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01109667 – Project No. 114.242.001 – Erie Canal Trail Tree Planting II - Reimbursable

**MOTION: Fall**

**SECOND: Cometti**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$10,140.00 for services rendered for the month of January 2023. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.

**MOTION: Cometti**

**SECOND: Worrall**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2023 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION: Sciuga**

**SECOND: Fall**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the budget modifications listed in the worksheet provided to the Village Board.

**MOTION: DeGilio**

**SECOND: Worrall**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the purchase by the Solvay Police Department of four solar powered ALPR (automatic license plate reader) cameras from Flock Safety at a total cost not to exceed \$51,500.00. The total cost, inclusive of installation and 5 years of service/maintenance, shall be reimbursed the Village of Solvay by the Independent Energy Efficiency Program (IEEP).

**MOTION: Worrall**

**SECOND: DeGilio**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the following compensation for Officer Joseph Hardy: 78.08 hours of unused vacation time.

**MOTION: Fall**

**SECOND: Cometti**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the agreement between the Solvay Fire Department and Solvay Electric Department for storage fees.

**MOTION: Cometti**

**SECOND: Sciuga**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire Matthew Werbeck (pending civil service approval) as an Accountant I for the Electric Department with an annual salary of \$95,000 and an effective date of March 11, 2023.

**MOTION: Sciuga**

## SECOND: Cometti

Deborah DeGilio	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Exc.
James Cometti	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Brian Worrall	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			Motion Carried

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to Purchase a Autel Commercial Vehicle Diagnostic Table from O'Reilly Auto Parts for an amount not to exceed \$4198.

**MOTION: Cometti**

**SECOND: Sciuga**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract and/or personnel matter at 7:10 p.m.

**MOTION: DeGilio**

## SECOND: Cometti

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m.

**MOTION: Sciuga**

**SECOND: Cometti**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**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 7:55 p.m.

**MOTION: Cometti**

**SECOND: Sciuga**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk