

**Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, April 28, 2020**

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
HARRY DECARLO**

Today, Tuesday, April 28, 2020 the **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** of the **SOLVAY VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** was called to order by Mayor Derek Baichi via Zoom Webinar at 6:00 p.m.

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*
		*All Board Members Present via Zoom	

PUBLIC HEARING:

Community Development 5 Year Plan

Open Public Hearing

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: William McVicker

7-0, Motion Carried

Mark Malley, Village Engineer led the discussion and went over the five selected projects. (1) Lower Gertrude Park Drainage Rehabilitation (2) Lower Gertrude Park Bathhouse Entrance and Wall Rehabilitation (3) Oakridge Drive Drainage Repairs (4) Woods Rd Park Pavilion/Gazebo (5) Lower Gertrude Exterior Rehabilitation Bathhouse. These are projects are federally funded through HUD. No comments from the public were made.

Close Public Hearing

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

7-0, Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative	Mayor Derek Baichi – Thank you to all departments for their hard work during a difficult time. The zoom meeting format is likely to continue through the Summer.
Legal	Village Attorney – Notified the board that the transition between law firms has been smooth for the most part. Still waiting on some select files that certain individuals are anticipating.
Treasurer	Cheryl Visconti, Treasurer – Introduced the final budget discussion and explained certain line items of budget modifications on the agenda.
Police	Allen Wood, Police Chief – 881 calls for service in March, 10 follow up investigations, 2 felony arrests, 36 misdemeanor and other arrests, 107 vehicle and traffic tickets, 1 DWI arrests, 76 parking tickets and 9 motor vehicle accidents. Provided Covid-19 updates as well as protective equipment supplies.
Electric	Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk – Provide report on behalf of the Electric Department: Investigated several customer calls. Due to Covid-19, group is responding to emergency calls only to limit exposure to the public. We are maintaining a divided work force on a daily basis until restrictions are lifted.
DPW/Highway	Charles Orr Jr, DPW Superintendent – An abundance of sewer digs and plunges. Five to be exact which is due to failing infrastructure. Also, residents are flushing items that should not be. Brush and Leaf pick-ups are being done throughout the week. The crew is working split shifts

and cannot provide bulk pick up service until proper PPE gear is attained. Supplied are scarce during this pandemic.

Library Codes **Dan Golden, Library Director** – No report, Mr. Golden was excused.
Aaron Sauer, Codes Enforcement Officer - The state of emergency and subsequent closure of the village court has hindered all village operations, yet we have managed to remain productive. Since I began duties with the village on March 11, we have performed four electrical inspections. When the state of emergency began on March 16, we stopped all non-essential electrical, rental, and business inspections. We perform complaint inspections on a case-by-case basis depending on the severity of the matter. Health and safety issues are given top priority. Violations: Five stop-work orders issued for building without a permit – three of those have been closed and I expect the other two will be resolved shortly. I issued two violations for trash and debris – one was closed. Six property maintenance violations affecting four properties were issued and remain open. One apartment was posted as unfit for occupancy due to an unaddressed sewage backup and other contributing deficiencies. A similar violation for unsanitary conditions was issued against another property, but the owner is making an earnest effort to correct the problem. We received one complaint about a non-essential establishment operating during Pause NY and referred that to the police department. I created a friendly letter to residents advising them of the suspension of Friday pickups and asking them to not place bulk items at the curb until pickups resume. So far, one-hundred and fifty-one letters have been sent out. This along with the cooperation of our Village residents has been effective at keeping our streets and sidewalks clean. Since everything has slowed down due to COVID-19, I've been able to allot some time to work on boosting efficiency and organization throughout all day-to-day activities. I'm looking forward to working with the Codes committee, our legal counsel, and public input, to make revisions to our village code that will benefit our residents, property owners, and village employees.

Stormwater/Montrose Ave **Mark Malley, Village Engineer** – Discussed the public hearing that will take place next month regarding the MSR Semi-Annual and Annual Reports.

Celebrations **Mayor Derek Baichi** – Keeping a close eye on directions from our governor. The outlook for the field days is not very promising. A final decision will be made by the end of the month.

Buildings **John Fall Sr, Trustee** – On hold until progress is made with Westrock.

Cost Cutting **Mayor Derek Baichi** – On hold until Covid-19 is under control.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$23,622.50 for services rendered from 3/1/20 to 3/31/20. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$19,375.00)
 Below are the specific projects that will be reimbursed through Grant or the County:
 - Invoice No. 0186528 – Project No. 114.222.001 – Aquatic Spray Park – Sam Grant
 - Invoice No. 0186530 – Project No. 114.224.001 – Tree Replacement Grant
 - Invoice No. 0186533 – Project No. 114.233.001 – Electric Department
 - Invoice No. 0186534 – Project No. 114.235.001 – West End Lighting Phase I – Community Development Grant

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC \$4,554.00 for services rendered for the month of March 2020. 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 April 21, 2020 Special Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Raymond Fournier

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to adopt the 2020-2021 Budget for the Village of Solvay with a 1.9% tax increase.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

Deborah DeGilio	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Raymond Fournier	Trustee	Voted	Yes
William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Cregg	Trustee	Voted	Yes
James Cometti	Trustee	Voted	Abstained
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	No
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	No
			Motion Carried

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

Village of Solvay General Fund

Expenses

519304 A	Judgement Claims	0	5,772	5,772
536204 A	Code Enforcer-Other	33,000	2,000	35,000
590408 A	Workers Comp	147,000	(6,072)	140,928
597103 A	Police Relocation-Interest	21,543	(1,700)	19,843
516201 A	Building-Wages	100,000	(32,000)	68,000
551101 A	Street Maintenance-Wages	220,000	200,000	420,000
551421 A	Snow Removal-Wages	170,000	(110,000)	60,000
581401 A	Storm Sewer-Wages	36,000	(26,000)	10,000
581701 A	Street Cleaning-Wages	58,760	(32,000)	26,760
551102 A	Street Maintenance-Equipment	50,000	48,614	98,614
551422 A	Snow Removal-Equipment	50,000	(50,000)	0
571102 A	Parks & Rec-Equipment	5,000	1,386	6,386
514404 A	Engineering	40,000	60,000	100,000
516404 A	Central Garage-Other	46,500	(23,300)	23,200
551424 A	Snow Removal-Other	171,262	(35,000)	136,262
571104 A	Parks & Rec-Other	84,000	(20,000)	64,000
581404 A	Storm Sewer-Other	7,500	5,000	12,500
581604 A	Refuse-Other	440,000	13,000	453,000
580900 A	Landfill Monitoring	21,200	300	21,500
	Total	1,701,765	0	1,701,765

Village of Solvay Library Fund

Account	Title	(as modified) Current Budget	Proposed Budget Mod	Newly Modified Budget Amount
Revenues				
427050 L	Gifts & Donations	0	4,100	4,100
	Total	0	4,100	4,100

Expenses

590608 L	Health Insurance	16,860	4,100	20,960
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	Total	16,860	4,100	20,960
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MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Standard Work Day and Reporting for Elected and Appointed Officials required by the New York State and Local Retirement System for Deborah DeGilio (Village Trustee). 6 hrs. Standard Work Day and 1.94 Record of Activities Result.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

		Voted	Abstained
Deborah DeGilio	Trustee	Voted	Abstained
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 approve the Village of Solvay Community Development Five-Year Plan and submit the Five-Year Plan to Onondaga County Community Development.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to give public notice and advertise the Public Hearing to be held on May 26, 2020, at the regularly scheduled Village of Solvay Board Meeting via Zoom Webinar to discuss the Village of Solvay's NYSDEC Semi-Annual MS4 2020 Report and the NYSDEC Annual MS4 2020 Report.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: John Cregg

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 7:49 pm.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: Raymond Fougner

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk