

Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, September 28, 2021

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
HARRY DECARLO

Today, Tuesday, September 28, 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 Fournier	Present
		William McVicker	Present
		John Cregg	Present
		James Cometti	Present
	Deputy Mayor	John Fall Sr	Present
	Mayor	Derek Baichi	Present

MAYOR’S COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Stop Sign Concerns: Gillis and Trump, Oakridge and Boulder, School Rd and Piercefield – complaints coming from residents.
- Cornell Cooperative Extension Presentation – Ryan Fawcett – Urban Forestry Educator – 10 trees will be planted at Boyd Ave Park.
- Noise Issues – 3rd Street – Caused by trains on railway
- Bailey St Parking Signs – will be addressed by police department, NYSDOT and Codes department.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- **Stop Signs at intersections of Woods Road and Lamont Avenue**
OPEN: Fall
SECOND: Cometti
7-0 Vote

Mayor Baichi led the discussion. Residents complained of issues at night. Three to four hours a day at times. Issues with deer were also presented in that area. Chief Osbeck spoke with representative of Kustom Signals for new stop signs and/or signals for the area.

ADJOURN: Fall
SECOND: McVicker
7-0 Vote

- **Deer Management**
OPEN: Cometti
SECOND: McVicker
7-0 Vote

Mark Malley, Village Engineer led the discussion. Explained how request was made to Onondaga County Council and the USDA went over sites. The mapping has also been verified.

CLOSE: Cometti
SECOND: McVicker
7-0 Vote

- **Chapter 89 of the Village of Solvay Code Book**
OPEN: Cometti
SECOND: Fall
7-0 Vote

Aaron Sauer, Codes Enforcement Officer led the discussion. Aaron suggested Chapter 89 needs to be changed and expressed why the changes were needed. Examples included building

without inspections being an ongoing issue. Changes can mean for more revenue for the department.

CLOSE: Cometti

SECOND: Fall

7-0 Vote

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve Local Law No. 4 amending the Village of Solvay Code Chapter 89 by striking the existing Chapter 89 in its entirety and replacing it with a new Chapter 89 titled "Fire Prevention and Building Construction".

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: James Cometti

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

- **Marijuana Law**

OPEN: Cometti

SECOND: Fall

7-0 Vote

Mayor Baichi led the discussion and wanted suggestions from the police department. Ty Marshal, Village Resident suggested all of the board members read the state law in its entirety. He also stated how the village should opt out by the end of the year. This will result in more control for the village. Ron Reudink and Kathy Brouse, Village Residents explained how they are against the use of marijuana in the village. Trustee Cometti explained how the use of marijuana for medical reasons is very effective. Another resident described how marijuana sales could be a huge impact on village revenue and it really should be considered.

ADJOURN: Cometti

SECOND: Fall

7-0 Vote

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative

Derek Baichi, Mayor - None

Legal

Village Attorney - None

Finance

Derek Baichi, Mayor – The transition is going smooth with Treasurer.

Police

Derek Osbeck, Chief – 995 calls for the month of August including: 19 follow ups, 12 felonies, 59 misdemeanors, 247 traffic, 1 DWI, 5 juvenile and 65 parking tickets. Chief Osbeck introduced his new Full-Time officers that were on the agenda for the evening: Tyler Hemingway and Joseph Hardy. The department will be at full staff after this evening. Three new SUV's have been delivered to the department. Two more are on their way.

Electric

Salvatore Giordano, Electric Superintendent – Completed 46 work orders for the month including: pole replacements, removing trees and disconnects. Issues at the NYS Fair were touched on. Developments with the PSC, deposits and the rate study were discussed.

DPW/Highway

Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent – Discussed the work orders for the month including: patching pot holes, bulk pickups and other items. Pushed for a new fuel system for the village. The need for new vehicles is coming up and is looking into purchasing and leasing options.

Library

Deb DeGilio, Village Trustee - As of Labor Day, we are back to our regular schedule of open hours. We have also 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. Work continues taking photos of paintings and posters in the Solvay Process Room and adding them to our digital files. We recently discovered a few old blueprints of our building that we can add to the digital collection, as these too are part of our history. I have scheduled some community meetings to discuss activating a library Words on Wheels service later this year. In the wake of the great

lockdown last year, we suspect more homebound local residents might be interested in a library delivery service.

Codes **Aaron Sauer, Code Enforcement** – Provided statistics for the month of August including 112 violations.

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

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board:

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to add the following resolution:
Authorization from the Board of Trustees to remove the mayor as an authorized signatory for checks on behalf of the Village of Solvay, repealing Resolution 12 of June 22, 2021.

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	No
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	No
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	No
			Motion Carried

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to add the following resolution:
Authorization from the Board of Trustees to, in the event the Treasurer or Village Clerk-Treasurer is unavailable, allow Trustee John Fall Sr to execute checks on behalf of the Village of Solvay upon his due execution of the necessary documentation with Solvay Bank, including signature card and authorizing Solvay Bank to honor Village of Solvay checks signed by Trustee John Fall Sr.

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James Cometti	Trustee	Voted	No
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	No
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	No
			Motion Carried

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to add the following resolution:
Authorization from the Board of Trustees to grant the Onondaga County Comptroller the authority to conduct a financial investigation and audit of the Village of Solvay and the Village of Solvay Electric Department and requesting that the Onondaga County Comptroller conduct such financial investigation and audit.

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SECOND: John Cregg

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John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	No

Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes Motion Carried
5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to add the following resolution: Authorization from the Board of Trustees to grant the New York State Comptroller the authority to conduct a financial investigation and audit of the Village of Solvay and the Village of Solvay Electric Department and requesting that the New York State Comptroller conduct such financial investigation and audit. MOTION: Raymond Fougner SECOND: John Cregg			
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John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	No
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes Motion Carried

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to add the following resolution: Authorization from the Board of Trustees to earmark \$50,000 for Village of Solvay Park Improvements. MOTION: Derek Baichi SECOND: John Fall Sr			
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William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	No
John Cregg	Trustee	Voted	Yes
James Cometti	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Five Minute Time Limit Per Petitioner)

Joe Britton, Village Resident discussed transparency in village government. Asked the village board to elaborate on what is irregular with village finance and why an audit is being scheduled.

Ty Marshal, Village Resident questioned the village board on the emergency board meeting that was scheduled and what provoked an audit. Ty also wanted transparency and was looking for answers. FOIL requests were made and information was gained on funding for parks and how village board members wasted his time all summer and still nothing is being done with the parks. *Mayor Baichi* made a motion to earmark \$50,000 for park improvements. This was seconded by John Fall Sr. No vote took place.

John Maestri, Village Resident questioned why Trustee Fougner missed so many village board meetings.

Ron Reudink, Village Resident discussed how the village board is putting themselves in a dangerous situation with all of these investigations. Taking the chance of dissolving the village or having the state take over operations.

Sal Sciuga, Village Resident discussed a FOIL request for the letter drafted to the County and State Comptroller.

Victor Brouse, Village Resident asked why a speed bump is needed on the 1000 block of Third Street.

RESOLUTIONS:

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$21,840.00 for services rendered from 8/1/21 to 8/31/21. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$18,870.00)

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

- Invoice No. 0196954 – Project No. 114.224.001 – Tree Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 0196957 – Project No. 114.240.001 – Reimbursable Grant

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: James Cometti

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$9,842.50 for services rendered for the month of August 2021. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: Deborah DeGilio

SECOND: James Cometti

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2021 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2021 Emergency Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Raymond Fournier

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to increase the salary of Derek Osbeck, Chief of Police to \$90,000. The increase is effective as of October 2, 2021 and based on passing the Civil Service Exam.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: William McVicker

MOTION TO AMEND EFFECTIVE DATE (RETROACTIVE) JULY 3, 2021: James Cometti

SECOND: William McVicker

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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

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MOTION TO: James Cometti

SECOND: William McVicker

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

12. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the September 2021 Semi-Annual Report MS4 Onondaga Lake Report to be submitted to the NYSDEC.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

13. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to have the mayor sign the September 2021 Semi-Annual Report MS4 Onondaga Lake Report and submit the report to the NYS DEC MS4 Permit Coordinator, Division of Water 4th Floor 625 Broadway, Albany New York 12233-3505.

MOTION: John Cregg

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

14. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to designate Salvatore Giordano to vote on all NYMPA and MEUA matters for the calendar year of 2021 and 2022. Greg Lowe is named second alternate and Beert Polstra as third alternate.

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

15. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the EAF for the Village of Solvay Cogswell Avenue Pedestrian Enhancement Project. The Village will enhance pedestrian traffic by installing curbs and ADA sidewalks on both sides of the street along Cogswell Avenue from Bacon Street to Milton Avenue. The Village of Solvay will include the approved EAF within the NYSDOT TAP 2021 application for funding.

MOTION: William McVicker

SECOND: John Cregg

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

16. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the CNYRPDB municipal resolution to participate in the 2022 Central New York Stormwater Coalition work program at the current membership fee of \$3,600 with the understanding that the membership fee will not be invoiced until the Executive Committee has reviewed and approved the CNY RPDB's ability to staff the Coalition at the level required to advance the interests of the MS4s no later than June 2022.

MOTION: Deborah DeGilio

SECOND: Raymond Fournier

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

17. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to promote Tyler Hemingway to a Full Time Police Officer at the salary of \$51,444.00 and an effective date of October 2, 2021.

MOTION: James Cometti

SECOND: John Fall Sr

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MOTION: Derek Baichi

SECOND: John Fall Sr

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John Cregg	Trustee	Voted	Yes
James Cometti	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			Motion Carried

21. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to remove the mayor as an authorized signatory for checks on behalf of the Village of Solvay, repealing Resolution 12 of June 22, 2021.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner

SECOND: John Cregg

No Vote Took Place

MOTION TO TABLE: Derek Baichi

SECOND: John Fall Sr

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			Motion Failed

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			Motion Carried

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James Cometti	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	No Motion Carried

23. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to grant the Onondaga County Comptroller the authority to conduct a financial investigation and audit of the Village of Solvay and the Village of Solvay Electric Department and requesting that the Onondaga County Comptroller conduct such financial investigation and audit.

MOTION: Raymond Fougner
SECOND: John Cregg

No Vote Took Place

MOTION TO TABLE: Derek Baichi
SECOND: John Fall Sr

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			Motion Carried

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SECOND: John Cregg

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John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	No
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	No
			Motion Carried

25. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to earmark \$50,000 for Village of Solvay Park Improvements.

MOTION: Derek Baichi

SECOND: John Fall Sr

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 8:37 pm

MOTION: John Fall Sr

SECOND: William McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk