

**Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, August 23, 2022**

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
HARRY DECARLO**

Today, Tuesday, August 23, 2022 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 Salvatore Sciuga Jr William McVicker Brian Worrall James Cometti	Present Present Present Excused Present
	Deputy Mayor	John Fall Sr	Present
	Mayor	Derek Baichi	Present

MAYOR’S COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

RIP Richard Cox, Former Village of Solvay Chief of Police. Current Chief Derek Osbeck provides some kinds words and a moment of silence took place.

Thank you to the Electric Department for their excellent work during the recent power outage. The increase in electric bills was addressed. The Fall Festival is fast approaching. The Village of Solvay and Town of Geddes are hosting the 1st annual Fall Festival on September 8th, 9th and 10th at Woods Road Park.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative **Derek Baichi, Mayor** - An Administrative Meeting has been scheduled for September 13th at 5:30, location TBD.

Legal **Village Attorney** – None

Finance **Peggy Rowe, Dannible & McKee** – We are closing out July and the financial statements will be provided to the board next week. Tax collection to date: \$3,330,230.34 (Collected), \$175,454.79 (Outstanding). Our NYCLASS account totals are as follows: General Fund: \$1,322,261.91 (\$2,570.57 Interest Earned) and Electric Fund: \$355,268.26 (\$738.92 Interest Earned). The external audit with BST is being planned. Had a discussing with team and Clerk-Treasurer. The budget transfers on the agenda were explained to the board.

Police **Derek Osbeck, Chief** – 911 calls for the month of July which included: 31 follow ups, 12 felonies, 65 misdemeanors, 162 tickets.

Electric **Pete Reap, Asst. Electric Superintendent** – 88 calls for the month including 2 major circuits down on State Fair Blvd. The resolution to purchase two new bucket trucks was explained to the board.

DPW/Highway **Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent** – Continuing to fix catch basins with 14 more to complete. The pool permit is good until Labor Day. We plan to stay open until then.

Library **Dan Golden, Library Director** - This week, we completed a highly successful Summer Reading Program with the theme “Oceans of Possibilities.” A total of 113 young people signed up for the program, and read more than 1,200 books—one of the largest numbers of participants and books read in recent memory. My thanks go to Brian Rowlands for having spearheaded Summer Reading and having made

this program such a success. Here are some upcoming events next couple of weeks: Library Fair Day and SRP Wrap-Up Party, Thursday, August 26, 2PM. In honor of the New York State Fair, join us at the library for a small taste of fair food, games, and prizes. Free for ages 4-14. Children's Storytime, every Tuesday morning at 10:15 AM. Free Movie Night, every second and fourth Wednesdays at 5:30PM. Gaming and streaming with Brian, every Thursday afternoon at 2PM. Crafting with Carolyn, every Friday at 2PM. Chair Yoga with Carrie Frank, every Saturday at 10AM. This fall season, we would like to bring in a series of programs under the heading "The Solvay Library Means Business!" Speaker topics will include basics of starting a new business enterprise, advantages, and disadvantages of franchises, investing in retirement, and basics of financing a new home.

Codes **Aaron Sauer, Code Enforcement** – 122 violations for the month including 6 DPW work orders, 1 fire code violation. 8 permits were issued for the month.

Stormwater **Mark Malley, Village Engineer** – None

Parks **Derek Baichi, Mayor** – Boyd Ave Park playground project is slightly delayed with shortage of steel.

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board:

Authorization from the Board of Trustees to add the following resolutions (#12-14) to the agenda:

- Eliminate the Crossing Guard position at Solvay Elementary School.
- A budget transfer from Cross Guard wages to Police equipment/camera repair.
- Approve All Star Construction to use 2913 Milton Avenue for contraction storage.

MOTION: Cometti

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Five Minute Time Limit Per Petitioner)

Ron Reudink, Village Resident requested more information regarding the resolution writing off uncollectible electric balances.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$9,975.00 for services rendered from 7/1/22 to 7/31/22. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$7,570.00)

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

- Invoice No. 01104848 – Project No. 114.240.001 – Milton Avenue Paving Project Reimbursable Grant

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$7,644.00 for services rendered for the month of July 2022. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Cometti

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2022 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Cometti

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2022 Special/Finance Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Cometti

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to purchase a 50' x 100' Pool Safety Cover from Pool Guard for an amount not to exceed \$13,758.06. The pricing includes a 12-year warranty and installation.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Cometti

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve a 2% wage increase for the following Full-Time positions: Clerk I, Typist II, Police Chief, Assistant Electric Superintendent, Information Aide, Laborer (non-union), Village Clerk-Treasurer, DPW Superintendent, Public Service Dispatch Aide, Clerk to the Village Justice, Library Director I, Library Clerk II and Codes Enforcement Officer. The effective date is June 1, 2022 and is included in the 2022-23 Village Budget.

MOTION: Cometti

SECOND: Fall

No vote took place.

MOTION TO TABLE: Sciuga

SECOND: Cometti

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

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to schedule a public hearing on September 27, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Regular Village Board Meeting regarding a Local Law amending the Village of Solvay Village Code Section 35 by adding thereto a new section 35-2 entitled Trustee attendance and compensation policy.

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Cometti

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

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

MOTION: Cometti

SECOND: McVicker

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to write off the 2010-2018 electric billing uncollectible balance for the amount of \$272,205.97.

MOTION: Cometti

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to discontinue service with Chargepoint, electric charging stations located at the Solvay Library. Allow service to be at no cost to the user until further notice.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: McVicker

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to purchase (1) One AM55 Altec Aerial Vehicle for an amount not to exceed \$466,216 and (1) One AM60E Altec Aerial Vehicle for an amount not to exceed \$474,713 for the Solvay Electric Department. The NYS OGS Contract Number is PC68526.

MOTION: Cometti

SECOND: Sciuga

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

12. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to eliminate the position of Crossing Guard for the Solvay Police Department.

MOTION: Cometti

SECOND: McVicker

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

13. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve a budget transfer of an amount not to exceed \$5500 from Cross Guard Wages to Police Equipment repair.

MOTION: Cometti

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

14. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the use of 2913 Milton Avenue by All Star Contracting. The facility will be used to store construction and gutter supplies.

MOTION: Cometti

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract and personnel matter at 6:40 p.m.

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: McVicker

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 7:09 p.m.

MOTION: Cometti

SECOND: McVicker

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

No action was taken at the Executive session meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solway Board of Trustees be adjourned at 7:11 pm.

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: DeGilio

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk