

Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, August 22, 2023

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Today, Tuesday, August 22, 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>Present</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:**

- Airbnb Introductory resolution discussed. The NY State Fair begins tomorrow. Advanced IT just opened a business in the Village of Solvay. Another success year for the Field Days. We will hold an Electric/Finance Meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: None**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Derek Baichi, Mayor</b> – On 9/21 we will hold an Electric/Finance Meeting at 5:30 pm
<b>Legal</b>	<b>David Herkala, Village Attorney</b> – No Report
<b>Finance</b>	<b>Peggy Rowe, CPA</b> - An analysis was presented to the Board of Trustees that demonstrated the nature of the approximate \$9,000,000 decline in the Electric net assets between the years 2016-2021 as reported in the NYS Comptrollers Audit Report. The decrease consisted of the following: Cash decreased by approximately \$2,900,000 during these years, approximately \$1,800,000 was from paying down debt service. The property and equipment decreased by approximately \$2,700,000. The net decrease is made up of an outlay of approximately \$1,800,000 either through debt or cash for the purchase of additional property and equipment. The property and equipment has been appropriately depreciated over the estimated useful lives. The increase in the accumulated depreciation was approximately \$4,500,000 and is a non-cash accounting entry. The net of these make up the \$2,700,000 decrease. The pension and other benefit liabilities increased over those years by approximately \$4,800,000, decreasing the net assets by this amount. These liabilities are associated with the NYS Retirement system and the health insurance offered to retirees. Both are actuarial calculations based on various inputs and assumptions and are non-cash accounting entries. The analysis included several other less significant factors included in the change in the net assets. Of the 9,000,000 net asset decline, \$7,500,000 is due to the change in the property and equipment and the pension liabilities.
<b>Police</b>	<b>Derek Osbeck, Chief</b> – Provided the numbers for the month. No issues at the field days this year. Back to school is coming up. A Special Patrol Officer position is posted for Solvay Schools. Please call 911 for emergencies in the village.
<b>Electric</b>	<b>Pete Reap, Electric Superintendent</b> – All LED lighting is now complete. Some work was done to prepare for the NYS Fair.

<b>DPW/Highway</b>	<b>Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent</b> – All the paving is complete in the village. The road resurfacing is finished up as well. Update on parks and patching of roads was provided. The Solvay Pool is closing for the season on September 1 <sup>st</sup> .
<b>Library</b>	<b>Matt Gomm, Library Director</b> – The Summer reading program has been a success. Over 2000 books have been read by the children.
<b>Codes</b>	<b>No Report</b>
<b>Stormwater</b>	<b>Mark Malley, Village Engineer</b> – Provided update on current grant including all the parks.
<b>Parks</b>	<b>Brian Worrall, Trustee</b> – Miracles Playground provided quotes for Charles Ave Park. A special thank you to our DPW department for hanging the swings.

**Additional Resolutions from the Village Board:**

Authorization from the Board of Trustees to provide abstracts from the time frame of the NYS Comptrollers audit (three months of each year during the audit).

**MOTION: DeGilio**

**SECOND: Sciuga**

**AYES: 7**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- *Ray Fougner, Village Resident* questioned the \$9 million from the Electric Fund.
- *Fran Scarlata, Village Resident* questioned the decrease in the Electric Fund.
- *Carol Ball, Village Resident* questioned if the board would work towards fixing the Electric Fund if the audit was not done.
- *Victor Brouse, Village Resident* asked about the bounced check from the Electric Fund.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$14,322.50 for services rendered from 7/1/23 to 7/31/23. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$13,182.50)

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

- Invoice No. 01114185 – Project No. 114.240.001 – Milton Avenue Pavement Project – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01114186 – Project No. 114.242.001 – Erie Canal Trail Tree Planting II - Reimbursable

**MOTION: McVicker**

**SECOND: Fall**

**AYES: 7**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$8,053.50 for services rendered for the month of July 2023. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.

**MOTION: Fall**

**SECOND: McVicker**

**AYES: 7**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2023 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION: Cometti**

**SECOND: Worrall**

**AYES: 7**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**



2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the work schedule from Full Time to Part Time for Casey Palmer, Codes Enforcement Officer. The new hourly rate is \$32 per hour with an effective date of September 5, 2023.

**MOTION: Sciuga**

**SECOND: Cometti**

Deborah DeGilio	Trustee	Voted	-
Brian Worrall	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Yes
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 8:12 pm

**MOTION: Cometti**

**SECOND: Fall**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk