

Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, October 24, 2023

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Today, Tuesday, October 24, 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

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:	Trustees	Deborah DeGilio	Present
		Salvatore Sciuga Jr	Excused
		William McVicker	Present
		Brian Worrall	Present
		James Cometti	Present
	Deputy Mayor	John Fall Sr	Present
	Mayor	Derek Baichi	Present

MAYOR’S COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- ***A Moment of silence for the recent passing of Jean Avery.** A lifetime advocate for the Solvay Pool.*
- *Everyone in the Village of Solvay have a Safe and Fun Halloween. Thank you Brandon for putting on a successful Fall Fest for the community.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Local Law No. 3 of 2023 amending the Village Code by adding thereto a new Chapter 127a entitled “Short Term Rentals”
ADJOURN: Fall
SECOND: McVicker
6-0 Vote, Motion Carried

2. Senior and Disability Tax Exemptions
OPEN: Cometti
SECOND: Fall
6-0 Vote, Motion Carried

Attorney David Herkala led the discussion: The Town of Geddes and Onondaga County have already passed the local law. This will increase the income limits for senior citizens and also add an exemption for citizens with disabilities. New applications for these exemptions need to be filled out at the Town of Geddes Accessors office.

CLOSE: Cometti
SECOND: McVicker
6-0 Vote, Motion Carried

3. Parking Violation Fees
OPEN: McVicker
SECOND: DeGilio
6-0 Vote, Motion Carried

Attorney David Herkala led the discussion: The proposed local law would raise the fine structure for parking violations within the Village of Solvay. The new schedule of fees is listed in the full resolution and local law.

CLOSE: Cometti
SECOND: McVicker
6-0 Vote, Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative	Derek Baichi, Mayor – Planning on having an Administrative Meeting/Codes Meeting in the second week of November.
Legal	David Herkala, Village Attorney – None
Finance	Peggy Rowe, CPA – Discussed highlights of recent Electric Commission/Finance Meeting that took place last week. These details included the filing of the 2022 PSC Report and finishing up the 2022 Village Audit by BST. A breakdown of the potential impact of a rate study was also done at the meeting. Next to complete on the list is the 2023 PSC Report, Audit and AUD report.
Police	Derek Osbeck, Chief – 750 calls for the month including: 15 follow up investigations, 5 felonies, 47 misdemeanors, 122 traffic tickets and 4 DWI arrest. Provided an update on recent grant funding awarded including technology grant.
Electric	Pete Reap, Electric Superintendent – Recognized three Electric Employees for years of service by the MEUA: Chuck Orr, Mac Sutton and Marcus Lukins.
DPW/Highway	Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent – Highlighting ongoing work for the month including catch basin repairs, final bulk pick ups which is November 6 th for the year. Discussed Belle Isle Rd repairs.
Library	Brian Rowlands, Library Manager – Discussed potential building improvements including new lighting. An update on book ordering and potential of leasing books may be more cost effective. Thank you to DPW crew for moving books after sale. Closing updates and holiday schedule was talked about. The library follows the Solvay schools closing and delay schedule. The Halloween party and Pokémon night was highlighted.
Codes	James Cometti, Trustee – Interviews are underway for Code Enforcement Officers.
Stormwater	Mark Malley, Village Engineer – Resolution 7 was explained including the annual dues.
Parks	Brian Worrall, Trustee - None

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- *Village Resident, 500 block of Second Street unhappy with sidewalks that are in disarray.*
- *Tony Modafferri, Village Resident was looking for an update on the potential solar farm.*

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$12,150.00 for services rendered from 9/1/23 to 9/30/23. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$10,590.00)
Below are the specific projects that will be reimbursed through Grant or the County:
 - Invoice No. 01115592 – Project No. 114.240.001 – Milton Avenue Pavement Project – Reimbursable Grant
 - Invoice No. 01115594 – Project No. 114.242.001 – Erie Canal Trail Tree Planting II - Reimbursable

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$16,720.03 for services rendered for the month of September 2023. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Worrall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2023 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 October 10, 2023 Special Board/Codes Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: DeGilio

SECOND: McVicker

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees approve the amendment of Village of Solvay Code Chapter 144 , Senior Exemptions, referring to Section § 144-11.2, increasing the income limitation relative to partial exemption from real property taxes for persons 65 year of age and over as well as persons with disability.

MOTION: Worrall

SECOND: Cometti

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

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the proposed budget modifications.

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to accept the CNY Stormwater Coalition Staff Services and Education Compliance Assistance Program Resolution. The Village Board agrees that it will fund the annual portion of the program cost of \$3,600 and that those funds will be made available to the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board upon receipt of the invoice.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Cometti

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to send the DPW 2014 Ford F250 VIN ending in 5047 to auction.

MOTION: Cometti

SECOND: Fall

AYFS: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to adopt the Local Law amending Village code sections 160-76 and 160-77(B)(1) to change the amounts charged for parking violations committed within the Village of Solvay.

MOTION: DeGilio

SECOND: Worrall

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

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to promote Emanuele Falcone III to the position of Line Worker Trainee II at a new rate of \$30.28 per hour and an effective date of October 7, 2023.

MOTION: Worrall

SECOND: McVicker

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

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to promote Christopher Maestri to the position of Line Worker Trainee III at a new rate of \$33.07 per hour and an effective date of October 14, 2023.

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Worrall

Deborah DeGilio	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Brian Worrall	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	Trustee	Voted	Exc.
William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Yes
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 repair of the water tank at the pool by Precision Group for an amount not to exceed \$5500.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Cometti

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

13. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the repair of the Terex HRX-55 from the Electric Department by Custom Truck One Source for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

MOTION: Cometti

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 6:42 pm.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Cometti

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk