

Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, November 28, 2023

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Today, Tuesday, November 28, 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	Absent
		Salvatore Sciuga Jr	Present
		William McVicker	Present
		Brian Worrall	Present
		James Cometti	Present
	Deputy Mayor	John Fall Sr	Present
	Mayor	Derek Baichi	Present

MAYOR’S COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Miracle Recreation presented their proposal for the new Charles Ave playground. All the design details were provided to the village board. Trustee Worrall discussed the highlights of the projects including the handicapped and wheel chair accessible playground equipment. This is unique to the community and a proud moment.
- Tree Committee discussed details for upcoming tree projects within the village. The goal is to have the village a part of the Tree City USA. Seeking grant opportunities and support from Mayor and village board.
- December 8th is the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at 6 pm with the Town of Geddes.
- The Fire Department Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday, December 10th, 7:30 am – 11:30 am.
- The Regular Board Meeting in December is on Monday, December 18th at 6pm, Village Hall conference room and Annual Organizational Meeting is on January 3rd, 2024 at 6pm Town of Geddes Court Room.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative	Derek Baichi, Mayor – Meeting updates for December provided.
Legal	Mike Root, Village Attorney – None.
Finance	Peggy Rowe, CPA – A recap of the November Electric/Finance was provided. The budget transfers on the agenda were discussed. Also, an update for audit was given.
Police	Derek Osbeck, Chief – 671 calls in October which included 26 follow ups, 6 felonies, 35 misdemeanors and 45 parking tickets. An update on body cameras was provided.
Electric	Pete Reap not in attendance – No Report.
DPW/Highway	Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent – Progress for snow removal equipment set up and maintenance was provided. Everything is ready for the season.
Library	Brian Rowlands, Library Manager – Staff levels was addressed as well as the Lighting Projects and quotes received. The weather policy for the

library is the same as the Solvay school schedule. Exploring book leasing for the library in the upcoming month. All the recent events were touched upon as well as the upcoming holiday party.

Codes **Mark Lepetich, Code Enforcer** – 91 Open Permits, 51 Expired Permits, 44 Failed Inspections, Various Open Complaints and 43 Open Violations. A suggestion to upgrade CivicGov was suggested.

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

Parks **Brian Worrall, Trustee** – Briefly went over Charles Ave Park upgrades from beginning of meeting.

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- *Bill Ramsing, Village Resident* – August 2022 an incident occurred with a tree falling on his property and causing electrical issues. The village submitted a claim to insurance, and it was denied.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$20,557.45 for services rendered from 10/1/23 to 10/31/23. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$12,497.45)

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

- Invoice No. 01116670 – Project No. 114.240.001 – Milton Avenue Pavement Project – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01116671 – Project No. 114.241.001 – Gertrude Pool Liner & Cover Retrofit – America Rescue Plan – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01116672 – Project No. 114.242.001 – Erie Canal Trail Tree Planting II – Reimbursable Grant

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$6,220.50 for services rendered for the month of October 2023. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: McVicker

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2023 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Cometti

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2023 Special Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Worrall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION: Worrall

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees for C&S Engineers to assist the Village of Solvay in the development of an application for the NYS DOT TAP Program for the Empire State Trail and Belle Isle Road Improvement Project, and if the Project is awarded, the Village retains the right to have this consultant provide Preliminary & Final Design services for the awarded project having been selected through the competitive qualifications-based (QBS) process.

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to rehire Kendra Connor as a Full Time Police Officer at the Policy Academy Rate and a start date of December 2, 2023.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Cometti

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to adjust the salary increase timeline to the following for Mark Lepetich, Code Enforcement Officer:

- After 90 days - \$2500 increase
- After 6 months - \$2500 increase
- After 12 months – \$5000 increase

MOTION TO TABLE: McVicker

SECOND: Worrall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the standard workday for the following full-time positions:

- Library Manager – 7.5 hours a day
- Library Clerk I – 7.5 hours a day

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to accept the 2023-2024 Cooperative Service Agreement between the Village of Solvay and the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Wildlife Service Deer Damage Management Plan at a cost not to exceed \$43,081.00. The Village will submit the final cost of these services to the Onondaga County Office of Environment, Deer, and Tick Advisory Committee for reimbursement.

MOTION: Worrall

SECOND: Cometti

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to renew the MVP Health Care Plan effective January 1, 2024:

WHEREAS the Village of Solvay currently offers a health insurance plan option to its active full-time employees through MVP Health Care, and

WHEREAS the effective date of the Village health insurance plan from MVP Health Care is January 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS effective January 1, 2024, the Village desires to renew the Active Employee Group Health Plan using the MVP EPO Platinum 3, and

WHEREAS effective January 1, 2024, the MVP EPO Platinum 3 health plan is being offered at a total monthly premium of:

TIER OF COVERAGE	MVP EPO Platinum 3 - 2024
Employee / Single	\$1,130.22
Employee + Spouse	\$2,260.44
Employee + Child(ren)	\$1,921.37
Full Family	\$3,221.13

as is, therefore be it,

RESOLVED that it is hereby decided by the Village of Solvay to renew this policy effective January 1, 2024.

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

12. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to renew the Excellus BCBS Health Care Plan effective January 1, 2024:

WHEREAS the Village of Solvay currently offers health insurance to its active full-time employees through Excellus BCBS and Nonstop Health level deductible funding, and

WHEREAS the Village of Solvay currently offers a Group Medicare health insurance plan to its eligible retired employees through Excellus BCBS, and

WHEREAS the Village desires to renew the Employee Group Health Plan using the Excellus Bronze 4 and Nonstop health level funding plan and the Excellus Group Medicare health plan on January 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS effective January 1, 2024, the health plans from Excellus BCBS are being offered at a total monthly premium of:

TIER OF COVERAGE	Excellus Bronze 4 with Nonstop Health Level Funding	Excellus Medicare Plan
Employee / Single	\$915.34	\$439.10
Employee + Spouse	\$1,765.92	\$878.20
Employee + Child(ren)	\$1,532.04	N/A
Full Family	\$2,517.91	N/A

as is, therefore be it,

RESOLVED that it is hereby decided by the Village of Solvay to renew these policies effective January 1, 2024.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Cometti

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

13. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to schedule a public hearing on December 18th, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Village of Solvay Conference Room, 1100 Woods Rd, Solvay, NY 13209 for the Village of Solvay Tree Ordinance.

MOTION: Baichi

SECOND: Worrall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

