Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees Monday, December 18, 2023

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Today, Monday, December 18, 2023 the REGULAR BOARD MEETING of the SOLVAY VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES was called to order by Mayor Derek Baichi at the Village of Solvay Conference Room, 1100 Woods Rd, Solvay, NY 13209 at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL: **Trustees Deborah DeGilio Absent** 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 vintage clock was donated by the family of Jean Avery from the Hazard High School. It was
refurbished by the John Fall Sr, Deputy Mayor and will be hanging at the village hall.
Presentations and plaques given to Greg Lowe (not in attendance) and Beert Polstra for their
years of service with the Electric Commission. Presentations and plaques were also given to
Trustees James Cometti and Deb DeGilio (not in attendance). The annual Organizational
Meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 2nd 2024, 6pm at the 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"

ADJOURN: Fall SECOND: McVicker 5-0 vote, Motion Carried

2. Village of Solvay Tree Ordinance

MOTION TO OPEN: Cometti

SECOND: Fall

5-0 vote, Motion Carried

Attorney Herkala led the discussion. He requested that the Codes Committee review the proposed tree ordinance before the village board approves it. The committee members should decide the final details. This should be adjourned until February 2024.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Cometti

SECOND: Fall

5-0 vote, Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative Derek Baichi, Mayor – Organizational Meeting is taking place on

Tuesday, January 2nd 2024. New Trustees will be sworn in and

committees will be selected.

Legal Village Attorney – No Report

Finance Peggy Rowe, CPA – 2022 audit documents sent to BST to finalize. The

2023 audit is scheduled for the Spring of 2024.

Police Derek Osbeck, Chief – 629 calls for service in November. This included

24 follow ups, 9 felonies, 29 misdemeanors, 63 traffic tickets and 64 parking tickets. The new plate readers in the village have been very effective. Four arrests have been made from it. The grants funding was

touched about as well.

Electric Pete Reap, Electric Superintendent – Not many calls for services in the

last two months. Thank you, Phil Leach, for your 39 years of service,

Enjoy your retirement.

DPW/Highway Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent – Not much snow so we have

been focusing on drainage issues within the village. Thank you to James

Cometti and Merry Christmas.

Library Brian Rowlands, Library Manager – Updates on staffing was provided.

A review of policies and procedures will take place in early 2024. Thank you to everyone for their kind donations to the library. The holiday party was a success. The library is partnering with Solvay Electric for a

grant request.

Codes Mark Lepetich, Code Enforcer – A discussion took placed on 209-217

Charles Ave. The codes office needs updated codes software. Options and pricing were provided to the village board. Open permits and other

progress were described in detail.

Stormwater Mark Malley, Village Engineer – An update on Division of Water in

Albany and MS4 was provided.

Parks Brian Worrall, Trustee – Charles Ave Park updates were provided

including the playground updates being done in two phases. Handicapped accessible equipment is a priority for this project.

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- *Kathy Brouse, village resident* questioned the future of Allied/Aramark Laundry as well as property on Case St.
- Tony Modaferri, village resident questioned the tree ordinance and the direction the village was going with it. Also, asked if tree trimming will be a part of the ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$15,450.00 for services rendered from 11/1/23 to 11/30/23. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$9,960.00)

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

- Invoice No. 01117345 Project No. 114.240.001 Milton Avenue Pavement Project Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01117346 Project No. 114.241.001 Gertrude Pool Liner & Cover Retrofit
 America Rescue Plan Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01117347 Project No. 114.242.001 Erie Canal Trail Tree Planting II Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01117349 Project No. 114.246.001 Erie Canal Trail Tree Planting III Reimbursable Grant

MOTION: McVicker SECOND: Fall

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$5,323.50 for services rendered for the month of November 2023. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: Fall SECOND: Cometti

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2023 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Cometti SECOND: McVicker

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to promote Natalie Adams to a Part Time Library Clerk I at a new hourly rate of \$15.56/hour and an effective date of December 19th. The new position will not exceed 9 hours per week.

MOTION: Worrall SECOND: Fall

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

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees approve the White Farm Supply Invoice for \$10,000 to Remove and Replace battery on the Greenworks PZ60R Mower.

MOTION: McVicker SECOND: Fall

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract matter at 6:58 p.m.

MOTION: Cometti SECOND: McVicker

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 7:23 p.m.

MOTION: Cometti SECOND: McVicker

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

No action was taken at the Executive session meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Teamsters Local 317 (Clerical) Union Contract. The agreement is subject to final legal review.

MOTION: Cometti SECOND: Worrall

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

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve retroactive compensation for all active Court Security Officers from June 1, 2023.

MOTION: Worrall SECOND: McVicker

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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 7:25 p.m.

MOTION: Fall SECOND: Cometti

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk