

**Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, February 27, 2024**

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HARRY DECARLO**

Today, Tuesday, February 27, 2024 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	Theresa Wheatley Salvatore Sciuga Jr William McVicker Brian Worrall Joseph Miczan	Present Present Present Present Present
	Deputy Mayor Mayor	John Fall Sr Derek Baichi	Present Present

SOLVAY POLICE SWEARING IN CEREMONY:

- Chief Derek Osbeck introduced Joseph Guadanolo and Kendra Connor. They were then sworn in by the Chief with family members present. Kendra is the first female Police Officer in the Village of Solvay (128 years).

MAYOR’S COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you to all members of the village board for working together. Plaza Grande is opening soon in Westvale Plaza.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- Trustee Miczan has been working on grant funding for sidewalks.
- Trustee Wheatley has been working on TextMyGov, code ordinances and business development.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- ***Village of Solvay Tree Ordinance***
Open Public Hearing: Wheatley
Second: Sciuga
7-0 vote, motion carried

Trustee Wheatley led the discussion. Updates regarding Tree City USA status were provided. New Tree Ordinance will improve infrastructure within the village. The proposed tree ordinance was reviewed and can be added to the agenda to approve tonight.

Village of Solvay Tree Ordinance
Close Public Hearing: Sciuga
Second: Miczan
7-0 vote, motion carried

- ***Village of Solvay Short Term Rentals***
Adjourn until April 23, 2024 Regular Board Meeting: Sciuga
Second: Fall
7-0 vote, motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative	Derek Baichi, Mayor – Budget workshops coming up in March.
Legal	Village Attorney – No Report

- Finance** **Peggy Rowe, CPA** – Finance Meeting took place on February 15th where the 2024 financial statements were reviewed. The proposed budget transfers were given to board and explained. The electric pilot and rent amounts were touched on. The budget workshops will begin next month. Already met with department heads.
- Police** **Mike Niedzialek, Lt** – 743 calls for service in January: 23 follow ups, 6 felonies, 42 misdemeanors, 81 vehicle and traffic, 1 DWI and 139 parking tickets.
- Electric** **William McVicker, Trustee** – Provided updates on WestRock meters.
- DPW/Highway** **Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent** – Continued plowing, salting, building maintenance and improvements. CHIPS funding may be cut by the Governor. Thank you to James Dinneen and happy retirement.
- Library** **Brian Rowlands, Library Manager** – Addressed grant funding approval that was on the agenda. The Taylor Swift party was a great success. Provided a calendar of upcoming events in March.
- Codes** **Mark Lepetich, Code Enforcer** – Provided update on rental registry progress and registration fees.
- Stormwater** **Mark Malley, Village Engineer** – An audit by the DEC is scheduled in March.
- Parks** **Brian Worrall, Trustee** – No Report

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board:

Add: Adopt Local Law for Village of Solvay Tree Ordinance

Motion: Wheatley

Second: Miczan

7-0 vote, motion carried

Add: Adopt revised rental registration fee schedule: \$40 registration/\$40 per rental unit for inspection in Solvay/Geddes, \$50 registration/\$50 per unit rental for inspection in Onondaga County, \$100 registration/\$100 per rental unit for inspection out of the Onondaga County.

Motion: Sciuga

Second: Wheatley

7-0 vote, motion carried

Add: Purchase (2) two body cameras for the codes department for an amount not to exceed \$900.

Motion: Sciuga

Second: Fall

7-0 Vote, motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Village Resident/Rental Property Owner – Expressed her discontent with the rental inspection and rental registry fees being charged by the village.

Tony Modafferi, Village Resident – Questioned resolution #13 for sign purchase and how IEEP reimbursements work.

Kathy Brouse, Village Resident – Requested an update on Milton Ave paving project and Allied Laundry.

Mark Buselli, Town of Geddes Resident – Notified the board of the early registration for Solvay Little League.

Joanne Kerr, Village Resident – Requested an update on past Tops location in Westvale Plaza.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$12,900.00 for services rendered from 1/1/24 to 1/31/24. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$8,710.00)

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

- Invoice No. 01120001 – Project No. 114.219.001 – NYSDOT – Tap Grant
- Invoice No. 01120004 – Project No. 114.240.001 – Milton Avenue Pavement Project – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01120005 – Project No. 114.241.001 – Gertrude Pool Liner & Cover Retrofit – America Rescue Plan – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01120008 – Project No. 114.246.001 – Erie Canal Trail Tree Planting III – Reimbursable Grant

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$7,699.25 for services rendered for the month of January 2024. 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 January 23, 2024 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Wheatley

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2024 Special/Electric Commission/Finance Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Miczan

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the following payout to James Dinneen upon his retirement:

- 30 un-used vacation days (240 hours x \$28.33 = \$6,799.20)
- 40 un-used sick days (326.5 hours x \$28.33 = \$9,249.75)
- Total Payout = \$16,048.95

MOTION: Wheatley

SECOND: Sciuga

Joseph Miczan	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Brian Worrall	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Theresa Wheatley	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 following for New York State Retirement:
- Tony Modafferri (Technical Consultant to Electric Commission) Standard Work Day (SWD) – 6 hours per day
 - Kara LaSorsa (Associate Village Justice) Result of Activities (ROA) – 1.02 and term of 1/2/24 to 1/1/25
 - Chris Germain (Electric Commission Chair) Result of Activities (ROA) - 0.62 and term of 7/1/23 to 1/1/28

MOTION: Worrall

SECOND: Miczan

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the budget modifications provided to the village board.

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the new engineering hourly rate with C&S Engineers for \$170 per hour (calculated by the multiplier rate as set forth by C&S pricing structure).

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to declare a negative declaration and approve the mayor to sign the SEQR for the Rehabilitation and Renovations of the Solvay Carnegie Public Library through a grant awarded by the Dormitory Authority New York State.

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Wheatley

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the grant awarded to the Village of Solvay Carnegie Public Library through the Local Community Assistance Program ("LoCAP") for the above-referenced project in the amount of \$248,000.00. The Village will fund the project grant amount through the Village General Fund and will be reimbursed an amount not to exceed \$248,000.00.

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Worrall

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to purchase pool filtration and maintenance equipment for the Village of Solvay Gertrude Pool. Two new chlorine storage tanks, two new chlorine pumps, one new Chemtrol control unit, an automatic water level detector, and a new vacuum robot pool cleaner. The cost is not to exceed \$25,000.00. Once the equipment is purchased the Village will submit the cost of the equipment for reimbursement to the Onondaga County Community Development Municipal American Rescue Program.

MOTION: Wheatley

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

12. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the following delegates for the 2024 MEUA and NYMPA meetings:

- First– Chris Germain
- Second – Pete Reap
- Third – John Fall Sr
- Fourth – William McVicker
- Fifth – Tony Modafferi

MOTION: Worrall

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

13. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the purchase of (1) One Daktronics GS6-15.85 mm Double Sided Display with features as well as upgrades and various parts for install. The purchase is through Toth' Sports (Quote VOS-12823v2) for an amount not to exceed \$46,740.00 which is reimbursable by the IEEP.

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Wheatley

Joseph Miczan	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Brian Worrall	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	No
Theresa Wheatley	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			Motion Carried

14. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Local Law, Village of Solvay Tree Ordinance.

MOTION: Wheatley

SECOND: Worrall

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

15. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to adopt the revised rental registration fee schedule: \$40 registration/\$40 per rental unit for inspection in Solvay/Geddes, \$50 registration/\$50 per unit rental for inspection in Onondaga County, \$100 registration/\$100 per rental unit for inspection out of the Onondaga County.

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

16. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to purchase (2) two body cameras for the codes department for an amount not to exceed \$900.

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Wheatley

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract and personnel matter at 7:11 p.m.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Miczan

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m.

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

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 payment of \$16,000 to resolve a compensation issue with a former employee.

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Sciuga

Joseph Miczan	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Brian Worrall	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Theresa Wheatley	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes, Unfortu nately Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 7:52 pm

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Worrall

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk