

Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, May 28, 2024

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HARRY DECARLO

Today, Tuesday, May 28, 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	Present
		Salvatore Sciuga Jr	Present
		William McVicker	Present
		Brian Worrall	Present
		Joseph Miczan	Present
	Deputy Mayor	John Fall Sr	Present
	Mayor	Derek Baichi	Present

MAYOR’S COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

The Memorial Day Parade in Solvay was a success. Thank you to Onondaga County Community Development for grant funding for Main Street Program. The three properties selected are Desperito’s, Masonic Temple and the Pozzi Hotel. Mayor provided a Pro-Housing update to the audience. Still working on summer hour schedule for village employees. The Milton Ave Paving Phase I documents are available for review by village residents. The project is continuing to move forward.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- Trustee Fall provided update on window quotes for village hall that is fully reimbursable by the IEEP.
- Trustee Miczan is continuing to work with DPW and assisting with hiring.
- Trustee Sciuga is continuing to work with codes and tonight will feature four public hearings. Addressed vehicle issues and the current garbage contract.
- Trustee Wheatley had a long list of projects she is working on but focused in on the website design updates. Thanked the mayor for taking the lead on the Milton Ave project.
- Trustee Worrall updated on Charles Ave and the next step for the park and equipment install.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- **Local Law 2/2024 – Food and Mobile Food Vendors**

Open: McVicker
Second: Wheatley
7-0 vote, motion carried

Attorney Herkala led the discussion. The local law requires food vendors to obtain a permit with fees. The fee schedule was addressed as well. You must have proper insurance and be inspected by the village code office. Mike Durant, village business owner and active food truck vendor questioned the new local law. Stated how he is the only one in the village and the goal is to bring in more like in the village of Liverpool. He would like to grow the area like he has with his property with new paving, lighting, and clean landscaping. With new rules and regulations, new food trucks will not want to be in the village. Mark Lepetich, code enforcer, stated that you cannot regulate several vendors at once. The goal is to have the same regulations for all food truck vendors. Trustee Wheatley stated that she believes in the vision and is pro-business but the village needs to get ahead and regulate. Mayor Baichi expressed his concern and wondered the purpose of the new local law.

Adjourn until June 25th, 2024: Sciuga
Second: Miczan

7-0 vote, motion carried

- **Local Law 3/2024 – Sidewalk Café Permitting**

Open: Fall

Second: Miczan

7-0 vote, motion carried

Attorney Herkala led the discussion. The local law would require a permit to have outdoor seating on sidewalk areas in the village. The reasoning is for safety in the village. Currently, there are no outdoor seating regulation in the village code. The fee schedule is as follows: \$150/year and \$75/annual renewal. Trustee Wheatley suggested lowering the fees to \$100/\$50.

Close: Sciuga

Second: Miczan

7-0 vote, motion carried

- **Local Law 4/2024 – Business Certificates**

Open: Miczan

Second: Wheatley

7-0 vote, motion carried

Attorney Herkala explained the reasoning for business certificate requirements in the new local law. This shall empower the code office to enforce and inspect properties before they can open to the public. Trustee Sciuga compared to Albany which assisted in the crack down of illegal cannabis sales in the area. Attorney Herkala explained the fee schedule of \$100 every two years.

Close: Wheatley

Second: Sciuga

7-0 vote, motion carried

- **Local Law 5/2024 – Electrical System Regulations**

Open: Sciuga

Second: Miczan

7-0 vote, motion carried

Attorney Herkala explained how the regulations will be authorized by the Electric Commission. They can then authorize inspections by the code office. Presently the time frame is 72 years. If the power is off for a significant period of time, this empowers the code office to enter the property for inspection before power is turned back on. Mark Lepetich, code officer stated how the new policy helps verify safe conditions before power is turned on.

Close: Sciuga

Second: Fall

7-0 vote, motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative

Derek Baichi, Mayor – No Report

Legal

Village Attorney – No Report

Finance

Peggy Rowe, CPA – New budget transfers were distributed and explained to the board. The transfers were specifically for the police department wages. The 2023 audit is almost complete along with the PSC report.

Police

Trustee McVicker – 841 calls for service including 31 follow ups, 3 felonies and 25 misdemeanors. The DCJS grants was approved as well.

Electric

Trustee McVicker – Provided updates on the recent MEUA conference attended.

DPW/Highway

Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent – Bulk pick ups have begun. Continued building maintenance and sidewalk repair is taking place.

Library	Brian Rowlands, Library Manager – <i>Staff numbers are low and a new clerk is needed. Programs at the library were talked about as well as a new program for the senior living facility.</i>
Codes	Mark Lepetich, Code Enforcer – <i>Updates regarding home headquarters were addressed as well as WestRock project that is ongoing. Currently 55 open permits.</i>
Stormwater	Mark Malley, Village Engineer – <i>In the process of updating the Stormwater Management Plan.</i>
Parks	Brian Worrall, Trustee – <i>No Report</i>

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board:

Add the following resolution:

Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the proposed budget transfers circulated to the village board.

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Add the following resolution:

Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the installation of new windows at the village hall by Comfort Windows for an amount not to exceed \$53,931. The full amount paid will be fully reimbursed by the IEEP.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None*

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$11,195.00 for services rendered from 4/1/24 to 4/31/24. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$8,370.00)

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

- Invoice No. 01123019 – Project No. 114.224.001 – Gere Lock Rd. Bridge NY – Culvert Application 2023 – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01123021 – Project No. 114.241.001 – Gertrude Pool Liner & Cover Retrofit – America Rescue Plan – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01123043 – Project No. 114.246.001 – Erie Canal Trail Tree Planting III – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01123023 – Project No. 114.247.001 – Carnegie Public Library Renovations – DASNY Grant

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$10,413.00 for services rendered for the month of April 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 April 23, 2024 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Worrall

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire Angelina Lynch as a Part Time Library Clerk I for \$15.56 per hour and a start day of June 5, 2024.

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Miczan

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

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Proposed Local Law 2/2024 amending the Village of Solvay Village Code by adding a new Section 165-42 entitled Food and Mobile Food Vendors.

MOTION TO TABLE: Wheatley

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Proposed Local Law 3/2024 amending the Village of Solvay Village Code by adding a new Section 165-43 entitled Sidewalk Café Permitting.

MOTION: Worrall

SECOND: Wheatley

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Proposed Local Law 4/2024 amending the Village of Solvay Village Code by adding a new Section 165-44 entitled Business Certificate of Use.

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Worrall

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Proposed Local Law amending the Village of Solvay Village Code by adding a new Section 165-42 entitled Electrical System Regulations .

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the following for NYSLRS:
- Theresa Wheatley: Record of Activity and Standard Work Day (6)
 - Joe Miczan: Record of Activity and Standard Work Day (6)

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Wheatley

No Vote Took Place.

MOTION TO TABLE: Miczan

SECOND: Wheatley

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to call a public hearing on a Proposed Local Law regarding an Electric Service Disconnect Policy on June 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Worrall

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the proposed budget transfers circulated to the village board.

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

12. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the installation of new windows at the village hall by Comfort Windows for an amount not to exceed \$53,931. The full amount paid will be fully reimbursed by the IEEP.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss two contract, two personnel and two internal matters at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION: Wheatley

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m.

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

No action was taken at the Executive session meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire Ronald Centener Jr as an MEO for the Solvay DPW compensated at the Union rate and a start date of June 1, 2024.

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Wheatley

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 8:24 pm

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk