

**Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, July 23, 2024**

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
HARRY DECARLO**

Today, Tuesday, July 23, 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:

- Pro-Housing details provided. The fire Department Roof and Employee Handbook were touched on. Update on Charles Ave Park playground was given. The new LED sign is being installed on Woods Road. The Solvay Field Days is coming up on August 8th – 10th. Thank you to the village board for working together.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- *Trustee Fall – provided updates at the DPW including pick-ups and the Solvay pool.*
- *Trustee Miczan – Assisting the DPW with new hires.*
- *Trustee Sciuga – Update on codes department and meeting coming up in August.*
- *Trustee Wheatley – Informed the public of the Pro-Housing program and the letter of intent being sent to Governor Hochul. This will address the housing crisis in the area. Also touched on issues at Boyd Ave Park. Thank you to the DPW and Police department.*
- *Trustee Worrall – Charles Ave Park playground equipment is now being installed.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative	Derek Baichi, Mayor – Possible administrative meeting coming up in August.
Legal	Village Attorney – No Report
Finance	Peggy Rowe, CPA – The current audits are being completed. The description of the proposed budget modifications was provided to the village board.
Police	Derek Osbeck, Chief – 1257 calls for the month, up 500 from last year. Calls include 6 felonies and 39 misdemeanors, 3 DWI arrest and 239 parking tickets issued. Various calls included assault, rape, arson, and harassment. A grant has been approved for two new Chevrolet Tahoe’s for \$197,000.
Electric	William McVicker, Trustee – Described the issues near Western Ranch with pole down that contained three transformers.
DPW/Highway	John Fall Sr, Deputy Mayor – Report given during Trustee Reports.
Library	Brian Rowlands, Library Manager – The new HVAC system has been installed. This will be reimbursed by the IEEP. Staffing is at a good level at this point. Highlights to summer programs were given including summer reading and Comic-Con event.

- Codes** **Mark Lepetich, Code Enforcer** – Several new permits and violations for the month. A housing updated on Charles Ave was given. Several updates are still needed for the codes book. The new Energy survey is complete at the village hall. Grant funding will be available.
- Stormwater** **Mark Malley, Village Engineer** – New Stormwater Management Plan is being developed. Harry and I attended Hazard Mitigation Plan workshop this week. Working with county to submit plan on behalf of the village.
- Parks** **Brian Worrall, Trustee** – Additional Charles Ave Park updates were given.

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board:

Authorization from the Board of Trustees to add the following resolution:

Approve the Solvay Police Department to purchase two 2024 Chevrolet PPV Tahoe’s from Joe Basil Chevrolet of Buffalo. In addition to the vehicles, the police department shall purchase all required upfitting, equipment and tools for a total not to exceed \$197,000 with \$196,000 being reimbursed through a NYS DCJS Grant.

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Wheatley

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Authorization from the Board of Trustees to add the following resolution:

To have the mayor sign the letter of intent to become a Pro-Housing community and submit to Governor Hochul as well as corresponding resolution to comply with Pro-Housing guidelines as it pertains to the Village of Solvay.

MOTION: Wheatley

SECOND: Miczan

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- *Mr. Raymond of Summit Ave questioned why his power was turned off and remains off*
- *Kathy Brouse of Third Street questioned how to deal with neighbor with a tree full of poison ivy and a property that is not maintained.*
- *Sara Thompson explained the details of becoming a Pro-Housing community including cost effective housing for village residents.*
- *A new village resident moved here in January and has been getting involved in the community including parks program at Boyd Ave Park. Crime is occurring including a young teenager being assaulted. More supervision is needed at the park. The possibility of having more activities for teenagers may help the problem.*
- *Dan DeCarlo has become part of the community and like the north side, everyone looks out for everyone. Having an issue with drainage and expressed discontent with DPW Superintendent.*
- *Trustee Worrall spoke on behalf of resident regarding dirt pile at DPW and when paving will happen on Charles Ave.*
- *Trustee Miczan spoke on behalf of resident looking for update on drainage issue on Oakridge and Boulder.*
- *Trustee Wheatley spoke on behalf of resident regarding parks program at Boyd Ave.*

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$54,670.00 for services rendered from 6/1/24 to 6/30/24. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$8,045.00)
Below are the specific projects that will be reimbursed through Grant or the County:
 - Invoice No. 01124675 – Project No. 114.240.001 –Milton Avenue Paving Project – Reimbursable Grant

- Invoice No. 01124676 – Project No. 114.241.001 – Gertrude Pool Liner & Cover Retrofit – America Rescue Plan – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01124704 – Project No. 114.244.001 – Cogswell Avenue Pedestrian Enhancement – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01124683 – Project No. 114.246.001 – Erie Canal Trail Tree Planting III – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01124677 – 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 \$5,996.25 for services rendered for the month of June 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 June 25, 2024 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2024 Special Board 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 budget modifications circulated to the village board.

MOTION: Wheatley

SECOND: Miczan

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to call a public hearing on a Proposed Local Law amending the Village of Solvay Village Code Chapter 66 at section 66-1 to amend the definition of Animals and to include “insects” within said definition and adding a new section 66-7.1 governing the keeping and or raising of Animals or Insects within certain zoning districts within the Village, to be held at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on August 27, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

MOTION: Worrall

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to call a public hearing on a Proposed Local Law amending the Village of Solvay Village Code section 165-33 “Fences and Hedges” by striking the existing section 165-33 B. (2) and replacing it with a new section 165-33 B. (2) and adding a new section 165-33 E., to provide revised and new height and setback requirements for Fences and Hedges, respectively, to be held at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on August 27, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Miczan

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to purchase a Bucket Truck, Altec Model AN55E-OC with Sourcewell options from Altec Industries Inc (Quote Number 1653724-3) for an amount not to exceed \$300,485.00. The purchase qualifies for the three year no interest program under NYPA.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: McVicker

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to refer the site plan application for 1625 Milton Ave (Tax Map No.: 010.-06-40.2) to the ZBA Board.

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Wheatley

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to refer the site plan application for 1701 Milton Ave (Tax Map No.: 010.-02-06.0) to the ZBA Board.

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Miczan

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Solvay Police Department to purchase two 2024 Chevrolet PPV Tahoe's from Joe Basil Chevrolet of Buffalo. In addition to the vehicles, the police department shall purchase all required upfitting, equipment and tools for a total not to exceed \$197,000 with \$196,000 being reimbursed through a NYS DCJS Grant.

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

12. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to have the mayor sign the letter of intent to become a Pro-Housing community and submit to Governor Hochul as well as corresponding resolution to comply with Pro-Housing guidelines as it pertains to the Village of Solvay.

MOTION: Wheatley

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss three contract and three personnel matters at 7:36 pm.

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 8:24 pm.

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Miczan

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 Tony Modafferi as an Independent Contractor/Operations Consultant at a rate of \$50 per hour and not to exceed 15 hours per week. Tony Modafferi's last day on the Electric Commission is July 31, 2024 and the start date as a contractor is August 1, 2024.

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 8:26 pm

MOTION:

SECOND:

AYES:

NAYES:

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk