

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

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
HARRY DECARLO**

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Today, Tuesday, August 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**

<b>ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Theresa Wheatley Salvatore Sciuga Jr William McVicker Brian Worrall Joseph Miczan</b>	<b>Excused Present Present Present Present</b>
	<b>Deputy Mayor Mayor</b>	<b>John Fall Sr Derek Baichi</b>	<b>Present Present</b>

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- John McPeak Presentation took place with kind words spoken by his son, Patrick McPeak. A plaque was presented to the family in his remembrance. Members from the audience spoke about their memories of Mr. McPeak.
- Upcoming roadwork is being planned. Also, a revamped Neighborhood watch is being started. Thank you to all the generous sponsors for the field days.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

- Fall – Updates on the Solvay pool, pickleball courts and the splash pad.
- Miczan – Magnarelli funding, Delle’s owner and camera funding was brought up.
- Sciuga – Renovations at the village hall, drainage at Montrose and codes updates were touched on.
- Worrall – Car show coming up on September 7th at Woods Road Park.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. *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.*

**MOTION TO OPEN: Sciuga  
SECOND: Miczan  
6-0 vote, motion carried**

*Mark Lepetich, Code Enforcer led the discussion and explained the reasoning for amending the local law. Add “bees” to match what the Town of Geddes code book reads.*

**MOTION TO CLOSE: Baichi  
SECOND: Fall  
6-0 vote, motion carried**

2. *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 F., to provide revised and new height and setback requirements for Fences and Hedges.*

**MOTION TO OPEN: Miczan  
SECOND: Fall  
6-0 vote, motion carried**

*Mark Lepetich, Code Enforcer led the discussion regarding the setback for fences and the height requirements. This will amend the current local law.*

**MOTION TO CLOSE: Baichi**

**SECOND: Fall**

**6-0 vote, motion carried**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Derek Baichi, Mayor</b> – Expressed how last month’s meetings were productive.
<b>Legal</b>	<b>Village Attorney</b> – No Report
<b>Finance</b>	<b>Derek Baichi, Mayor</b> – September 19 <sup>th</sup> will be the next Finance meeting.
<b>Police</b>	<b>Derek Osbeck, Chief</b> – For July, 1071 calls for service including: 23 follow up investigations, 8 felonies, 25 misdemeanors, 198 parking tickets and 1 DWI arrest. The field days had zero issues. An explanation of the incident on Kenmore was described by the Chief.
<b>Electric</b>	<b>William McVicker, Trustee</b> – Industrial hook up is all set.
<b>DPW/Highway</b>	<b>Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent</b> – Paving will begin in two weeks. Discussed ADA compliant sidewalk repair and the installation of the new LED sign on Woods Road.
<b>Library</b>	<b>Brian Rowlands, Library Manager</b> – Building updates were provided including new lighting. Successful numbers for the summer reading program were given.
<b>Codes</b>	<b>Mark Lepetich, Code Enforcer</b> – Milton Ave and WestRock Phase II were discussed. Updates on the village hall were provided. New code implementation was brought up as well.
<b>Stormwater</b>	<b>Mark Malley, Village Engineer</b> – No Report
<b>Parks</b>	<b>Brian Worrall, Trustee</b> – Thank you to Mark Malley for his assistance on the Charles Ave Playground project.

**Additional Resolutions from the Village Board: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- *John Maestri, village resident asked about Resolution 9 & 10 – what is the difference in the positions.*
- *Village Resident asked about mental health care in the village and how improvements and crisis management could be done.*
- *Kathy Brouse, village resident asked about the former Aramark building*
- *Barnello, village resident asked about parking a tractor trailer on your lawn.*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$37,075.00 for services rendered from 7/1/24 to 7/31/24. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$14,505.00)  
Below are the specific projects that will be reimbursed through Grant or the County:
  - Invoice No. 01125754 – Project No. 114.240.001 –Milton Avenue Paving Project – Reimbursable Grant
  - Invoice No. 01125755 – Project No. 114.241.001 – Gertrude Pool Liner & Cover Retrofit – America Rescue Plan – Reimbursable Grant

- Invoice No. 01125756 – Project No. 114.244.001 – Cogswell Avenue Pedestrian Enhancement – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01125757 – Project No. 114.246.001 – Erie Canal Trail Tree Planting III – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01125758 – Project No. 114.247.001 – Carnegie Public Library Renovations – DASNY Grant
- Invoice No. 01125759 – Project No. 114.248.001 – Charles Park Phase II DASNY Grant

**MOTION: McVicker**

**SECOND: Fall**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$9,369.75 for services rendered for the month of July 2024. 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 July 23, 2024 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION: Miczan**

**SECOND: Sciuga**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2024 Special Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION: Sciuga**

**SECOND: Miczan**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the July 30, 2024 Special Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION: Worrall**

**SECOND: Miczan**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2024 Special Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION: McVicker**

**SECOND: Fall**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the 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.

**MOTION: Fall**

**SECOND: McVicker**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the 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 F., to provide revised and new height and setback requirements for Fences and Hedges.

**MOTION: Miczan**

**SECOND: Sciuga**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to promote Paul Hoffman to the position of Chief Crew Leader for the DPW with a start date of August 31, 2024 and a new rate according to the Union Contract.

**MOTION: Sciuga**

**SECOND: Fall**

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	-
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			<b>Motion Carried</b>

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to promote Michael Fougner to the position of Crew Leader for the DPW with a start date of August 31, 2024 and a new rate according to the Union Contract.

**MOTION: Worrall**

**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	-
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			<b>Motion Carried</b>

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to promote Chris DeSantis to the position of Motor Equipment Operator II for the DPW with a start date of August 31, 2024 and a new rate according to the Union Contract.

**MOTION: McVicker**

**SECOND: Fall**

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	-
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			<b>Motion Carried</b>

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**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 7:10 pm

**MOTION: Fall**

**SECOND: Sciuga**

**AYES: 6**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk