

**Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees**  
**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK**  
**HARRY DECARLO**

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Today, Tuesday, January 27, 2026 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**

*R.I.P. Mrs. Miczan*

<b>ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Theresa Wheatley</b>	<b>Excused</b>
		<b>Salvatore Sciuga Jr</b>	<b>Present</b>
		<b>Kathy Brouse</b>	<b>Present</b>
		<b>John Clegg</b>	<b>Excused</b>
		<b>Joseph Miczan</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	<b>John Fall Sr</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Derek Baichi</b>	<b>Present</b>

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

*Pre-bid meeting for Milton Ave Paving project. Tentative start date is May 2026. Updates for the newly renovated Pozzi Hotel and Solvay Proper. Thank you to the hard work of the DPW keeping the village streets clean.*

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

*Trustee Brouse discussed upcoming police committee meeting.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

*None*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Derek Baichi, Mayor</b> – No Report
<b>Legal</b>	<b>Village Attorney</b> – No Report
<b>Finance</b>	<b>Derek Baichi, Mayor</b> – Finance Meeting will be paired with Electric Commission Meeting on February 19 <sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.
<b>Police</b>	<b>Derek Osbeck, Chief</b> – 791 calls in December including: 46 follow ups, 4 felonies, 19 misdemeanors, 38 traffic tickets, 2 DWI arrest and 11 accidents.
<b>Electric</b>	<b>Tony Modaferri</b> – Discussed outages, capital plan, and increased energy costs. Explained the increase in electric bills
<b>DPW/Highway</b>	<b>Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent</b> – Continuing to plow snow and keep the village streets clean.
<b>Library</b>	<b>Brian Rowlands, Library Manager</b> – Elevator has been repaired as well as HVAC unit. New tables have arrived thanks to grant and Solvay Bank. New programs coming up were discussed. New hire, Mary Germano on the agenda as Part Time Library Clerk.
<b>Codes</b>	<b>Mark Lepetich, Code Enforcer</b> – Thanks for all the hard work from the Codes Committee. 20 local laws in the books for 2025. Same plan for 2026.
<b>Stormwater</b>	<b>Mark Malley, Village Engineer</b> – The Stormwater coalition updates were provided as well as MS4 reporting.

**Parks** **Kathy Brouse, Trustee** – Plenty of work to do at the pool and parks in the Spring, stay tuned.

**Additional Resolutions from the Village Board:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*John Maestri, village resident suggested an attendance policy for elected officials. Issues started with former trustee and are now happening with new elected official.*

*Ron Reudink, village resident congratulated new board members. Asked about the possibility of eliminating property taxes for 65 years and older. It is being done in other states.*

*Tony Modaferri, electric consultant made people aware to check their vents outside from high efficiency furnaces. Keep snow away from vents to prevent carbon monoxide from coming in your home.*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$59,676.65 for services rendered from 12/1/25 to 12/31/25. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$15,880.00)

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

- 20260119\_est54\_Inv. No. 01141032 – Project No. 114.240.001 – Milton Ave. Pavement Project – Reimbursable Grant
- 20260119\_est14\_Inv. No. 01141034 – Project No. 114.244.001 – Cogswell Ave. Pedestrian Enhancements – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01141035 – Project No. 114.246.001 – Erie Canal Tree Planting III – US Fish & Wildlife Grant – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01141036 – Project No. 114.247.001 – Carnegie Public Library Renovations – DASNY Grant
- Invoice No. 01141037 – Project No. 114.248.001 – Charles Park Phase II – DASNY Grant
- 114249001 – ESTIMATE #1 – INVOICE #01141031 – Project No. 114.249.001 – Replacement of Gere Lock Rd. over Geddes Brook – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01141044 – Project No. 114.252.001 - Empire State Trail & Belle Isle Road Improvements – Reimbursable Grant

**MOTION: Miczan**

**SECOND: Fall**

**AYES: 5**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices \$12,228.45 for services rendered for the month of December 2025. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.

**MOTION: Fall**

**SECOND: Brouse**

**AYES: 5**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2025 Special Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION: Brouse**

**SECOND: Sciuga**

**AYES: 5**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2025 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION: Sciuga**

**SECOND: Brouse**

**AYES: 5**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2026 Special Board/Organizational Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

**MOTION: Miczan**

**SECOND: Fall**

**AYES: 5**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Village of Solvay Electric Department's Capital Plan for fiscal years 2025, 2026 and 2027 which will be presented to PLM for the electric department's rate case. The resolution is included and made a part of the electric rate case sent to the PSC.

**MOTION: Fall**

**SECOND: Miczan**

**AYES: 5**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the purchase of 14 defibrillators for the electric garage from Cardio Partners. The purchase amount is not to exceed \$23,000.

**MOTION: Brouse**

**SECOND: Miczan**

**AYES: 5**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the following standard work day and record of activities for the following elected and/or appointed officials:

- Derek Baichi, Mayor: Standard Work Day – 6, Record of Activities – 3.04
- Dan Mathews, Village Justice: Standard Work Day – 6, Record of Activities – 2.56
- Kara LaSorsa, Associate Village Justice: Standard Work Day – 6, Record of Activities – 1.02

**MOTION: Sciuga**

**SECOND: Fall**

**AYES: 5**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire Mary Germano as a Part Time Library Clerk I for \$16 per hour for 13 hours per week. The start date is January 31, 2026.

**MOTION: Miczan**

**SECOND: Fall**

<b>Joseph Miczan</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>John Clegg</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Exc.</b>
<b>Salvatore Sciuga Jr</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Kathy Brouse</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Theresa Wheatley</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Exc.</b>
<b>John Fall Sr</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Derek Baichi</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b> <b>Motion Carried</b>

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve and have the mayor sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Part Time Police Officers and Longevity Pay.

**MOTION: Fall**

**SECOND: Sciuga**

<b>Joseph Miczan</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>John Clegg</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Exc.</b>
<b>Salvatore Sciuga Jr</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Kathy Brouse</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Theresa Wheatley</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Exc.</b>
<b>John Fall Sr</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Derek Baichi</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b> <b>Motion Carried</b>

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the budget transfers that were distributed and reviewed during the January 20<sup>th</sup> Finance Meeting.

**MOTION: Brouse**

**SECOND: Miczan**

**AYES: 5**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract and three personnel matters at 6:50 p.m.

**MOTION: Sciuga**

**SECOND: Miczan**

**AYES: 5**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m.

**MOTION: Brouse**

**SECOND: Sciuga**

**AYES: 5**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**No action was taken at the Executive session meeting**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

12. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire Police Candidate Logan Hoalcraft, effective February 14, 2026. Mr. Hoalcraft will receive Academy Pay and attend the Syracuse Police Academy.

**MOTION: Brouse**

**SECOND: Sciuga**

Joseph Miczan	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Clegg	Trustee	Voted	Exc.
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Kathy Brouse	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Theresa Wheatley	Trustee	Voted	Exc.
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 7:41pm

**MOTION: Sciuga**

**SECOND: Brouse**

**AYES: 5**

**NAYES: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk-Treasurer