

Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, December 16, 2025

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Today, Tuesday, December 16, 2025 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:

- *Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays*
- *Mayor Baichi read the following statement: The Village of Solvay takes all allegations of workplace misconduct seriously. When concerns were raised involving a village employee and an elected official, the village acted promptly and responsibly by involving counsel and ensuring that the matter was referred to the appropriate authorities for review, including the Onondaga County District Attorney's office. Both found no credible evidence. In addition, the village authorized an independent investigation to assess the situation, and they too determined that there was no credible evidence. The village will not discuss the private details of any individual's complaint, nor will it comment on the evidence, or interviews that took place. It is important to be clear about what the village can and cannot do. Decisions about criminal charges are made by law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies, not the mayor's office and the village board. We have complete faith in the process and in law enforcement's ability to determine culpability. Our focus now is maintaining professionalism, safeguarding village employees, and the public. It is not our intention to litigate this matter through social media. At the same time, the village also has a responsibility to protect its residents and its integrity. If the public statements or social media posts continue to circulate that are inaccurate or unfairly impugn the village, its employees, or its elected leadership, I will respond as Mayor in measured and factual way to correct the record and protect our community.*

Motion to go into Executive Session to discussed a personnel matter at 6:05pm (Fall), Second: McVicker, 7-0 vote motion carried

Motion to come out of Executive Session and go back into regular meeting at 6:35pm, 7-0 vote motion carried

- *Special Presentations and Plaques given to Bill McVicker for 10 years of public service to the village board. Brian Worrall for 4 years of public service to the village board. Marc Buselli for contributions to the village and assisting with live broadcasts.*
- *Intermunicipal Agreement discussion with Town of Geddes*
- *Charles Ave Park Bond Discussion including the option for a SIB for 5 years with an interest rate of 3.95% - Playground upgrades and equipment installation.*

TRUSTEE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Local Law for convenience stores and smoke shops
Open: Fall, Second: McVicker, 7-0 vote motion carried

Attorney Herkala led the discussion regarding the moratorium on convenience stores and smoke shops. The time restriction is six months. Various comments made by the village board.

Close: Miczan, Second: Fall, 7-0 vote motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative	Derek Baichi, Mayor – Organization Meeting is on January 5 th , 2026
Legal	Village Attorney – No Report
Finance	Derek Baichi, Mayor - Finance Meetings will resume in January as well as budget meetings to start the process earlier.
Police	Derek Osbeck, Chief – 784 calls for November including 47 follow ups, 5 felonies, 17 misdemeanors, 55 traffic tickets and 8 accidents.
Electric	Pete Reap, Electric Superintendent – No outages and everything is running smooth. Capital Plan for Electric Department is being drafted. Thank you to Chris Maestri and Bill McVicker
DPW/Highway	Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent – Continuing to plow snow and keep the streets clean as well as clearing out and repairing catch basins.
Library	Brian Rowlands, Library Manager – Elevator repair was discussed which is covered by a grant. Very successful food drives for the community. Toys for tot's event took place.
Codes	Mark Lepetich, Code Enforcer – Pozzi hotel is not complete. Updates to codes program being done.
Stormwater	Mark Malley, Village Engineer – CNY Stormwater Coalition meeting took place – mapping is now completed in the village.
Parks	Brian Worrall, Trustee – Mountain Top is being planned and Charles Ave Park updates were provided.

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board:

Add: Authorization from the Board of Trustees to enter a Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Geddes – Phase II of Reassessments.

Motion: Sciuga, Second: Fall, 7-0 vote, motion carried

Add: Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve a SIB for Charles Ave Park for 5 years with an interest rate of 3.95%. This will take care of playground upgrades and installation costs.

Motion: Miczan, Second: Sciuga, 7-0 vote motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Burnard addressed the Solvay Senior Apartments and the Masonic Temple. Issue with walkways not being plowed.

Ein Wheatley, village resident made a statement regarding the handling of a recent village investigation and the lack of resources and a human resources department.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$25,129.50 for services rendered from 11/1/25 to 11/30/25. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$13,717.00)

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

- Invoice No. 01139880 – Project No. 114.246.001 – Erie Canal Tree Planting III – US Fish & Wildlife Grant – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01139881 – Project No. 114.247.001 – Carnegie Public Library Renovations – DASNY Grant
- Invoice No. 01139882 – Project No. 114.248.001 – Charles Park Phase II – DASNY Grant
- Invoice No. 01139890 – Project No. 114.252.001 – Empire State Trail & Belle Isle Road
- 20251212_est13_Inv. No. 01139967 - Cogswell Avenue Pedestrian Enhancement – 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 \$6,745.68 for services rendered for the month of November 2025. 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 November 25, 2025 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 month to month cleaning service by Tru-Shine Cleaning Service in the following buildings:

- Village Hall, twice a week - \$1600 per month
- DPW, twice a week - \$600 per month
- Mechanics Garage, once a week - \$420 per month

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve a Local Law to enact a six-month moratorium on the permitting, development, construction, opening or modification of existing structures to create a convenience store or smoke shop within the Village of Solvay to allow the Board of Trustee to enact a comprehensive code revision to address and regulate these types of uses within the Village.

MOTION: Wheatley

SECOND: Miczan

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve Thew Associates Land Surveyors Services for the Topographical and Boundary Survey and Mapping of the Erie Canal Trail and Belle Isle Road Improvement Project. The cost of \$14,900.00 for the Survey is reimbursable. The Erie Canal Trail and Belle Isle Road Improvement Project is funded by the NYS DOT TAP Funding Agreement Contract # DO41579.

MOTION: Worrall

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to enter a Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Geddes for Phase II of Reassessments.

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees approve a five-year SIB (3.95%) for Charles Ave Park for an amount of \$136,000.

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Worrall

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract matter at 7:22 pm.

MOTION: Baichi

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 7:40 pm.

MOTION: Fall

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 approve the purchase and installation of GPS units in all village vehicles for an amount not to exceed \$800.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 7:42 pm.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Sciuga

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk-Treasurer