

Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

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Today, Tuesday, February 25, 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	Excused
		William McVicker	Present
		Brian Worrall	Present
		Joseph Miczan	Present
	Deputy Mayor	John Fall Sr	Present
	Mayor	Derek Baichi	Present

MAYOR’S COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:
Food Pantry Donations by all departments.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: *No Reports*

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Parking on Dead End Streets
OPEN: Fall
SECOND: McVicker
6-0 vote, motion carried

Attorney Herkala led the discussion and provided the details of the local law.

CLOSE: Miczan
SECOND: Wheatley
6-0 vote, motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative	Derek Baichi, Mayor – March will be a busy month for meetings
Legal	Village Attorney – No Report
Finance	Derek Baichi, Mayor – Budget meetings scheduled for March 13 th , 26 th and 31 st .
Police	Derek Osbeck, Chief – 785 calls for service, details of calls were provided. Candidate to hire this evening was discussed.
Electric	William McVicker, Trustee – Discussed IEEP reimbursements including new billing software.
DPW/Highway	Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent – Busy fixing potholes, plowing and salting. State budget is coming up.
Library	Brian Rowlands, Library Manager – New TV and sound system upgraded thanks to Solvay Bank. Lighting and building upgrades taking place.
Codes	Mark Lepetich, Code Enforcer – Permit Season with another project for WestRock taking place.

Stormwater **Mark Malley, Village Engineer** – Discussed resolution no. 6, public hearing in March.

Parks **Brian Worrall, Trustee** – Charles Ave Park Phase II discussed. Trustee Wheatley discussed fitness court funds needed. Potential locations: Boyd Park, Mountain Top and Woods Road. Tree City USA updates include Arbor Day April 19th.

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board:

Add the following resolution:

Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire Nolan Bower as a Full Time Police Officer at a starting salary of \$56,099.

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Wheatley

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: *No Comments*

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay C&S Engineers \$19,722.75 for services rendered from 1/1/25 to 1/31/25. (Total Cost to the Village is: \$ 12,282.50)

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

- Invoice No. 01130258 – Project No. 114.246.001 – US Fish & Wildlife Grant – Reimbursable Grant
- Invoice No. 01130259 – Project No. 114.247.001 – Carnegie Public Library Renovations – DASNY Grant
- Invoice No. 01131260 – 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 \$5,671.25 for services rendered for the month of January 2025. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Miczan

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2025 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Worrall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2025 Emergency/Special Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.

MOTION: Wheatley

SECOND: Miczan

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to commit to the National Fitness Campaign project adoption and confirm intent to provide remaining matching funding. This is a non-binding agreement, and all funding, outside of in-kind services, is expected to be provided by external sources.

MOTION: Worrall

SECOND: Wheatley

AYES: 5

NAYES: 1 (McVicker)

MOTION CARRIED

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to give public notice and advertise a Public Hearing to be held on March 25, 2025, to discuss the Village of Solvay’s NYSDEC Stormwater Management Plan and the Annual MS4 2025 Stormwater Report. Both documents are posted and available on the Village of Solvay Website for public review.

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the local law amending 160-80 of the Village Code by prohibiting parking at the terminus of any dead-end street in the Village of Solvay.

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Miczan

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the budget transfers distributed to the village board.

MOTION: Miczan

SECOND: Worrall

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to prepare and post the following position for the Electric Department: Assistant Electric Maintenance Worker. This was approved by the Electric Commission on February 20, 2025.

MOTION: Wheatley

SECOND: McVicker

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to review and approve the MEUA document expressing our opposition to the preference power rate increase proposal. The term limit for the approved document will expire in six months. This was approved by the Electric Commission on February 20, 2025.

MOTION: Worrall

SECOND: Wheatley

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the purchase of the substation batteries from MK Battery for the industrial substation for an amount not to exceed \$17,000. This was approved by the Electric Commission on February 20, 2025.

MOTION: McVicker

SECOND: Miczan

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

12. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to increase hourly wage for Charlene Patapow, to \$21 per hour, for 12 hours a week, with an effective date of March 1, 2025

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Wheatley

Joseph Miczan	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Brian Worrall	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	Trustee	Voted	Exc.
William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Theresa Wheatley	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire Nolan Bower as a Full Time Police Officer at Academy Level salary of \$56,099 annually, with an effective date of March 22, 2025

MOTION: Fall

SECOND: Wheatley

Joseph Miczan	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Brian Worrall	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	Trustee	Voted	Exc.
William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Theresa Wheatley	Trustee	Voted	Yes
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 6:40 pm

MOTION: Baichi

SECOND: Miczan

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk