

**Special Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Thursday, April 17th, 2025**

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
HARRY DECARLO**

Today, Monday, March 31st, 2025 the **SPECIAL 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 5:30 pm.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

MAYOR’S COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you to Karen Romano for organization the Hometown Hero Banners now being displayed in the village. Peggy Rowe, CPA summarized the key points in the upcoming budget in regard the increases in mandated costs. The standing of the current surplus and the plan going forward was addressed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Refuse Collection Special Benefit Assessment Area Local Law

OPEN: Sciuga
SECOND: Wheatley
5-0 vote, motion carried

The discussion was led by Attorney Herkala with a description of the special assessment area. Joe Britton discussed the refuse breakdown and how it will be adjustable after the first year. The fee per parcel seems fair and it should have always been this way. Ron Reudink, agreed with Mr. Britton. You must go through the process and adjust. Cord, village resident exclaimed how the proposed increase is outrageous. There is nothing in the village to attract people. A resident stated how too much was coming out of surplus and how there should have been a steady increase in taxes the whole time. Samantha Palerino stated how she is already struggling with all the increases. How do we go about handling this tax increase. Deanna Stanford Walz asked if her taxes would increase by more than 14%. Where is the transparency? Kim, village resident stated how we pay the highest taxes in the county. Christina, village resident stated how there are no areas for revenue and how lower income families will get hit the hardest. Village resident asked about the refuse contract and if it will be revised and have a more accurate count of pick-up areas. Mrs. Ferrante asked about the special assessment area letter and if it was changed annually. Vicci, village resident asked about a single tax parcel and how it should be done right the first time. Village resident stated how residential vacant properties should not have to pay double now. Mark Fernandez, village resident stated how your political affiliation does not matter. Not in favor of special assessment areas. What is the revenue breakdown. Vic Palerino, village resident stated how the village should consider taking the refuse back and having the DPW handle it.

CLOSE: Sciuga
SECOND: Fall
5-0 vote, motion carried

2. Storm Sewer Special Benefit Assessment Area Local Law

OPEN: Wheatley
SECOND: Sciuga
5-0 vote, motion carried

Attorney Herkala gave an overview of the proposed special assessment area local law. This includes 2476 total parcels. The same formula is used like refuse calculation. Cord, village resident

asked if Micron was pitching in on this. The sewer system is owned by the village. Vic Palerino stated he would be skeptical on letting the county taking over our sewer system. Inga Barnello stated how the village should have a plan in place for sewers and maintenance. What is the status of the infrastructure and if the village has a schedule planned out. Victor Brazinski stated how he does not have storm drains or sidewalks. He is on septic on Alice Avenue.

CLOSE: Sciuga
SECOND: Wheatley
5-0 vote, motion carried

- 3. Sanitary Sewer Special Benefit Assessment Area Local Law
OPEN: Fall
SECOND: Sciuga
5-0 vote, motion carried

No comments from the public.

CLOSE: Fall
SECOND: Wheatley
5-0 vote, motion carried

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Refuse Collection Special Benefit Assessment Area Local Law.
MOTION: Fall
SECOND: Sciuga

Joseph Miczan	Trustee	Voted	Exc.
Brian Worrall	Trustee	Voted	No
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Exc.
Theresa Wheatley	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			Motion Carried

- 2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Storm Sewer Special Benefit Assessment Area Local Law.
MOTION: Sciuga
SECOND: Fall

Joseph Miczan	Trustee	Voted	Exc.
Brian Worrall	Trustee	Voted	No
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Exc.
Theresa Wheatley	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			Motion Carried

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Sanitary Sewer Special Benefit Assessment Area Local Law.

MOTION: Wheatley

SECOND: Sciuga

Joseph Miczan	Trustee	Voted	Exc.
Brian Worrall	Trustee	Voted	No
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
William McVicker	Trustee	Voted	Exc.
Theresa Wheatley	Trustee	Voted	Yes
John Fall Sr	Trustee	Voted	Yes
Derek Baichi	Mayor	Voted	Yes
			Motion Carried

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustee to approve the Railroad Protective Liability Insurance Policy for the amount of \$7,075. This is part of the requirements for the Milton Avenue Paving Project.

MOTION: Worrall

SECOND: Wheatley

AYES: 5

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Britton stated how the money should be left in surplus. Carol Ball asked what the tax increase percentage would be now. Ron Benedetti asked if the increase in real estate taxes was 4% and what the increase in special assessment areas will be. Victor Brouse asked about money coming out of surplus.

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Peggy Rowe, CPA went line by line through the proposed changes to the preliminary budget.

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a contract and personnel matter at 9:03 p.m.

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 5

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 9:37 p.m.

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Worrall

AYES: 5

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

No action was taken at the Executive session meeting

NEW BUSINESS: None

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ADJOURNMENT:

The special meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 9:39 pm.

MOTION: Sciuga

SECOND: Fall

AYES: 5

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk