Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Solvay Board of Trustees
Tuesday, May 26, 2026

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Today, Tuesday, May 26, 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

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:	**Trustees**	**Theresa Wheatley**	**Absent**
		Salvatore Sciuga Jr	**Present**
		Kathy Brouse	**Present**
		John Cregg	**Present**
		Joseph Miczan	**Present**
	Deputy Mayor	**John Fall Sr**	**Present**
	Mayor	**Derek Baichi**	**Present**

MAYOR'S COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:
Start of new budget, June 1st. With the field days fast approaching, the Chief will be organizing. Touched on the tax increase, pool updates and DPW August road work.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- *Trustee Miczan – various conversations with village residents*
- *Trustee Fall – Grass, brush pick ups being done. Department doing the best they can will minimal staff.*
- *Trustee Brouse – Working on pool, grass complaints, codes departments and various violations. Updating code laws.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **Attendance and Compensation Policy**
   Open: Sciuga, Second: Brouse, 6-0 vote, motion carried

   Mayor Baichi led the discussion. Spoke about new policy and how it will only effect new board members. Suggested that the matter be tabled. Trustee Sciuga agreed with adjourning until June

   Adjourn: Sciuga, Second: Miczan, 6-0 vote, motion carried

2. **Uniform Fire Prevention/Building Code Administration/Enforcement Law**
   Open: Sciuga, Second: Fall, 6-0 vote, motion carried

   Trustee Sciuga discussed the conflict between federal law and state law. Attorney Herkala stated new provisions without clear cut rules.

   Close: Fall, Second: Sciuga, 6-0 vote, motion carried

3. **Local Law amending Chapter 96 entitled Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse**
   Open: Miczan, Second: Brouse, 6-0 vote, motion carried

   Discussion began with dumpster enclosures can or cannot have a dumpster. Public commenting regarding new and existing dumpsters and if exceptions were allowed. Mark Lepetich, Code Enforcer explained and clarified the differences.

   Close: Sciuga, Second: Cregg, 6-0 vote, motion carried

4. **<u>Local Law entitled Chapter 165-48 Tobacco Retail Licensing</u>**
   Open: Miczan, Second: Sciuga, 6-0 vote, motion carried

   Mark Lepetich, Code Enforcer spoke about new law. Stated how seven properties have licensing. Member of the public asked how it effects gas stations. Various comments from Trustee Cregg and Attorney Herkala.

   Close: Sciuga, Second: Cregg, 6-0 vote, motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative	**Derek Baichi, Mayor –** No Report
Legal	**Village Attorney –** No Report
Finance	**Derek Baichi, Mayor –** Update on upcoming Finance meetings
Police	**Derek Osbeck, Chief –** 796 calls for service. Questions regarding mini bikes, basketball hoops came up.
Electric	**Pete Reap, Electric Superintendent –** Update on monthly calls, cable tv and telephone drops. Two new trucks, pavilion lights and Milton Ave addressed. Trustee Brouse thanked department.
DPW/Highway	**Andrew Burke, DPW Superintendent –** Repair to catch basins, bulk pick ups and continues mowing throughout the village. Please add resolution to hire new MEO.
Library	**Brian Rowlands, Library Manager –** The building is now complete and various upcoming events listed. Summer hours start on Father's Day.
Codes	**Mark Lepetich, Code Enforcer –** Codes department is in full swing. Aguayo siting grass. Various updates from Trustee Brouse.
Stormwater	**Mark Malley, Village Engineer –** Current on al permits regarding stormwater.
Parks	**Kathy Brouse, Trustee –** Pool updates including certifying life guards, ordering chlorine and the need to be cleaned and prepared for opening. Swim lessons and day care updates provided.

Additional Resolutions from the Village Board:

Add the following:

Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire Santino Sardo as a MEO for the Solvay DPW at the union rate and a start date of June 6th, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to pay the Cerio Law Offices $10,441.48 for services rendered for the month of April 2026. A detailed list of charges has been provided to the Board of Trustees.
   MOTION: Miczan
   SECOND: Fall
   AYES: 6 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2026 Regular Village Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.
MOTION: Fall
SECOND: Brouse
AYES: 6 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**

3. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2026 Special Board Meeting and the Reading of the Minutes be herewith dispensed.
MOTION: Miczan
SECOND: Brouse
AYES: 6 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**

4. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire Cole Ladoucer as a Part Time Police Officer, pending background check. The start date is to be determined and compensation will be based on Union Rate.
MOTION: Sciuga
SECOND: Brouse

Joseph Miczan	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
John Cregg	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Kathy Brouse	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Theresa Wheatley	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**-**
John Fall Sr	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Derek Baichi	**Mayor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
			Motion Carried

5. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Local Law amending the Village of Solvay Code Section 35 by adding thereto a New Section 35-2 entitled Village Board Member Attendance and Compensation Policy.
MOTION TO TABLE: Cregg
SECOND: Sciuga
AYES: 6 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**

6. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Local Law amending Chapter 96 entitled Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse of the Village of Solvay Code.
MOTION: Miczan
SECOND: Fall
AYES: 6 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**

7. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Local Law of the Village of Solvay Code entitled Chapter 165-48 Tobacco Retail Licensing.
MOTION: Fall
SECOND: Brouse
AYES: 6 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**

8. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to approve the Local Law of the Village of Solvay Code entitled Uniform Fire Prevention/Building Code Administration/Enforcement Law.
MOTION: Brouse
SECOND: Sciuga
AYES: 6 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**

9. Authorization from the Board of Trustees for the police to contract Tru-Shine Cleaning Service on a month-to-month basis for the Solvay Police Department.
MOTION: Sciuga
SECOND: Brouse
AYES: 6 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**

10. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire the following:
    - Six Seasonal DPW Laborers: $18.00 per hour
    - One Head Lifeguard: $19.50 per hour
    - Two Assistant Head Lifeguards: $19.00 per hour
    - Fourteen Lifeguards: $18.50 per hour

    MOTION: Cregg
    SECOND: Brouse

Joseph Miczan	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
John Cregg	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Kathy Brouse	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Theresa Wheatley	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**-**
John Fall Sr	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Derek Baichi	**Mayor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
			Motion Carried

11. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to award the collection and disposal of all refuse, garbage, and recyclables for the Village of Solvay to Superior Waste Removal Inc. The Contract shall be for a two-year period, for the period of June 01, 2026, through May 30, 2028, with an option to renew under the same terms and conditions for three (3) additional (1) year periods upon written consent of both parties. The Owner reserves the right to extend the period of the Contract to sixty (60) days beyond the specified expiration date of the Contract.

    MOTION: Miczan
    SECOND: Cregg
    AYES: 6 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**

12. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to promote Justin Skellington to the position of Mechanic Leader with a pay rate of $34.83 and a start date of June 1, 2026.

    MOTION: Fall
    SECOND: Miczan

Joseph Miczan	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
John Cregg	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Kathy Brouse	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Theresa Wheatley	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**-**
John Fall Sr	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Derek Baichi	**Mayor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
			Motion Carried

13. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to hire Santino Sardo to the position of MEO at the union rate and a start date of June 6, 2026, pending background check.

    MOTION: Fall
    SECOND: Miczan

Joseph Miczan	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
John Cregg	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Salvatore Sciuga Jr	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Obs.**
Kathy Brouse	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Theresa Wheatley	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**-**
John Fall Sr	**Trustee**	**Voted**	**Yes**

Derek Baichi	**Mayor**	**Voted**	**Yes Motion Carried**

Resolved that this Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss a three contract and two personnel matters at 6:53 pm.
MOTION: Miczan
SECOND: Sciuga
AYES: 6 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**

Resolved that the Executive Session be closed and that this Board return to the regular meeting at 7:35 pm.
MOTION: Miczan
SECOND: Fall
AYES: 6 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**

No action was taken at the Executive session meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Authorization from the Board of Trustees to settle insurance claim for an amount not to exceed $325 for a sewer back up.
   MOTION: Miczan
   SECOND: Cregg
   AYES: 6 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the Solvay Board of Trustees be adjourned at 7:40 pm
MOTION: Miczan
SECOND: Cregg
AYES: 6 **NAYES: 0** **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Harry DeCarlo, Village Clerk-Treasurer