

Mayor Kastberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustee Gifford, Lockwood, Rizzo, Zeman and Mayor Kastberg

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FORECAST

Based on information provided by the New York State Office of State Comptroller's Office; the allowable Tax Levy Growth Factor for Fiscal Years beginning June 1, 2014 is 1.48% with a 0% retirement exclusion. The first year the tax cap was in effect was Fiscal Year 2012-2013; the Levy Factor was 2% and the retirement exclusion was \$50,566. The second year, Fiscal Year 2013-2014; the Levy Factor was 2% and the retirement exclusion was \$21,314. The Board discussed how that State has made it more and more difficult for Village's in the hopes of forcing some type of consolidation.

FIRE CHIEF APPOINTMENT

The committee reviewed several applications for the position of Fire Chief. Charlie Keller will be retiring from the Scotia Fire Department on April 28th; the committee selected Ken Almy to fill the vacancy. Ken will be appointed at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

PARK BOARD STATUS

The Mayor stated that it has been difficult to retain members on the Park Board and some of the members that are on the board do not attend meetings on a regular basis. The Board of Trustees decided to dissolve the Park Board and allow the Supervisor of Parks and Recreation to review the applications and arrange scheduling necessary for the events.

DOG PARK PROPOSAL

Trustee Zeman has been working on gathering information on other dog parks in the area and how they operate. The Board decided to form a committee to put together a formal proposal for the Village.

WEBSITE PROPOSAL

The Mayor will place the approval of the new website proposal on the agenda for the meeting to be held on February 12th.

SOLAR PANEL LAW

The Mayor provided the board with a draft of the Solar Panel Law; Attorney Marola will review.

REVIEW OF ZONING BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Mayor stated that there are three members on the Zoning Board that have not completed the required training. The Mayor will be sending each of them a letter and they will have the opportunity to address the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting on February 12th. If the members do not wish to address the board they will be removed from the Zoning Board.

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COURT UPDATE

The Mayor has attended several meetings with Supervisor Koetzle from the Town of Glenville regarding the consolidation of the Village of Scotia court with the Town of Glenville. After discussions with the Police Chief, the Police Union, Village Attorney and the Village Justice, the Board of Trustees has decided to keep the Village Court for another 4 years.

TREATMENT PLANT STUDY UPDATE

The Mayor will ask the Board of Trustees to approve a contract at the February 12th meeting for an appraisal to be done at the potential site of the treatment plant.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Zeman to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Lockwood, Rizzo, Zeman and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees