

Mayor Kastberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Kastberg opened the privilege of the floor at 7:01p.m.

No one wished to speak.

Mayor Kastberg closed the privilege of the floor at 7:02p.m

FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET

Mayor Kastberg presented an overview of the 2015-2016 budget which includes a tax levy increase of 1.97% and a tax rate increase of 1.38%.

a) Public Hearing

Mayor Kastberg opened the public hearing at 7:07p.m.

No one wished to speak

Mayor Kastberg closed the public hearing at 7:08p.m.

b) Action

MOVED by Trustee Gifford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that
Whereas, the Board of Trustees has met to prepare the Tentative Budget adopted with amendments on March 24, 2015 for fiscal year 2015/2016, and
Whereas, a public hearing has been conducted this evening, April 8th, as required by law,
Now therefore, Be it Resolved that the Tentative Budget as amended March 24th, is hereby adopted as the Budget of the Village of Scotia for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Trustee Mathes commended the Department Heads and Mayor for doing a decent job preparing the budget and staying under the tax cap. Trustee Mathes feels that there are potential ways to reduce the tax rate; presented a few ways at the work sessions and will continue to do so in the future.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Lockwood, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: Trustee Mathes

Abstentions: None

Mayor Kastberg thanked the Department Heads for all their efforts during the budget process.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF KEN ALMY

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Gifford that
Whereas, Ken Almy was appointed provisional Fire Chief, and
Whereas, Ken Almy has passed the Civil Service exam for Fire Chief, now therefore
Be it Resolved that Ken Almy is appointed to the position of permanent Fire Chief in the Village of Scotia Fire Department effective March 17, 2015 subject to any civil service requirements.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

MOVED by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Mathes to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of the CDPHP Health Insurance plan effective June 1, 2015.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN

MOVED by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Mathes to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with CDPHP Medicare Advantage Health Plan effective June 1, 2015.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

DENTAL INSURANCE AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Mathes to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of the MetLife Dental Plan effective June 1, 2015 for the administration of the Village's dental insurance program.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

207-a STATUS APPROVAL FOR MICHAEL GIESELER

MOVED by Trustee Gifford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to grant Firefighter Michael Gieseler General Municipal Law 207-a status for the period commencing November 15, 2014 for injuries sustained on November 15, 2014, in a manner consistent with Village policy.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

MOVED by Trustee Gifford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas the Village Fire Department has recommended that Molly Hay be appointed as a volunteer firefighter for the Village of Scotia Fire Department, now therefore,

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Molly Hay as a volunteer firefighter for the Village of Scotia Fire Department.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Trustee Gifford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas the Village Fire Department has recommended that Zachary Jared be appointed as a volunteer firefighter for the Village of Scotia Fire Department, now therefore,

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Zachary Jared as a volunteer firefighter for the Village of Scotia Fire Department.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Lockwood, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

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Abstentions: Trustee Mathes

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Attended BID meeting this morning. BID is looking at replacing the decorative banners with smaller banners that will be attached to the decorative poles. BID has developed a facebook page, also looking at a radio campaign for advertising. Jack Collins will be working with the businesses on Mohawk Avenue to get more involvement in the BID.

Met with Verizon and National Grid yesterday regarding the double utility poles in the Village. They will begin taking down the poles that present a danger and continue from there.

City View Church will hold their Annual Chicken BBQ on Friday, May 8th.

Dog Park Committee has submitted a final report; Mayor will distribute to board and discuss at May work session.

Planning Board prepared a Complete Streets Action Agenda; Mayor will distribute to board and discuss at May work session.

NYCOM's annual meeting and training session will be held May 3rd – 5th in Saratoga Springs.

Mayor and Fire Chief will be meeting with the Mayor of the Village of Ilion to discuss transport.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Mathes – No report.

Trustee Gifford – Attended Planning Board meeting; continuing discussions on 25 Mohawk Avenue. Discussed proposal for Bethel Full Gospel Church at 162 Sacandaga Road, representative of application did not attend.

Trustee Lockwood – No report.

Trustee Rizzo – Attended Memorial Day Parade meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

MOVED by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Mathes that the Departmental reports be accepted as presented with thanks.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Mathes, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated April 8, 2015, be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$52,769.55 charged to the following funds:

A-General Fund	\$43,242.13
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F-Water Fund	\$ 4,891.17
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G-Sewer Fund	\$ 4,636.25
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Further the Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized to draw checks in the claimants' favor and in the full amount listed and charge the same to the funds listed therein.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 3, 2015

MOVED by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the March 3, 2015 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 10, 2015

MOVED by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the March 10, 2015 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 11, 2015

MOVED by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the March 11, 2015 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 11, 2015

MOVED by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the March 11, 2015 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 24, 2015

MOVED by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the March 24, 2015 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 31, 2015

MOVED by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the March 31, 2015 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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NEW BUSINESS

SURPLUS FIRE EQUIPMENT

MOVED by Trustee Gifford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to surplus the following items as listed in a memo from Fire Chief dated 3/16/15.

4 Expired Helmets

4 Expired Turnout Coats

4 Expired Turnout Pants

4 Full size vehicle light bars

1 Mini light bar

4 SCBA 2.2 Scott Cylinders (Steel)

1 Old power plant frame and hydraulic reservoir for the old vehicle extrication tools

The Fire Chief is authorized to dispose of items as authorized by law.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

VALUE PAYMENT SYSTEMS AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to authorize the Mayor to sign Payment Processing Service Agreement with Value Payment Systems, LLC to authorize online credit card and electronic check payments for the June property tax bills. The convenience fee for the use of electronic payments is paid by the user; there is no charge to the Village of Scotia.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees