

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

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

FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET

The Mayor provided an overview of the 2018-2019 Executive Budget. The budget proposes a 1.81% increase to the Tax Rate and a 1.97% increase to the Tax Levy; which complies with the tax cap legislation.

a) Public Hearing

Mayor Kastberg opened the Public Hearing at 7:11p.m.

No one wished to speak.

Mayor Kastberg closed the public hearing at 7:12p.m.

b) Action

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Gifford that

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has met to prepare the Tentative Budget on March 6 and 14, 2018 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and

Whereas, a public hearing has been conducted this evening, April 11th, as required by law, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Tentative Budget dated March 20, 2018, and as amended March 31, 2018, is hereby adopted as the Budget of the Village of Scotia for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Trustee Mathes thanked the Department Heads for all their efforts in developing the budget.

PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Kastberg opened the privilege of the floor at 7:12p.m.

No one wished to speak.

Mayor Kastberg closed the privilege of the floor at 7:13p.m.

INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW 2018-A RELATING TO AUTHORIZING BEST VALUE PUBLIC CONTRACTS

MOVED by Trustee Tiberio, seconded by Rizzo to introduce Proposed Local Law 2018-A regarding best value procurement and to set the public hearing for the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, May 9, 2018 at 7:00p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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COLLINS LAKE WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

MOVED by Trustee Mathes, seconded by Trustee Tiberio that

Whereas, the Village is applying for a State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) Grant in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the Collins Lake Water Quality Improvement Project, and

Whereas, the grant application requires that the Village affirm if the project cost exceeds the grant amount for the Collins Lake Water Quality Improvement Project, that the Village is committed to funding the excess, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Village is committed to funding the Collins Lake Water Quality Improvement Project, should the project cost exceed the grant amount.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Trustee Mathes thanked Supervisor of Parks and Recreation Jim Marx for the tour of the park he provided to the board, in order to make them aware of projects such as this.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Police Chief and the Court Clerk have been working on a towing program for those that have accumulated several parking tickets. The Court Clerk is applying for grant funds to purchase a boot that would be placed on a vehicle after a certain number of tickets. Both of these programs will help with compliance and collection of outstanding revenues. Met with a resident of the Village that will be running a water taxi from the Rivers Casino, Scotia Landing and Lighthouse over the summer months. Applied for a grant through Capital District Transportation Committee to provide a workshop to the Village in order to develop a Complete Streets policy; grant funds have been received; Mayor will coordinate date of workshop. Jim Mastrianni will be providing an overview of the Section 8 program for the Village of Scotia at the May 9th meeting. Attended Memorial Day Parade Committee meeting; new volunteers have offered to be on the committee; next meeting will be held tomorrow night. Amadore Builders are developing a property in the Town of Glenville; when accessing that property they entered through Village of Scotia property without authorization and cut down three trees. The damage to the property and the trees was valued at over \$6,000. Attorney Marola will be sending a letter to Amadore Builders for payment of those damages. The City of Schenectady is building a new sewage pump station; Superintendent Kohout is working with the City to see where the Village waste will enter and what portion of the debt, if any, the Village will be responsible for. The Village has received grant funds from Environmental Facilities Corporation for upgrades to our sewer pump station. As part of that program, EFC would like the Village to do an evaluation of the main that carries the sewage from the Village to Schenectady; Superintendent Kohout will be working on obtaining grant funds for that study. Fire Department applied for turnout gear through an Assistance to Firefighter Grant; the funds were not received. Chief Almy will contact the grantor for an exit interview regarding the application. The Schenectady Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Good News Luncheon to honor businesses who have made a positive impact on Schenectady County; Dairy Circus will be honored at this year's event. The Planning Board has made a positive recommendation for the additional gas pumps at Citgo (184 Sacandaga Road); the Special Use Permit hearing will be held at the May 9th meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 19, 2018

MOVED by Trustee Mathes, seconded by Trustee Tiberio that the minutes of the March 19, 2018 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 27, 2018

MOVED by Trustee Mathes, seconded by Trustee Tiberio that the minutes of the March 27, 2018 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD APRIL 3, 2018

MOVED by Trustee Mathes, seconded by Trustee Tiberio that the minutes of the April 3, 2018 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

NEW BUSINESS

SUMMER ATTIRE

MOVED by Trustee Tiberio, seconded by Mayor Kastberg that the board begin casual attire at the next board meeting.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW 2018-B RELATING TO STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS

MOVED by Trustee Mathes, seconded by Rizzo to introduce Proposed Local Law 2018-B relating to Stop and Yield Intersections and to set the public hearing for the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, May 9, 2018 at 7:00p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

AGREEMENTS WITH CHAZEN AND KENYON PIPELINE INSPECTION

MOVED by Trustee Mathes, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, the Village has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$30,000 from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation to study village sanitary sewer system inflow and infiltration (I&I), and

Whereas, the amount of the Village cost share is \$6,000.00, and

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Whereas, the Village has received proposals from The Chazen Companies for engineering services for \$24,933.50 and from Kenyon Pipeline Inspection, LLC for sewer inspection work for \$11,066.50, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the proposals above and authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement with The Chazen Companies dated April 3, 2018 in the amount of \$24,933.50 and with Kenyon Pipeline Inspection, LLC dated March 28, 2018 in the amount of \$11,066.50 for the I&I study.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

SAFER GRANT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Mathes that

Whereas, the Village is applying for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for the Hiring of Firefighters Activity, and

Whereas, the SAFER Grant requires that the grantee understand and agree to maintain their staffing levels and incur no lay-offs during the period of performance of the grant, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Mayor is authorized to prepare and sign a letter on behalf of the Village stating that the Village agrees to maintain their staffing levels and incur no lay-offs during the period of performance of the grant, should the grant be awarded to the Village.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

ACTING VILLAGE JUSTICE

MOVED by Trustee Gifford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances, the Acting Village Justice, Kathleen Toombs, has had to perform court duties far in excess of what would reasonable be expected, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves a onetime salary stipend to the Acting Village Justice, Kathleen Toombs in the amount of \$1,000.00.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

CHAMPLAIN HUDSON POWER EXPRESS PROJECT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Tiberio that

Whereas, CHPEI is developing the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project (the "Project"), a 1,000 MW underground and underwater high voltage, direct current ("HVDC") electric transmission facility extending from the United States' border with Canada to Queens, New York; and

Whereas, the Project will supply clean, renewable hydroelectricity to New York State; and

Whereas, the State and Federally-approved Project route bypassed the Village of Scotia, NY (the "Original Project Routing") traveling through the Erie Boulevard corridor in Schenectady, NY ("Erie Boulevard Corridor"); and

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Whereas, Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. (“CHPEI”) has discussed the project extensively with the Village of Scotia (“Scotia Host Community”), as the Project will be located within this community; and

Whereas, the Original Project Routing led CHPEI to develop an alternative routing (the “New Scotia Routing”) along the Pan Am Railway through the Village of Scotia for approximately 1.2 miles due to recent development of the Erie Boulevard Corridor; and

Whereas, the New Scotia Routing is proposed with a view towards decreasing environmental, and community impacts and increasing constructability; and

Whereas, the Project will provide significant economic and environmental benefits to New York State in the form of lower electric rates, by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and jobs, including local jobs during the Project’s construction; and

Whereas, in recognition that CHPEI will generate tax revenue to Schenectady County, the Village of Scotia and the Scotia-Glenville Central School District once the project commences operation; and

Whereas, once the project commences operation it will not require ongoing services of Village departments or local schools; and

Whereas, CHPEI desires that the Village of Scotia endorse the Project and the New Scotia Routing within the Village of Scotia; and

Whereas, CHPEI believes that the Village of Scotia endorsement is an essential prerequisite to obtaining all final Project permits and approvals;

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved,

1. That the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Scotia is fully familiar with the Project, including the scope of the work to be performed by CHPEI within the Village of Scotia in furtherance of the Project.
2. That, the Village Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this approved resolution to Transmission Developers, Inc. at The Pieter Schuyler Building, 600 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207 for inclusion with CHPEI’s application for amendment to its New York State Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need and any required applications for amendments to the Project’s Federal Permits.
3. That the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Scotia hereby grants its consent to CHPEI in accordance with section 11 of New York’s Transportation Corporations Law to lay down, construct and maintain its wires, conductors, conduits and other fixtures in and under the streets, avenues, public parks and places in the Village of Scotia in accordance with the requirements of CHPEI’s Article VII Certificate, as amended and in effect from time to time.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to adjourn the meeting at 7:32p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees