

Mayor Gifford called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustee Cook, Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

### **DISCUSSION OF FY 21-22 BUDGET**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook to increase A.0000.1120 (County Sales Tax) by \$28,000 and increase A.0000.2750 (AIM Related Payments) by \$13,979 due to notices of increases to sales tax and state aid; offset A.0000.1001 (Real Estate Taxes) by \$41,979.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook to increase A.5112.2000 (CHIPS) by \$80,980 due to increase in State's Budget; offset by A.0000.3501 (CHIPS).

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Trustee Cook proposed the discussion of the necessity of park guards; if park guards remain in the budget revenue should increase by enforcing current codes; reducing the number of crossing guard posts paid for by the Village and working with the School District on alternate solutions; Flint House Foundation raising fees for programming and reduction to Catholic Charities made by the following motions:

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook to reduce A.3120.1000 (Police Personal Services) by \$12,360 (Park Guards); offset by Real Estate Taxes; *motion not seconded.*

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook to reduce A.3120.1000 (Police Personal Services) by \$11,050 (Crossing Guards) to reduce number of posts from six to four; offset by Real Estate Taxes; *motion not seconded.*

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to reduce A.5142.4180 (Salt) by \$5,000; offset by A.0000.1001(Real Estate Taxes).

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook to reduce A.6772.4000 (Program for the Aging) by \$1,500; offset by Real Estate Taxes; *motion not seconded.*

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook to reduce A.7510.4100 (Flint House Programs) by \$1,500; offset by Real Estate Taxes; *motion not seconded.*

Trustee Cook stated that he would like to see the Village develop a strategic planning process with engaging Village residents so the board is not in the same position next year.

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Trustee Solotruck appreciated the discussions made by Trustee Cook; not able to vote on removal of certain services without having a contingency plan in place. Agreed that the Village needs to develop a strategic plan for the Villages future needs.

Trustee Gray stated that there does need to be a review of the services that the Village provides; including Village residents in the process.

Trustee Rizzo had several questions regarding certain line items in the budget; no motions made.

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has met to prepare the Tentative Budget on March 9, 10, 15, 29 and 30, 2021 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and

Whereas, a public hearing was conducted April 14<sup>th</sup>, as required by law, and

Whereas, after the public hearing at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, the above amendments to the tentative budget were made,

Now Therefore, Be it resolved that the proposed Tentative Budget dated March 20, 2021 as amended March 29 and 30, 2021, and as amended in the above motions, with corresponding adjustments necessary to revenues, is hereby adopted as the Budget of the Village of Scotia for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: Trustee Gray and Trustee Rizzo

Abstentions: None

#### **DISCUSSION OF SALE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY**

Trustee Gifford stated that the Village owns 3 vacant parcels of land that he has been approached regarding the sale of. The Mayor would like to get an appraisal of the following properties; Sanders Ave (38.52-1-4), Sanders Ave (38.52-1-21) and Vley Road (29.84-2-1).

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize Bruce Piraino d/b/a Appraisal Resources to appraise three parcels (38.52-1-4, 38.52-1-21 and 29.84-2-1) in an amount not to exceed \$1,050.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS DHA CONTRACT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Cook to enter into executive session to discuss Department Head Association contract.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Mayor reconvened the meeting at 8:02p.m. with the following action:

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to authorize the Mayor to sign the Department Head Association contract for the term of June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2024.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to adjourn the meeting at 8:03p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees