

Mayor Gifford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustee Cook, Rizzo, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

SURPLUS OF POLICE VEHICLE

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that

Whereas, the Police Department has identified police vehicle, 2016 Dodge Charger VIN#2C3CDXAG1GH122253, as no longer needed and surplus, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees declare police department 2016 Charger VIN#2C3CDXAG1GH122253, as no longer needed and surplus and further authorizes the Police Chief or his designee to sell or dispose of the vehicle as authorized by law.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Rizzo, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

SURPLUS OF FIRE BOAT

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, the Fire Department has identified the 1999 Carolina Skiff boat and motor, (WR-242) Serial #JBS22133I899 as no longer needed and surplus, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees declares the 1999 Carolina Skiff boat and motor, (WR-242) Serial #JBS22133I899 as listed on a memo from the Fire Department dated May 3, 2021 as no longer needed and surplus and further authorizes the Fire Chief or his designee to sell or dispose of the boat as authorized by law.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Trustee Gray in attendance.

POLICE ALTERNATE STAFFING MODEL

Chief Harrigan provided the board with a proposed staffing model that includes adding an additional officer; offset by a reduction in overtime. Trustee Cook asked for a 3 – 5 year financial analysis of the proposal; Chief Harrigan will provide proposal to board.

DUMPSTER LICENSE

Mayor Gifford provided the board with updated draft legislation relating to dumpsters in streets. The proposal would require a permit with fee structure based on amount of time dumpster is stored in street and surrounded by suitable barriers. Regulation would discourage dumpsters staying in the road for long periods of time and provide additional safety requirements. Attorney Marola will draft legislation and send out for comments regarding enforcement.

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CANNABIS REGULATION

Trustee Solotruck attended a meeting held by the Town of Glenville regarding this issue; the Town currently has a survey on website to get public input on retail sales as well as consumption in marijuana cafes. There are currently restrictions on being 500 feet from a school, 200 feet from a church; very few options for places within the Village due to the structure. Trustee Solotruck stated that if a dispensary is located in the Village, there is a 4% tax collection on all sales; 1% goes to the County and without an agreement in place, 3% is split between the Town and Village 50/50. Trustee Solotruck suggested gaining public input on this issue. Trustee Solotruck stated that if the Village wanted to opt-out of commercial sales and production in the Village; legislation would need to be passed by December 31, 2021. After that date the Village could always opt back in but can no longer opt-out. Trustee Solotruck suggested that if the board does not opt-out; they come to an agreement with the Town to keep the entire 3%. Trustee Cook suggested holding a Village Hall on this topic to allow for education and public comment and dialogue with the board. The board agreed that a Village Hall would be the next step in the process

SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Trustee Rizzo stated that he attended a recent Town of Rotterdam meeting where the same owners of short-term rentals were present; they have their attorneys working on a possible moratorium or increased regulations. Trustee Rizzo would like to see how the Town of Rotterdam proceeds to help model a plan for the Village. Trustee Cook stated that Air B&B's exploit zoning laws when not renting out an owner-occupied property; should not have a commercial property operating in a single residential zoned area.

PARK SMOKING BAN

Mayor Gifford provided Attorney Marola with a draft of proposed legislation that would ban smoking or vaping of tobacco or marijuana in the park. Legislation will be introduced at the May 12th meeting.

CRESCENDO PROJECT UPDATE

The current fee structure for use of Freedom Park is a \$25 Park Use Application Fee and \$50/Resident and \$100/Non-Resident fee for use of Freedom Park.

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the Village of Scotia waives the park use fee for Freedom Park stage, dancefloor and amphitheater for non-profit performing arts organizations and/or independent performing artists residing or having a business located in the Village of Scotia until September 30, 2021.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

REVENUE ENHANCEMENT IDEAS

Trustee Rizzo suggested reviewing the Village Fee Schedule. Trustee Rizzo will be meeting with Ray Gillen regarding bringing in business to Mohawk Avenue.

Trustee Cook suggested enforcing the park use fee for any group of 20 or more utilizing park.

Trustee Cook suggested creating a strategic plan task force to engage residents in a constructive manner.

Trustee Cook has contacted Rockefeller School of Public Policy at SUNY Albany to assist in creating a strategic plan for the Village; work would not cost Village any money.

URBAN AGRICULTURE

Mayor provide board with draft of legislation; Trustee Cook concerned with policing and enforcement of animal welfare. Trustee Gray suggested input from the public; Trustee Cook suggested a Village Hall meeting for education and engagement on this and other issues.

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The board discussed the logistics of the Memorial Day wreath placement on Wednesday, May 26th at 6:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees