

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

PRESENT: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Mayor Gifford called for a moment of silence in memory Wallace Cambell, longtime village resident and Village Trustee and Richard Gray, 45 year employee of the Village's Department of Public Works.

Mayor Gifford presented Andy Boniewski with a proclamation and thanked him for his 30 years of service to the Village of Scotia.

Mayor Gifford presented Dan Wamner with a proclamation and thanked him for his 20 years of service to the Village of Scotia.

**LOCAL LAW 2019-A REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR PROPERTY TAX LEVY
IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN NYS GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW
SECTION 3-C**

a) Public Hearing

Mayor Gifford opened the public hearing at 7:08p.m,

Pamela Spicer of 210 Fifth Street; concerned with the proposed 5% tax increase on top of already high taxes for a small area; too great a burden for the village residents.

Mayor Gifford closed the public hearing at 7:11p.m.

b) Action

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, a public hearing was held, this night, April 10, 2019 on proposed Local Law 2019-A relating to Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C, now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Trustees adopts proposed Local Law 2019-A.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET

a) Public Hearing

Mayor Gifford opened the public hearing at 7:12p.m.

Loretta Rigney of 117 No. Toll Street; New York State will not stop squeezing local municipalities; the village must have a long term plan that includes a reduction in expenses.

Dave Lindsay of 14 Red Coach Drive; disappointed with the current budget; reflects using reserve funds, lack of effort to reach out for competitive bidding, concerned with cost of new municipal building and recent hiring of two firefighters.

Tom Rigney of 117 No. Toll Street; opposed to tax increases; expenses need to be cut. Residents do not have an additional 5% to pay in taxes; seriously considering leaving the Village of Scotia.

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Pamela Spicer of 210 Fifth Street; concerned that the families in the village do not have the ability to pay an additional 5% in taxes. Village needs a five year plan to address the reduction of spending so residents are not forced to move.

Maria Peterson of 128 Riverside; stated that if the village breaks the tax cap, the residents will not be receiving the tax rebate check for the village portion of their bill.

Mayor Gifford closed the public hearing at 7:21p.m.

b) Action

In an effort to reduce the tax burden by approximately 1% the following motion was made:

MOVED by Trustee Tiberio, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to amend the Tentative Budget to increase the allocation of Fund Balance by \$50,000 offset by a reduction of \$50,000 to the Tax Levy.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has met to prepare the Tentative Budget on March 18 and 26, 2019 and April 2, 2019 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, and

Whereas, a public hearing has been conducted this evening, April 10th, as required by law, and

Whereas, after the public hearing the above amendment to the Tentative Budget was made,

Now therefore, be it Resolved that the Tentative Budget dated March 20, 2019, (and as amended in the above motion, with corresponding adjustments necessary to cash surplus and tax levy), is hereby adopted as the Budget of the Village of Scotia for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Trustee Tiberio stated that the tax rebate check is related only to the school district exceeding the tax cap; no longer related to the Village.

Trustee Tiberio thanked the department heads for all the work they did to prepare the budget.

Trustee Rizzo stated that the board will continue to work on ideas on how to save the taxpayers money.

Trustee Solotruck stated that he himself has thought of all of the issues that were brought up tonight as well; there is support to look at things differently.

Trustee Gray stated that the residents' concerns are heard; thanked all the departments for their work on the budget.

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PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Gifford opened the privilege of the floor at 7:27p.m.

Kris Kastberg of 35 Halcyon Street; Stated that he felt the board did the right thing tonight. The current administration and also he ran on the platform of maintaining village services and those services come with an expense. Congratulated the board on maintaining village services and addressing the needs of the village before they become critical.

Mayor Gifford closed the privilege of the floor at 7:28p.m.

HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of the MVP Health Plan for health insurance effective June 1, 2019.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

DENTAL INSURANCE AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of the MetLife Dental Plan effective June 1, 2019 for the administration of the Village's dental insurance program

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

BUSINESS AUTOMATION SERVICES (BAS) TAX BILL PREPARATION AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with BAS for tax bill preparation in an amount not to exceed \$1,400.00.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT OVERHEAD DOOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Madsen Overhead Doors for the Fire Department overhead door.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

COURT ROOM COPIER

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with DeLage Landen Financial Servies, Inc. for a copier in the court room.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Tiberio

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Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Tiberio

SEQR DETERMINATION FOR INSTALLING HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE RAMPS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE VILLAGE

MOVED by Trustee Tiberio, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, the Village of Scotia has identified the need to install handicap accessible ramps at various street intersection locations in the Village; and,

Whereas, this replacement work constitutes an eligible project pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) regulations; and,

Whereas, the Village intends to utilize “Program Income” as defined by the CDBG regulations to undertake these improvements; and,

Whereas, the utilization of “Program Income” funds requires that the project comply with the applicable CDBG Environmental Review Requirements (ERR) which includes compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) if applicable; and,

Whereas, the “Project” consists of “the replacement of existing sidewalk, and installation of handicap accessible ramps to meet ADA requirements at various street intersections in the Village; and,

Whereas, the “Project” is considered to be “the replacement of a structure or a facility, in kind” and is therefore a Type II Action under Section 617.5c (2) of the SEQR regulations; and,

Now Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Village of Scotia Board of Trustees hereby determines that the proposed replacement of existing sidewalks is Type II Action under SEQR regulations and therefore this project is not an action subject to review under SEQR.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**VILLAGE OF SCOTIA MS4 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY
MARCH 2018-MARCH 2019**

Mayor Gifford read the following report aloud:

MCM#1 Public Education

1. Stormwater pamphlets, handouts and posters are available at the Village Clerk’s Office, DPW Office and Building Department Office.
2. The Village water quality report postcard was sent to all residents and included a link to the Village’s MS4 Program web page.
3. Loose Leaf Pickup email sent out in fall.
4. The Village handed out stormwater brochures at the Fire Department Open House Approximately 150 people attended the event.

MCM#2 Public Involvement / Participation

1. Schenectady County Water Quality Committee Meetings – the Village is represented at all 10 meetings each year.
2. The MS4 Annual Report is posted on the Village website and available at the Clerk’s office for review and comment.
3. 24,000 pet waste pages were utilized.
4. Including the fourth of July fireworks cleanup - The Collins Park & Freedom Park Cleanup programs resulted in the collection of 120 bags of garbage.

MCM#3 Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination (IDDE)

1. All 25 storm sewer outfalls have been mapped within the Village. Eleven (11) were inspected for dry weather discharges to see if pollutants were being discharged. None were found.
2. The locations of storm sewer outfalls and catch-basins are mapped and available for view on the Schenectady County Internet Mapping System (SIMS).

MCM#4 & #5 Construction Site and Post Construction Control

1. During the program year, there was one project requiring SWPPP reviews.
2. The Village inspected three (3) post-construction stormwater management practices that are owned by the Village, several times each during the year. Maintenance was performed as needed, including mowing of the grassed areas.

MCM#6 Municipal Operations

1. 9 of 16 Village employees trained to implement Best Management Practices and Erosion & Sediment Control to avoid stormwater pollution in their duties at the DPW garage and in their field operations. 56% of the Village DPW, Building & Code Enforcement Department & Parks Dept. staff were trained this year.
2. During the past year:
 - a. Village streets were swept five times each for a total of 208 miles cleaned and approximately 10 acres of parking lots were swept.
 - b. 25 Catch basins were inspected and cleaned as necessary (approximately 5% of the system).
 - c. The Parks Department applied minimal amounts of fertilizer in Village Parks and none near Collins Lake to help combat high phosphorus levels.

- Notes: 1. MS4 = Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
2. MCM = Minimum Control Measure
3. SWPPP = Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan

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MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Mayor and Superintendent Kohout met with representatives of the county today regarding the Schenectady County Solar Consortium. The Village agreed to enter the consortium in order for the county to calculate projected savings; an agreement with the specific numbers will be voted on at the next regular meeting. After receiving three estimates for the replacement of the overhead door in the fire department, it was determined that the door could be repaired for a minimal cost. The Fire Department received a \$5000 grant from PERMA, the Village's Workers Compensation carrier, for a gear dryer.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Rizzo – Memorial Day Parade Committee meeting will be held tomorrow night; thanked all the residents that are helping organize the event. Attended Car Show meeting. Freedom Park Foundation is putting together schedule for summer program. The Daily Gazette did a nice article on the three new business on Mohawk Avenue, Storied Coffee, Northpoints Gallery and b.inspired gift shop. There is also a new antique store, Yesterday's Antiques located at 147 Mohawk Avenue.

Trustee Tiberio – Attended a very well attended Business Improvement District meeting; Ray Gillen, Chairman of Metroplex, spoke regarding a grant façade program. Metroplex is willing to provide a 50/50 match for any façade improvements up to \$25,000; would like to get 4-5 properties to participate this spring/summer. BID will be the title sponsor on Freedom Park's opening night, which will be held on June 17; local high school jazz band will be performing. Thanked Clerk Treasurer Schmitz for meeting with him to review the budget numbers. Stated that there was an article that the Village of Scotia is the number 7th place in New York to raise a family. Trustee Tiberio attributed that to the great services that the residents receive; great parks, safety with our police department and a paid fire department as examples.

Trustee Solotruck – Attended both a Town of Glenville Traffic Safety meeting and a Village Traffic Safety meeting; had great discussions about various topics. Trustee Solotruck has been working on a project of trying to make some changes by the Middle School, in the town right of way, regarding the safety of the students and traffic obeying the signage. Attended the Memorial Day Parade Committee meeting; Kris Kastberg is chair of the committee. Met with Supervisor of Park and Recreation Jim Mark; he is working on a sizable grant for improvements to the park.

Trustee Gray – Contract to purchase the street lights was recently signed with National Grid for the LED Streetlight Project. Department of Public Works is now picking up bagged yard waste and that will continue through December 5th. Enforcement of cutting of brush and grass will begin as needed. This year's paving program will include Seeley Street, North Toll and Sunnyside Road.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated April 10, 2019 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$168,548.15 charged to the following funds:

A-General Fund	\$ 147,681.79
F-Water Fund	\$ 6,046.50
G-Sewer Fund	\$ 14,819.86

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 Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2019

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the February 13, 2019 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 13, 2019

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the March 13, 2019 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 18, 2019

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the March 18, 2019 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 26, 2019

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the March 26, 2019 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD APRIL 2, 2019

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the April 2, 2019 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

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Abstentions: None

NEW BUSINESS

CAPITAL COUNSELING EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) CONTRACT MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Tiberio to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of the Capital Counseling EAP Plan effective July 1, 2019 as per the proposed agreement dated April 8, 2019.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

The Board of Trustees will begin casual attire at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to adjourn the meeting at 7:51p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees