

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

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

DISCUSSION OF GRANTS

Bob Murray and Chris Round from the Chazen Companies present at meeting. The Village was awarded two Consolidated Funding Applications (CFA) grants applied for by Chazen on behalf of the Village. The first grant is from New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) in the amount of \$194,875.00 for the Collins Park Upgrades Project. The second grant, also from OPRHP, in the amount of \$204,700 for the Hudson Mohawk Schonowee Trail Project. Mr. Murray reviewed the process of these grants with the board and will schedule a meeting with the Clerk Treasurer once additional information from the agencies is received.

Mr. Round described the application process for Governor Cuomo's Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) program. The program annually awards 10 downtowns with \$10 million dollar grants to be used for downtown revitalization. The City of Schenectady was recently awarded this grant which will be used to link anchor attractions to create a cohesive, dynamic downtown that connects the city core to waterfront amenities. The board discussed submitting an application for the Village of Scotia in 2021.

DISCUSSION OF REFERENDUM SERVICES

Sean Foran of Hueber-Breuer Construction Co, Inc. present at meeting. Mr. Foran provided the board with an overview of the referendum services proposed for the Municipal Building Project which includes:

- Develop Project Budget
- Establish a Critical Path
- Recommend additional consultants for Bond and Legal
- Assist in Design Development thru the Schematic Stage including floor plans, elevations and site layout concepts
- Develop presentations for the Fire Department and the Community to update them on the project's Feasibility Study, current objectives and upcoming vote.
- Develop and present three (3) Community Forums to support the project's proposed action plan.
- Develop all mailers and flyers to support the referendum effort.
- Develop and manage complete database with analysis.
- Provide on-site support services on Vote Day.

The Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to approve the agreement for the referendum services at the regular board meeting to be held January 8th.

DISCUSSION OF POLICE HIRES

Chief Harrigan recommended to the board to hire two police officers; Michael Fennelly and Jeremy Ecker at the regular board meeting; the board unanimously agreed.

DISCUSSION OF VACANT PROPERTY LAW

The Mayor provided the board with a copy of the proposed local law relating to Vacant Building Registry and Maintenance. The purpose and intent of the Village is to establish a process and address abandoned and vacant buildings, foreclosed properties and properties in foreclosure located within the Village. Such properties are unsightly and unsafe and can have a negative impact on their surroundings and neighborhoods and can have a negative impact on property values and tax base. The purpose of this legislation is to establish requirements for the identification, registration, inspection, maintenance and securing of such buildings and properties. The local law will be introduced at the January board meeting with a public hearing to be held in February.

January 7, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Tiberio to adjourn the meeting at 6:30p.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