

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

PRESENT: Trustee Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

PRESENT REMOTELY: Trustee Gray, Trustee Rizzo and Trustee Tiberio

**LOCAL LAW 2020-C 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 7:17p.m.*

Peter Dillenbeck of 805 Cambridge Manor Drive

“I guess I am just trying to understand what the use for the increase is, if there is any potential alternatives maybe other programs or services that could be cut or mitigated to kind of compensate for that. That’s my question.”

Mayor Gifford: We will address that pretty much I think in the presentation.

Jeff Silvernail of 111 No. Toll Street

“I want to say we have been here 11 years in Scotia—we love the Village; we love the people here. I realize the Board and the Mayor are between a rock and a hard place, but I want to raise my concerns that we already have high taxes community—not just the village tax but all the taxes, that is just part of it and they are getting higher and my concern is that it causes the property values to stagnate resulting in more absentee landlords and general decline in our housing stock so what I’m asking for is probably not something you can probably deal with tonight, but what I would encourage the Board of Trustees to do is look beyond just plugging budget holes and consider real consolidation with Glenville, I’m not talking about jamming departments into one building, multiple departments into one building, I’m talking about one government, one municipality so that we don’t have duplication and for the special things we like, like garbage pickup we like our fire department, whatever things we like, I think within the state law it is possible to establish special taxing districts so the residents in those districts can have those special services. So, I know we are in a box, but my advice is to find a way to look outside the box.”

Donna Hamel of 49 Mohawk Avenue

“Well I sent an email on this earlier. It just seems like a bad time to be doing this. People are out of work businesses have been shut down—it doesn’t seem like a time to raise taxes. I understand the problem that you have to provide services but you are raising taxes on people when they can least afford it. We’re like in this tough time where businesses have been shut down people have been knocked down due to the virus and you are going to raise taxes when people are out of work? That’s going to make people abandon house and stuff they won’t be able to afford it. My landlord has already raised my rent because of raised taxes. I think it is a bad time to raise taxes. That is all I have to say.”

Mike Torelli of 26 Sunnyside Road

“New York State sets a limit on how much tax can be increased, correct? They set a limit for a reason. Just putting it out there for public consumption.”

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*Mayor Gifford closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.*

b) Action

**MOVED** by Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, a public hearing was held, this night, April 8, 2020 on proposed Local Law 2020-C 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 2020-C.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: Trustee Tiberio

Abstentions: None

### **FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET ADOPTION**

Mayor Gifford provided an overview of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 which includes a 6.19% tax levy increase and a 4.92% tax rate increase.

The Mayor stated that he would like to describe the budget process.

“We start in the end of January and put things together; the Trustees meet with Department Heads and they tell us what they really need and what they would like and we boil it down and come up with a budget. That’s where we are today. We’ve been working hard on this for quite a while. We start off with the expenditures and revenues and the chart here shows where we are compared to last year. As you can see the things, we have to spend money on is up and the revenues are down. The “Use of Fund Balance”. The fund balance is basically the money we had left over from last year. It’s tax payer money in our bank account. They ask us not to think of it as a savings account, but in any event we will show you in another slide has been getting smaller over the years as we have been spending that, which is a little dangerous in the case you have a rainy day so we did not feel comfortable taking any more out of the fund balance than the \$150,000 we are talking about here. Last year we took \$300,000 out and it felt uncomfortable to most of us. We are proposing to balance that imbalance of revenues and expenditures with a property tax levy which comes to 6.19%. the tax rate per thousand went to 4.92%. We were trying to keep that under 5%. The cost of providing services has been a relatively even increase over the years going up. The union contracts and employees and most of what the village spends money on is employees since they are the ones doing the work for you. It hasn’t been a sharp increase, just a steady increase.

Three sources to balance budget. The miscellaneous revenues are just in general the things we get out of the taxes every year. The Pilot agreement is with a large developer where they make an agreement with the county to payment in lieu of taxes—we get that on Holyrood, Baptist, 49 Mohawk Ave.[Editor’s note – Should be 25 Mohawk, not 49 Mohawk] and they mostly stay the same. The 49 Mohawk Ave. has been increasing a little bit by agreement every year until we get to regular taxes. The fund balance I already told you about. Property taxes we all know and feel. This is the slide that is showing what has happened to the fund balance over the last ten years. We had it up above 2 million and now it is going down below 1 million so we don’t have a lot more to spend down in that and we need to keep a cushion for our own fiscal stability and also if we have to borrow money for something like I hope at some point for improving our municipal facilities and we go out for bond for that the better the fiscal status, the better the rate. Health care expenses keep going up every year by leaps and bounds and they are contractual with the employees. We have to pay that and the number keeps getting bigger.

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This is the employer retirement contribution. When we started doing the retirement system, it didn't cost anything, and now it is \$700,000 a year. This is basically something the state just tells us what the number is and we just have to pay them that. It goes into the state retirement fund.

Personnel costs are not nearly as steep as the other two increases. We have been between 1.5% and 2% raises every year, and that is also negotiated with the unions.

The Executive Budget was posted on the website. After a lot of work with the Trustees, we decided what we should put in and what we should take out. There are not a lot of things that you are allowed to take out. We couldn't see how to reduce fire, police and public works; people are needed every day. We had a number of projects we considered cutting. Every year we encourage people to fix their sidewalks; we have a fund that pays some percentage of the sidewalk repair cost when you fix yours - so we kept that up. The Flint House is a gem of the Village, so we are keeping the funding the same. The community garden—Trustee Solotruck is responsible for that and it is a wonderful place next to the Flint House that doesn't cost very much, but it is great for the Village. Vehicle cost we changed a bit, lowering that, but basically, we feel it is good to keep our vehicles in good shape so it costs less to maintain them. We are proud of our fleets.

We spend money on park guards to keep vandalism down in the park. That is something we don't have to do, but we feel that makes the park a better place to be, so we decided to keep that. Then the crossing guards. There are six places in the village where kids are walking to school and we have employees who go out there in the morning and afternoon to check to make sure the kids cross safely. That was a rather large number we considered cutting out, but we decided it wasn't worth the price to not have, and people really needed that.

We don't anticipate any change in the sewer rates; water rates we are talking about but are not due until later in the summer. But that is a separate fund that has nothing to do with this budget. We are expecting that it will change about the same as last year.

The only thing that is out that is particularly noticeable is that we did not fund the youth program in the park. We half funded it last year. We felt it was not serving enough kids to make it efficient. It may make it hard on some people this year, and for that we are sorry.

This is the pie chart of how your taxes are used each year. It is based on a home with a \$125,000 assessment and the tax rate we are looking at with the proposed budget. You can see how much of it is for people and services—basically everything except the debt and retiree health are things that everyone really needs and those items are things we can't do without. We think we have done a pretty good job with this. The major share of this is fire and police and we love them all and feel like the citizens do also. We are hoping to keep that from going much lower.

This the slide to show you what has happened with the Revenue and Expenses over the last 20 years. The revenues are pretty flat and the expenses are constantly increasing as are everybody's expenses.

a) Public Hearing

*Mayor Gifford opened the public hearing at 7:40p.m.*

Kristy Noble 204 James Street

“I was curious to find out if there was any effort to find out if the expenses in any of the departments of fire/police/admin if there is any waste going on. If things could be minimized there?”

Donna Hamel of 49 Mohawk Avenue

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“Yea, and the sidewalk question. I don’t see anything being fixed, so why are we spending money on it? There has been absolutely nothing done on Mohawk Avenue”

Mayor Gifford: That fund doesn’t affect the BID it is just the residential.

Donna Hamel: “So, I am paying for stuff that’s no benefit for me. I have to go up and down Mohawk on a power chair and its very dangerous because the sidewalk is so rough that it’s actually doing me physical harm. You ran on this and nothing has been done and its part of the budget. I say we cut that. If it’s not fixing the sidewalks, then why is it there? I voted for you for this.”

Kelly Light through Zoom Chat

“I have never seen security in the park. Aren’t the crossing guards covered in the school budget?”

Mayor Gifford: No they are not covered.

Sue Torelli of 26 Sunnyside Road

“I’d like to build on something Jeff pointed out in the previous public hearing for the tax Increase. Even after seeing the presentation that you just put up, it’s apparent that our costs just keep going up and up and our revenue is not. If we ran our house budget like that, we would be bankrupt. I think that is something we need to think about before that actually happens. It looks like we are dipping into our general fund. It looks like in 6 years if you continue to take \$150,000 out of it- it will be gone and the tax increase then will be even more. I just don’t see how we can continue this trend. Scotia is built out.

We are not going to get a larger tax base, our revenue has been stagnant, we unfortunately need to take a look at our biggest expenses which are the fire dept and police dept and come up with some way that we can share services or consolidate services. We just can’t continue down this road.

Peter Dillenbeck of 805 Cambridge Manor Drive

“Going back to the budget slide and Kelly’s point. I have never seen security in Collins Park. I run all over Scotia for the past 4 years. I see costs and increases. The Village isn’t getting any bigger and our costs are spent out. Maybe we need to find other sources other than the unions. We are in an unprecedented situation. Federal government is currently printing money which is going to make tax increases for all our essential goods and services So we will have to pay more for pretty much everything New York State is bankrupt at this time, so we don’t know what taxes the State is going to raise at this time. It is irresponsible to be raising taxes at a time when it seems like we could be making cuts or better spending. I guess that’s all I want to say.

Kelly Light through Zoom Chat

“I’m disappointed that you are not addressing the concerns and ignoring resident’s concerns, security for the park, is that something that the police do?”

Kristen Schultz through Zoom Chat

“I wonder why the police budget keeps increasing for a town this size. Wouldn’t you say the spending is disproportionate?”

Donna Hammel though Zoom Chat

“Are we still spending money on moving the fire station.?”

Mayor Gifford: Not in this budget.

Donna Hammel through ZoomChat

“They were talking in the paper about moving it to the park”

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Justin Coons of 5 James Street

“I just want to add on the police and fire. One of the things that makes the Village a unique place to live is that it is safe and well protected. Part of that expense is, and I just want to make note in the public record, is that we are paying for advanced life support when we need it. If we were to consider consolidating services outside of the Village of Scotia, we would lose that very essential service and we would have to rely on private ambulance contractor that we as residents pay for in our ambulance bills. Not to mention, that we end up losing critical time and there are moments when that is needed. I know myself, personally. That is one of the reasons I have chosen to live in the Village knowing that my family is safe, my family is protected. Also, the fact that we can rely on a police department that is very much connected and engaged with the community. Police officers that our children know and can see in school and in fact they do see them in the park. Also, park security that is present, especially in the busy summer months. As someone who has lived off the park for the past 10 years, I will say that if we don't have even the modest expense of park guards the increase in expenses from vandalism is something that will still come out of the executive budget. So one of the things we are obviously challenged with as a Village is staying within what we can maintain and what we can afford but at the same time valuing and really looking and asking ourselves what these specific services that do take up a considerable amount of resources and what they mean in the quality of life in the village.”

Mike Torelli through Zoom Chat

“I also forgot to mention that the one thing you cut is really one of the only services for families. A lot of people who have children home in the summer depend on that.

Michael Barbieri of 214 Alexander Avenue

“My complaint is you have the \$200-\$300 amount for the firehouse, the school budget is going to be another 4% you guys want 6% with no attempt whatsoever to cut any cost. If you are a private sector business when there is an issue, you have to look at cutting serious costs. The obvious glowing thing you guys have got is the fire house. The Town of Rotterdam has a volunteer fire department our Glenville Town has a volunteer fire department, Guilderland has a volunteer fire department, Latham has a volunteer fire department, we have an obvious million dollar payroll we can cut for the 4 and half to 5 calls a day that we are getting—you have to take a serious look at why everybody else in surrounding towns can go with a volunteer fire department and we can't. What's the issue with that? That's my question. With all the other expensed that we've got going with the school and the firehouse. I mean you've got to cut it off someplace and that's the obvious glowing spot if you ask me. You have to take a hard look at it since everybody else does it. It would be the industry standard if we were in a private industry. The industry standard is volunteer fire departments in this area.”

Mayor Gifford: Thank you Michael. As most people know I am a volunteer fireman here in the village so we do have volunteers. I went to 727 calls last year. That is not all of half the calls we had and it is not something volunteers can do. You have to hire people.

Michael Barbieri “Yah, well they do it in Rotterdam and they do it in Guilderland and Glenville guys do it. Everyone else seems to get away with doing it. All through the capital district and we for some reason can't do it. Why? Do we have high bad health in this village? I mean those guys are only doing 5 calls a day”

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*Mayor Gifford closed the public hearing at 7:55p.m.*

b) Action

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

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has met to prepare the Tentative Budget on March 10, 11, 23, 30, 2020 for Fiscal Year 2020/2021, and

Whereas, a public hearing has been conducted this evening, April 8<sup>th</sup>, as required by law, Now Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Tentative Budget dated March 20, 2020, as amended on March 30, 2020, is hereby adopted as the Budget of the Village of Scotia for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: Trustee Tiberio

Abstentions: None

### **PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

*Mayor Gifford opened the privilege of the floor at 7:56p.m.*

No one wished to speak.

*Mayor Gifford closed the privilege of the floor at 7:57p.m.*

### **MVP HEALTH INSUANCE PLAN**

**MOVED** by Trustee Tiberio, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of the MVP Health Plan for health insurance effective June 1, 2020.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

### **METLIFE DENTAL INSURANCE PLAN**

**MOVED** by Trustee Gifford, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of the MetLife Dental Plan effective June 1, 2020 for the administration of the Village's dental insurance program.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSAL BY THE CHAZEN COMPANIES TO PROVIDE GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE MOHAWK SCHONOWEE TRAIL GRANT AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTACT WITH THE CHAZEN COMPANIES FOR THESE SERVICES**

**MOVED** by Trustee Tiberio, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, the Village of Scotia has been awarded a grant through the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for development of the Mohawk Schonowee Trail; and

Whereas, the implementation of this grant requires technical assistance from community development professionals with the expertise and experience in administering and implementing grant programs and meeting funding agency requirements; and

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Whereas, the Village of Scotia has previously issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) from firms which provide community development technical assistance and program implementation services, and

Whereas, the Village has previously evaluated consultant qualifications and retained The Chazen Companies as the preferred consultant to provide such services; and

Whereas, the Village, following the grant award for the Mohawk Schonowee Trail Project, has received a proposal from The Chazen Companies to provide grant administration services for this recent grant award and recreational project; and

Whereas, the Village has reviewed and evaluated this proposal; and

Whereas, the Village has determined that the proposal by The Chazen Companies addresses the Village's need for technical assistance in the administration of this grant and that the proposal is advantageous to and would serve the Village's interests; now therefore

Be it Resolved, the Village Board accepts the proposal and authorizes the Mayor to enter into a professional service agreement with The Chazen Companies for the Mohawk Schonowee Trail Project in an amount not to exceed \$11,700.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSAL BY THE CHAZEN COMPANIES TO PROVIDE GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE COLLINS PARK REDEVELOPMENT GRANT AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTACT WITH THE CHAZEN COMPANIES FOR THESE SERVICES**

**MOVED** by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, the Village of Scotia has been awarded a grant through the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for recreational improvements in Collins Park; and

Whereas, the implementation of this grant requires technical assistance from community development professionals with the expertise and experience in administering and implementing grant programs and meeting funding agency requirements; and

Whereas, the Village of Scotia has previously issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) from firms which provide community development technical assistance and program implementation services, and

Whereas, the Village has previously evaluated consultant qualifications and retained The Chazen Companies as the preferred consultant to provide such services; and

Whereas, the Village, following the grant award for the Collins Park Redevelopment Project, has received a proposal from The Chazen Companies to provide grant administration services for this recent grant award and recreational project; and

Whereas, the Village has reviewed and evaluated this proposal; and

Whereas, the Village has determined that the proposal by The Chazen Companies addresses the Village's need for technical assistance in the administration of this grant and that the proposal is advantageous to and would serve the Village's interests; now therefore

Be it Resolved, the Village Board accepts the proposal and authorizes the Mayor to enter into a professional service agreement with The Chazen Companies for the Collins Park Redevelopment Project in an amount not to exceed \$17,070.

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

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Noes: None

Abstentions: None

### **SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Tiberio, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, Collins Lake continues to need treatment services, and

Whereas, the Parks Superintendent has researched options and recommends treatment by Solitude Lake Management, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement dated April 2, 2020 with Solitude Lake Management for Collins Lake Treatment in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

### **SACANDAGA SCHOOL SIDEWALK INSTALLATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

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

Whereas, the Town of Glenville, as lead agency has applied for a grant for the survey and design work regarding sidewalk installation for various schools including Sacandaga School, and

Whereas, the grant will cover half the cost of the work, and the involved entities will cover half the cost of the work as appropriate per site, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Glenville, Scotia-Glenville School District, Town of Clifton Park, Niskayuna Central School District, and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central School District to establish each party's cost share and approves the Village's cost share in an amount of \$7,667 for work associated with Sacandaga School.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

### **VILLAGE OF SCOTIA MS4 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY March 2019- March 2020**

Mayor Gifford read the following 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. Yard waste and loose leaf pickup programs were posted on the electronic sign in Collins Park, on the Village website, the mass email list of 955 residents and advertised in The Gazette.
4. The Village handed out stormwater brochures at the Fire Department Open House on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Approximately 100 people attended the event.

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### **MCM#2 Public Involvement / Participation**

1. Schenectady County Water Quality Committee Meetings – the Village is represented at all 10 meetings each year.
2. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for the Canal Clean Sweep, the Water Ski Team cleaned up along the riverbank.
3. Including the fourth of July fireworks cleanup - The Collins Park & Freedom Park Cleanup programs resulted in the collection of approximately 100 bags of garbage.
4. The MS4 Annual Report is posted on the Village website and available at the Clerk's office for review and comment.
5. 24,000 pet waste bags were utilized.

### **MCM#3 Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination (IDDE)**

1. All 25 storm sewer outfalls are mapped within the Village. Ten (10) were inspected on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019
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.
2. During the past year:
  - a. Village streets were swept two times each for a total of 104 miles cleaned and approximately 2 acres of parking lots were swept.
  - b. 25 Catch basins were inspected and cleaned as necessary (approximately 6% 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

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD**

Municipal Facility Project has been placed on hold; Village continuing to work on project.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Gray** – Encouraged Village residents to sign up for emails through website to stay informed regarding current events. DPW report; yard waste pickup began April 7<sup>th</sup> and will continue through December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Town of Glenville report: Has had several discussions with Supervisor Koetzle regarding various projects; hope that the Village and Town of Glenville can engage in positive projects for both municipalities.

**Trustee Tiberio** – No Planning Board meeting held. Hopes that in the future the Village Board will take a look at easing the tax burden on the residents. Thanked everyone for participating in the meeting.

**Trustee Rizzo** – Car Show and Memorial Day Parade Committee meeting have been put on hold. Schenectady County DPW garage has been delivering food to those residents that are not able to get out. Thanked the residents for participating in the meeting. Since the Village is built out; board needs to continue to work on revenue in order to reduce the tax burden.

**Trustee Solotruck** – Thanked Trustee Tiberio for his service to the board and congratulated him on the contact for the sale of his home. Acknowledged the residents concerns regarding the budget. Board will continue to work within the current constraints to continue the valuable services to the residents. Although certain portions of the park, such as the Kiddie Park are closed off, encouraged residents to get out and enjoy the park while maintaining social distancing.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, 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

## **BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Tiberio to approve the Budget Adjustments for the month of March.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

## **AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated April 8, 2020 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$24,454.92 charged to the following funds:

A-General Fund \$19,706.56

F-Water Fund \$ 2,891.35

G-Sewer Fund \$ 1,857.01

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

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 10, 2020**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the March 10, 2020 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Gray

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 11, 2020**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the March 11, 2020 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Gray and Trustee Tiberio

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 30, 2020**

**MOVED** by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the March 30, 2020 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Rizzo thanked all the Department Heads for their work on the budget.

Trustee Solotruck stated that the Village will continue to accept applications to keep the Community Garden open; will maintain 6 feet of distancing and number of people less than 10 at one time. Important to keep Community Garden going, especially during this time, while continuing to follow the social distancing guidelines.

Trustee Gray thanked all the residents for attending the meeting; encouraged all to stay safe during this difficult time.

**AGREEMENT FOR FIRE STATION FLOOR INSPECTION**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize the Mayor to sign agreement with Craig A. Maloney, P.E., Structural Engineering Consultant for Fire Station Floor Inspection in an amount not to exceed \$1,740.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to adjourn the meeting at 8:16p.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