

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

PRESENT: Mayor Gifford, Trustee Solotruck and Trustee Cook

PRESENT REMOTELY: Trustee Gray & Trustee Rizzo

**HOME RULE REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO ALIENATE A PORTION OF PARKLAND IN
EXCHANGE FOR ADDITION OF NEW PARKLAND**

Introduced by: Trustee Gray

Seconded by: Trustee Rizzo

WHEREAS, the Village of Scotia has long been in dire need of a new fire safety facility as the current firehouse dates back to 1908 and is no longer appropriate and cannot be effectively renovated to meet the standards of a critical facility, and

WHEREAS, the Village being 2.2 square miles, densely populated and built out, had few site options to consider for a fire safety facility, and

WHEREAS, after a review of potential sites by a committee of Village residents, fire professionals and fire facility construction professionals, and after thorough deliberation and consideration by the Board of Trustees, it finds that a grass parcel of approximately .70 acres in the southwest corner of Collins Park, which park is 53.55 acres in total, is the best and only viable location for a new fire safety facility, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has identified another village owned parcel of approximately 1.02 acres that is at the nexus of a soon to be improved intermunicipal trail system which will be dedicated as parkland in exchange, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees requests that New York State Legislation adopt legislation authorizing the exchange of a portion of Collins Park for use as a fire safety facility for a larger parcel to be added to the Village park system to enhance our new trail network connecting Collins Park to the world., and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute any such agreement, document, or papers, approved as to form by the Village Attorney, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this Resolution, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of the Resolution and all supporting documentation the New York State Senate and Assembly Home Rule offices, Assemblywoman Walsh, Senator Tedisco.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

May 20, 2020

DISCUSSION OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PROJECT PUBLIC FORUMS PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The Board of Trustees discussed ways to keep the public informed with accurate information as the Municipal Facilities Project continues to move forward; the board proposed public sessions the first and third Wednesday of each month with a forum of questions being answered that are submitted prior to the session. The board will continue to discuss the details, such as access and the best way to submit questions. The Board proposed the first forum to be held Wednesday, June 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SLUDGE SAMPLE PROPOSAL

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Precision Industrial Maintenance, Inc. for collection and testing of sludge at the old Scotia Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$995.00.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

The Mayor stated that residents have had questions regarding the soil testing being done at the corner of Route 5 and Collins Street. The owner of the property is working with Shell Oil and the Environmental Protection Agency to provide mitigation of the soil in that area. The process is to pump oxygen into the soil in order for the soil to dry out; Shell Oil is paying for the testing.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mayor Gifford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to adjourn the meeting at 7:25p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees