

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

PRESENT: Mayor Gifford

PRESENT REMOTELY: Trustee Gray, Trustee Rizzo, Trustee Tiberio & Trustee Solotruck

DISCUSSION OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PROJECT

The Board of Trustees discussed moving forward with the Municipal Facilities Project.

Trustee Gray: Need to be sure to keep residents informed since they have several questions regarding the project; concerned with parkland alienation – need to be sure the Village has approval.

Trustee Tiberio: Continue educating the public with the intention of holding a referendum vote on August 11th; the residents should have input on such a large project.

Trustee Rizzo: Continue with public education; be sure we have parkland alienation approved before moving ahead.

Trustee Solotruck: Uncertainty of COVID-19 does not take away the need to provide safe facilities. Continue to move forward month by month with the advice of Heuber Breuer.

Sean Foran of Heuber Breuer stated that the tax implications of the project would not impact the taxpayers for approximately 2 years. Due to the COVID-19, the bond rates will be very strong. Recommends that the Board of Trustees determines a plan to move forward and continues with that plan.

DISCUSSION OF INCREASE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

Trustee Rizzo provided the Board of Trustees with property maintenance requirements from the Town of Niskayuna; would like to increase the code compliance and requirements in the Village. Board of Trustees will review.

DISCUSSION OF FEE SCHEDULE

Trustee Rizzo suggested a review of the current fee schedule; will review with the Mayor and provide the board with any recommendations for amendments.

DISCUSSION OF IMPOUND LOT

The board discussed the possibility of the Village having its own impound lot. Chief Harrigan stated that the current storage rate is approximately \$60 per day. Superintendent Kohout stated that the pump house on Vley Road would be a good location since the area is currently fenced in. Chief Harrigan will review the costs associated and provide a financial analysis to the board.

DISCUSSION OF VACANT PROPERTIES

The Board of Trustees had adopted a local law regarding a Vacant Property Registry; the details of the implementation are being worked on.

DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC MURAL

The board discussed public murals being placed on private businesses in the Village; the Mayor will work with Attorney Marola regarding this issue.

REPORT REGARDING FIRE DEPARTMENT FLOOR SHORING

Mayor Gifford stated that he does not have the final report yet.

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REPORT REGARDING RECENT FIRES AND POSSIBLE CODE ISSUES

Chief Almy stated that the Village needs to continue to educate property owners on the importance of smoke detectors. Chief Almy thanked his department, the Police Department and all the mutual aid departments for their efforts.

REPORT ON STREET LIGHT PROJECT

Superintendent Kohout stated that National Grid has submitted new buyback pricing which is lower than the previous estimate which is being forwarded to the Public Service Commission for approval. Superintendent Kohout anticipates a reduction in project cost due to the reduce buyback price and lower finance rates; hoping for an installation in the fall.

REPORT ON POLICE STAFFING & ENFORCEMENT

Chief Harrigan stated that the department has operating with a two-person minimum staffing to minimize exposure; traffic stops and enforcements will be resuming.

REPORT ON DPW STAFFING

Superintendent Kohout stated that summer hours will begin Monday with staggered start times for employees to minimize interaction. Yard waste is continuing to be picked up. Will be preparing Glen Avenue for paving in early June.

DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS LOANS

The Board of Trustees has allocated \$20,000 from the Economic Development Fund for village wide businesses to loan. The maximum amount of each loan is \$5,000 and will be distributed based on a first come first serve basis and based on financial viability. Applications will be reviewed by an outside consultant with recommendations to the board.

DISCUSSION OF MEETING ROOM VIDEO OPTIONS

The Mayor is in the process of getting proposals for audio visual system for the upstairs meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray to adjourn the meeting at 7:43p.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