

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

PRESENT: Trustee Cook, Trustee Rizzo, Trustee Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

PRESENT REMOTELY: Trustee Gray

PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Gifford opened the privilege of the floor at 7:01p.m.

Michael Barbieri of 214 Alexander Avenue; concerned with the undermining of the sidewalk from the National Grid road repairs.

Mayor Gifford closed the privilege of the floor at 7:05p.m.

LOCAL LAW 2020-E RELATING TO OUTDOOR BURNING

a) Public Hearing

Mayor Gifford opened the public hearing at 7:06p.m.

Mary Youngs of 214 Alexander Avenue; concerned that residents to not adhere to current regulations, should not expand regulations until residents follow what is currently in place.

Mayor Gifford closed the public hearing at 7:10p.m.

b) Action

MOVED by Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, a public hearing was held, this night, September 9, 2020 on Proposed Local Law 2020-E relating to Outdoor Burning, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees adopts Proposed Local Law 2020-E.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

PAYMENT #2 TO CFI CONTRACTING, INC.

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, execution of the Village of Scotia Wastewater Pump Station Project Contract #3 – General Construction has begun, and

Whereas, a request for Payment #2 has been received from CFI Contracting, Inc., and

Whereas, the Prime AE has reviewed the request and approved it, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approved Payment #2 to CFI Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$37,980.05 for the Wastewater Pump Station Project Contract #3 – General Construction.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

FIRE HOSE SURPLUS

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that

Whereas, the Fire Department has identified the following fire hoses as no longer needed and surplus:

4 – 5 inch supply hose

1 – 2 ½ inch attach hose

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2 – 1 ¾ inch attach hose

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees declare fire hoses as outlined in a letter from the Fire Chief dated August 17, 2020 as no longer needed and surplus and further authorizes the Fire Chief or his designee to sell or dispose of the items in a manner permitted by law.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY THE CHAZEN COMPANIES TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MOHAWK SCHONOWEE TRAIL

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that

Whereas the Village of Scotia has been awarded a federal grant from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) to be administered through the NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for improvements to the Mohawk Schonowee Trail; and

Whereas pursuant to the grant award procurement requirements, the Village issued a Request for Qualification (RFQ) from landscape architectural/engineering firms proposing to provide professional services to advance the project through construction; and

Whereas such services include survey, design development drawings, cost estimating, construction documents, permitting, public meetings, bid phase services, and assistance in contractor selection, construction phase services, and compliance with MWBE utilization and reporting and;

Whereas the Village has considered the responses to the RFQ and the submissions of qualified firms, with the intent to select the firm that would best serve the Village's interest; and

Whereas the Village has determined that the proposal by The Chazen Companies is advantageous to and best serves the Village's interests for the development and improvement of its recreational facilities; and

Now therefore; 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 improvements.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

RESOLUTION SEEKING SEQR LEAD AGENCY STATUS FOR SEQR COORDINATED REVIEW FOR THE HUDSON MOHAWK SCHONOWEE TRAIL PROJECT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, the Village of Scotia Board of Trustees ("Village Board") receiving funding from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) under the Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$204,740 to be used by the Village for rehabilitating a portion of the Mohawk Hudson Hike Bike Trail, installing a new riverwalk and

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trailhead, renovating the Burr Bridge Abutment Overlook, making parking lot improvements at Quinlan Park, and establishing a new neighborhood recreation loop; and

Whereas, the project requires that the Village Board meet applicable requirements for the project under State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR); and

Whereas, this resolution will initiate the SEQRA process for the Action contemplated by the Village Board as set forth in detail below; and

Whereas, the Village Board has undertaken an initial review of the Action as required by 6 NYCRR §617.6 of the SEQRA; and

Whereas, the Village Board has reviewed the SEQRA list of Type I actions has determined that the project is a Type I action, as identified in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4; and

Whereas, the Village Board desires to act as Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the SEQR review;

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Village Board hereby makes a preliminary classification of the Action as an “Type I Action” as such term is defined in 6 NYCRR §617.2; and it is

Further Resolved, that the Village Board hereby declares its intention to be Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the SEQR review of the Action; and it is

Further Resolved, that the Village Board authorizes and directs the prompt transmission of a Lead Agency Intent Notice and Full EAF for the purpose of conducting a coordinated SEQR review with respect to the Action and notifying such involved and interested agencies that a lead agency must be agreed upon within 30 calendar days of the date the Full EAF is transmitted to them; and it is

Further Resolved, that the Mayor of the Village of Scotia is authorized to execute such documents and take such lawful actions as either such officer may deem convenient, necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the foregoing resolutions.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

SCOTIA PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

MOVED by Trustee Gray to table, seconded by Trustee Rizzo

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Trustee Rizzo

Noes: Trustee Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with the Scotia Professional Firefighters Association for a period of 6/1/2019 – 5/31/2024.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: Trustee Gray

Abstentions: Trustee Rizzo

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RESOLUTION PROVIDING SECTION 384-e (ADDITIONAL 1/60THS BENEFIT FOR FIREFIGHTERS COVERED BY SECTION 384-D) UNLIMITED OPEN PERIOD

MOVED by Trustee Gray to table, seconded by Trustee Rizzo

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Trustee Rizzo

Noes: Trustee Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scotia does hereby elect to provide the pension benefit of Section 384-e of the Retirement and Social Security Law for any member of its Fire Department who duly elects Section 384-d of the Retirement and Social Security Law, as presently or hereafter amended.

Be it Further Resolved that the effective date of such shall be the 12th day of August 2020.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: Trustee Gray

Abstentions: Trustee Rizzo

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Splash pad has been busy. Community Garden going well. Library renovations are progressing nicely. A story wall has been placed on the path from the library toward the kiddie park.

Thanked the Fire Department for all their efforts with the fire on Washington Avenue. Village Historian has broom corn growing at the Flint House Property.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Solotruck – Community Garden was very successful. Feeling for all parents with kids returning to school; thanked the School Board as being as involved and detailed as possible during this difficult time.

Trustee Rizzo – Thanked the Fire Department and Officer Peck for a job well done at the recent house fire. Attended Holiday on the Avenue meeting; considering a holiday parade throughout the Village.

Trustee Gray – Commended Officer Peck and the Fire Department for a well-done job with house fire. Met with Chief Harrigan; continuing to work with the County to get some traffic cameras in the Village. Working on writing 3 grants; Received a Police Traffic Safety grant geared for traffic safety initiatives for approximately \$5,400. Discussed the police budget. Thanked Chief Harrigan for all his hard work including the police performance evaluations.

Trustee Cook – Thanked Officer Peck, Chief Almy and entire Fire Department for all their efforts and retrieving belongings at the recent house fire. BID meeting will be held in September. Thanked Superintendent Kohout and his department for all their work and in keeping the wastewater treatment plant project moving forward. DPW distributed bottles to certain residents to collect samples for water testing.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve the Budget Adjustments for the month of August.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated September 9, 2020 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$104,712.58 charged to the following funds:

A-General Fund \$ 48,398.02

F-Water Fund \$ 7,729.78

G-Sewer Fund \$ 48,584.78

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 Cook, Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 12, 2020

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the August 12, 2020 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 17, 2020

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the August 17, 2020 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the September 1, 2020 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.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