

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

PRESENT: Trustee Cook, Trustee Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

PRESENT REMOTELY: Trustee Gray, Trustee Rizzo

Chief Almy presented Chief Harrigan with a 100 Year Anniversary Plaque.

Mayor Gifford stated that Carl Yonach has resigned from the Planning Board and Dinemeyer Silva has resigned from the Zoning Board. The Mayor thanked both residents for their service to the Village.

PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Gifford opened the privilege of the floor at 7:08p.m.

The following residents stated concern over the water resources available regarding the recent fire on Washington Avenue; asked that the issue of the water line ending prior to Quinlan Park be addressed in the near future.

Sue Greene; 25 Washington Avenue

Linda Gibbons; 33 Washington Avenue

Jimmy Gibbons; 33 Washington Avenue

Tim Keegan; 72 Washington Avenue

Elizabeth Stevens; 14 Schonowee Avenue

David Rosenber; 35 Washington Avenue

Celine Logan; 41 Washington Avenue

Laura Brown; 37 Washington Avenue

Matt Brown; 37 Washington Avenue

Peggy Brunez; 31 Washington Avenue

Tamara D'Antoni; 29 Washington Avenue

Chief Almy stated that he was in command the night of the fire and provided an overview of the technical aspects of fighting such a fire. The Village does have a contingency plan for additional water if needed. The Chief invited the residents to attend a meeting at the fire house to discuss the issue further if needed.

Mayor Gifford stated that the approximate cost to loop the water line from Washington Avenue to Sunnyside Road would be \$300,000.

Kevin Deptola of 502 Sanders Avenue; concerned with how often the area he lives in loses power. Asked if the Village could contact National Grid to see if there is an issue with the power grid.

Lynn Trudell of 221 Glen Avenue; Suggested that the Village of Scotia have more of a presence on social media to provide residents with accurate information; suggested a press release officer for the Village. Would like an update on the Municipal Facilities Project.

Mayor Gifford closed the privilege of the floor at 8:00p.m.

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A RESOLUTION AMENDING CERTAIN TERMS OF A BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 14, 2017 AND RELATING TO THE UNDERTAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM OF THE VILLAGE OF SCOTIA, SCHENECTADY COUNTY, NEW YORK

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2017 the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scotia, Schenectady County, New York (hereinafter called the "Village") adopted a bond resolution entitled:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SCOTIA, SCHENECTADY COUNTY, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,700,000 SERIAL BONDS TO FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM INCLUDING THE RECONSTRUCTION; IMPROVEMENT; AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY OR APPARATUS OF THE VILLAGE WASTEWATER PUMP STATION.

(the "Bond Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, on the date the Board of Trustees adopted the Bond Resolution, the maximum estimated cost of the undertaking of the capital project described in the Bond Resolution was estimated at an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees subsequently received additional information that the maximum estimated cost of the Project had increased; and

WHEREAS, since the date of the adoption of the Bond Resolution, the Board of Trustees has received additional information and revised cost estimates which indicate that the description of the capital project contained in the Bond Resolution should be modified and the maximum estimated cost of the Project should be increased to an amount not to exceed \$2,450,000; and

WHEREAS, Section 32.00 of the New York Local Finance Law requires, among other things, that any bond resolution adopted by the finance board of a municipality contain a statement of the maximum estimated cost of the object or purpose for which obligations are being authorized and the plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to amend the Bond Resolution for the purpose of (a) increasing the maximum estimated cost of the Project, (b) revising the plan of financing the cost of the Project, and (c) increasing the maximum amount of obligations that may be issued by the Village to finance the cost of the capital project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of the Board), as follows:

SECTION 1. The Bond Resolution is hereby amended as follows:

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(A) Section 1 of the Bond Resolution is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The improvements to the Village Wastewater System, including the reconstruction; improvement; and replacement equipment, machinery or apparatus of the Village Wastewater Pump Station, are hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$2,450,000.

(B) Section 2 of the Bond Resolution is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is \$2,450,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of the issuance of not to exceed \$2,450,000 serial bonds of the Village (the "Bonds") authorized to be issued pursuant to the Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Bond Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees, as amended by this supplemental bond resolution, shall otherwise remain in full force and effect in accordance with its terms, and is hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 3. The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

(1) (a) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) The provisions of law which should have been complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or

(2) Said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New York.

SECTION 4. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, in a newspaper, or newspapers having a general circulation in the Village and hereby designated as the official newspaper(s) of the Village for such publication.

SECTION 5. This resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Section 36.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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AGREEMENT WITH EMPIRE ENGINEERING, PLLC FOR COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, the Village issued a request for proposals for professional services associated with the Community Water System Emergency Response Plan, and

Whereas, the Superintendent of Public Works, after review, recommends the proposal of Empire Engineering, PLLC be accepted, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees accepts the proposal from Empire Engineering, PLLC dated October 6, 2020 for professional services associated with the Community Water System Emergency Response Plan in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 and authorizes the Mayor to sign the same.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER CANCER COVERAGE RENEWAL WITH VFIS

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to authorize the Mayor to sign the January 1, 2021 renewal agreement with VFIS for Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Coverage.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

COUNTY WASTE & RECYCLING AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize the Mayor to sign a Customer Service Agreement with County Waste and Recycling effective 10/1/2020 for a dumpster.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

The Mayor announced that Halloween will be celebrated on Saturday, October 31st from 4:00p.m. – 8:00p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Scotia Fire Department will not be handing out cider and donuts this year.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Attended Municipal Facilities Committee meeting; started the process with 26 potential sites and have now been reduced to two sites. An architect firm is reviewing the one site; once those results are back, public meetings will be held. Thanked all departments for their response during the recent storm.

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CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Rizzo – Attended Holiday on the Avenue meeting; a parade will be held throughout the Village. Thanked all departments for getting the Village back into shape after the storm; residents were very appreciative as well.

Trustee Gray – DPW installed a walk-up window at the Clerk's office; thanked Superintendent Kohout for improving public access Water and sewer bills were mailed out; payment can be made through online portal, by mail, drop box at Village Hall or in person. One customer is allowed at Clerk's Office at a time; no appointment needed. Thanked all departments for all their efforts during the recent storm. Met with Police Chief; still moving forward with grant work and traffic safety initiatives. Town of Glenville working on new website to benefit businesses in Glenville and Scotia; suggested that the Village institute something similar on our website.

Trustee Cook – Commended Department of Public Works for doing a great job with hydrant flushing, yard waste and storm clean up. Hydrant flushing is continuing from 7-3:30; specifics posted on website; loose leaf pickup will start after hydrant flushing. Thanked Andrew for working with the costs from National Grid for the paving of Alexander Avenue. Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held October 26th via Zoom; information will be posted on Village website. BID will host in person meeting at Turf Tavern on October 20th at 8:00a.m.; all social distancing guidelines will be followed. Commended all Scotia Glenville business for hanging on during the pandemic; Scotia Cinema only business that has not been able to open up; can purchase curbside popcorn to help support cinema during this time.

Trustee Solotruck – Thanked all departments for their quick response to the storm. Attended Municipal Facilities Committee meeting. Attended Planning Board meeting; discussed development on corner of Rt. 50 and Rt. 5 and communications installations. Solar project on Washington Avenue and Schonowee with recent outreach to residents on how to sign up. Look forward to hearing more from the Special Events Committee on Holiday on the Avenue; appreciate that the event will continue with given guidelines.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray to approve the Budget Adjustments for the month of September.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated October 14, 2020 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$52,988.28 charged to the following funds:

A-General Fund	\$ 36,971.67
F-Water Fund	\$ 4,928.04
G-Sewer Fund	\$ 11,088.57

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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the September 9, 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 9, 2020

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the September 9, 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 21, 2020

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the September 21, 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 OCTOBER 6, 2020

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the October 6, 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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NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Rizzo stated that the Scotia Fire Department will be having a live drill burn on Sunday, October 18th at the Saratoga County training tower from 8am-1pm; board members welcome to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.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