

Mayor Gifford called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

PRESENT: Trustee Cook, Trustee Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

PRESENT REMOTELY: Trustee Gray and Trustee Rizzo

PROGRESS REPORT ON CODE UPDATES

Trustee Gray and Trustee Rizzo have been working with the Building Inspector and Attorney Marola to update Village Code relating to property maintenance. The board will be provided drafts of the legislation for the next work session.

DISCUSSION OF THE FIRE HOUSE PROJECT AND DIRECTION

The Board of Trustees continued discussion on site selection for the proposed fire house.

PROPERTY SWAP OPTION AGREEMENT WITH STEWART'S SHOPS CORP

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, Seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, Stewart's Shops Corp. is interested in rebuilding its Mohawk Avenue store and adding gas pumps, and

Whereas to do so Stewart's desires to expand its footprint, which expansion would include the Village parking lot on No. Ten Broeck Street, and

Whereas, Stewart's has offered a land swap option with the Village for 125 James Street completed as a parking lot, and

Whereas, the Village would not longer need the parking lot on No. Ten Broeck Street because it would be receiving a completed parking lot at 125 James Street in exchange, and

Whereas, the lot sizes of the two lots are similar with 125 James Street being slightly larger, and further, the parking lot at 125 James Street will be new, the Village finds that the value of the 125 James Street lot will be at least equal in value to the No. Ten Broeck Street lot, now therefore,

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign a land swap agreement with Stewart's Shops Corp, dated November 18, 2020.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

COLLINS PARK IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SCHENECTADY COUNTY

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to authorize the Mayor to sign the Collins Park Improvements Agreement with Schenectady County.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

PANDEMIC POLICY

The Mayor provided the board with a proposed pandemic policy with the main issue being the use of sick time. The board agreed to have the policy include other issues regarding the pandemic. Mayor will continue work on policy and distribute to board.

URBAN AGRICULTURE

A petition was presented to the Board of Trustees at the November 18th meeting asking the board to consider amending the village code to allow for backyard chickens through a license or permit system in the Village of Scotia. The board would like to engage the residents involved for a discussion and education with the board.

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ASSISTANT FOR THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Mayor stated that he was approached by someone interested in working in a Building Department. The board will review the current responsibilities and duties of the Building Inspector prior to hiring additional personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to enter inter executive session to discuss a union grievance.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

The Mayor reconvened the board at 7:28p.m. with no action.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7.29p.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