

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

PRESENT: Trustee Cook, Trustee Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

PRESENT REMOTELY: Trustee Gray and Trustee Rizzo

Mayor Gifford called for a moment of silence in memory of Nelson Austin; former Trustee and longtime friend of the Village

PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Gifford opened the privilege of the floor at 7:04p.m.

No one wished to speak.

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

INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW 2021-A AUTHORIZING A POSSIBLE TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to introduce Proposed Local Law 2021-A regarding Authorization for Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in NYS General Municipal Law Section 3-C and to set the public hearing for the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, March 10, 2021 at 7:00p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

2021 STOP-DWI AGREEMENT WITH SCHENECTADY COUNTY

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to authorize the Mayor to execute the 2021 Stop-DWI Program Agreement with Schenectady County.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN FEDERAL AID LOCAL PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that

WHEREAS, a Project for the TAP – Washington Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Connection, Village of Scotia, P.I.N. 1761.84 (the Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80 % Federal funds and 20 % non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Scotia desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of Design

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of Trustees duly convened does hereby

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RESOLVE, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village of Scotia, to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Design work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$190,000.00 has been appropriated from General Fund and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Village Board of Trustees shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Scotia be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the Village of Scotia, with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately
Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH M.J. ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING, P.C. FOR THE WASHINGTON AVENUE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION PROJECT

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that
Whereas, in connection with the Federal Aid Local Project Agreement, Comptroller's Contract No. D036421, between the New York State Department of Transportation and the Village of Scotia, certain professional services are needed, now therefore
Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. for the Washington Avenue Bicycle & Pedestrian Connection Project in an amount not to exceed \$280,000.00 dated January 2021.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford
Noes: None

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Abstentions: None

**WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – CONTRACT NO. 4 ELECTRICAL
CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER**

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, the Village awarded a contract for Wastewater System Improvements – Contract No. 4,
and

Whereas, there have been certain changes necessary for the electrical work and that the cost of
such work is within the contingency budget, now therefore,

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes the change order with O’Connell Electric as
outlined in the Change Notice dated January 28, 2021, Project #82331 in an amount not to
exceed \$6,662.00 and extend the substantial completion date to March 30, 2021.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AT H2M ARCHITECTS + ENGINEERS

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, the Village desires to consider two additional sites for a New Fire Station, now
therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with H2M
Architects + Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$5000; as set forth in an agreement dated
February 3, 2021 to evaluate two additional sites; \$2,500 per site, for a new fire station.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH VILLAGE OF SCOTIA PBA
RELATED TO 12-HOUR SHIFT**

Chief Harrigan provided the board with an overview of the Memorandum of Understanding
regarding 12-hour shift with a six-month trial period. Chief Harrigan will provide the board with
a cost analysis of the proposal to be reviewed.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Working on a list of eligible seniors for vaccine; contacted County Manager, CVS and Mohawk
Ambulance, will be notified once supply is available. Stewarts project is progressing; will go
before the Planning Board in March. The conversion of streetlights to LED is in progress.
Several residents have not been removing snow from sidewalks as required; DPW will be
notifying those not in compliance.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Gray –Water and Sewer bills payable for the month of February. Water and sewer bills
can be paid by mail, dropbox, online or cash payments can be made at First National Bank of
Scotia, Mohawk Avenue, drive-thru only. Streetlights have been replaced on Halcyon Street;
thanked Superintendent Kohout for his work on improving the visibility and safety of the
Village. Wellness building going up on Route 50; will be nice addition to the Town of Glenville.

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Met with Chief Harrigan regarding several issues including the proposed 12-hour shift change. Chief Harrigan working on finalizing candidate for replacement of Deb Tooley's retirement; should have decision by end of the week. Police Reform Committee has been formed due to the executive order of the Governor; fortunate to be part of this 10-member committee to work with community to see how services can be improved; working on survey to send out to Village residents. Continuing discussions on security cameras in the Village for public safety; looking for sources of funding.

Trustee Cook – Commended Department of Public Works on keeping the village roadways safe during recent storms. Reinforced that sidewalks should be kept clear and maintained by residents to provide safe walkways especially on the routes to schools. Thanked Superintendent Kohout, Mayor and Attorney Marola for their work on the LED Streetlight Project; significant step in making village a “green village”, will reduce electricity costs while making streets brighter and safer. Reminded residents that fire hydrants need to be kept clear; hydrants serve all neighboring properties; hopes to make it a neighborhood effort. Met with Jackie, Chair of the Zoning Board; looking forward to working with her as liaison to Zoning Board; discussed transient rental properties proposed legislation, will be presented proposal to Zoning Board. Attended BID meeting; businesses owners in great spirits despite the pandemic. Several new businesses have opened in the Village. Discover Schenectady working on placing a tourism informational kiosk in the Village.

Trustee Solotruck – Attended webinar regarding capital district grants through the CDBG funding; provided guidance on Federal funding programs. Thanked Mayor for continuing to work on helping seniors get access to vaccines; important to keep our community healthy. Attended webinar by NYSEDA regarding clean energy; with LED Streetlight project and EV Chargers can apply for points as high impact action items to relieve some costs and contribute to green energy funding. Looking forward to continuing discussions regarding transient rentals and working with all departments to bring it into legislation.

Trustee Rizzo – Met with Chief Almy; firefighters have received second dose of vaccination. Thanked Superintendent Kohout for keeping the village roads clear and safe. County continuing to work on vaccine distribution; warned residents of an email scam guaranteeing a vaccine for a monetary contribution. Contact authorities and Schenectady County if anyone receives such email. Special Events Committee discussing if car show will be able to be held in June.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that the January 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 Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to approve the Budget Adjustments for the month of January.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated February 10, 2021 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$86,580.48 charged to the following funds:

A-General Fund	\$ 44,754.65
CM-Bid Fund	\$ 24,625.00
F-Water Fund	\$ 14,428.81
G-Sewer Fund	\$ 2,772.02

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 JANUARY 13, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the January 13, 2021 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 JANUARY 20, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the January 20, 2021 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 FEBRUARY 2, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the February 2, 2021 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor stated that the Fire Alarm System for the Firehouse and Village Hall is no longer working. Chief Almy received three written proposals for repairs to the system ranging from \$3,186 to \$4,875.00.

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize repairs to the fire alarm system for the Firehouse and Village Hall to the lowest bid, Taylor Tech, LLC in the amount of \$3,186.00

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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Trustee Gray distributed draft changes to Village Code regarding property maintenance; would like to discuss at next work session. Thanked Trustee Rizzo, Attorney Marola and Building Inspector Luis Aguero for their input.

Since Monday, February 15th is a holiday, next work session will be held Tuesday, February 16th at 6:00p.m.

Trustee Cook stated that the Governor Cuomo launched a New York Arts Revival Project; an arts revitalization project. The economic impact due to the loss of the arts is estimated at 120 billion dollars; the Village of Scotia contributes to this loss being home to dance studios and music studios and many musicians and employees of Proctors that are out of work. Governor Cuomo is issuing guidance on allowing “pop-up” performances in communities; Trustee Cook suggested the board have discussion on utilizing Freedom Park for such performances.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to adjourn the meeting at 8:11p.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