

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

PRESENT: Trustee Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

PRESENT REMOTELY: Trustee Cook & Trustee Gray

EXCUSED: Trustee Rizzo

PROJECT CRESCENDO

Trustee Cook presented an overview of Project Crescendo which seeks to amplify the performing arts in the Village of Scotia following a year-long shutdown. Trustee Cook proposed free outdoor rehearsal space for 501-c groups, school programs or small businesses in Schenectady County; Freedom Park would be used for socially distanced recitals, concerts or pop-up performances with appropriate applications completed and proof of insurance.

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray to waive park use application fees for Project Crescendo as outlined by Trustee Cook.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

SCOTIA STREETSCAPE

Eric Buskirk, Chair of the Planning Board, provided the board with information for strategically built temporary/permanent structures in parallel parking areas to provide downtown businesses increased outdoor seating. Buskirk stated that Mohawk Taproom would like to pilot the program by providing a structure along So. Ten Broeck Street. Buskirk suggested incorporating structures into the linkage study of Mohawk Avenue in order to streamline DOT approval. Chief Almy suggested that the program be reviewed by the Traffic Safety Committee.

POLICE REFORM INITIATIVE

Chief Harrigan provided an overview of the process in creating the Scotia Police Department Collaborative Reform Committee Plan.

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, Governor Cuomo under Executive Order No. 203, "New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative, requiring every municipality operating as a police agency to perform a comprehensive review and develop a plan to improve with the stakeholders in the community they serve, and

Whereas, the Village appointed a Police Reform Committee of the Police chief and Stakeholders of the community as required, and

Whereas, the Committee after thorough review and several meetings has developed a plan for improvement and made it available for public comment, and

Whereas, the Police Chief has presented the plans developed by the Committee to the Board of Trustees and recommends its adoption, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees adopts The Village of Scotia Police Department Collaborative Reform Committee Plan.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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PAVILION USE FOR LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Cook to waive pavilion fees for Schenectady County Library Programs.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

AMENDMENT TO LEASE WITH COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY FOR THE SCOTIA BRANCH LIBRARY

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that

Whereas, the Village of Scotia, the County of Schenectady and the Schenectady County Public Library entered into a 99-year lease agreement in 1949 for the County to use the Annie E. Collins house as a Scotia Branch Library, and

Whereas, the County desires to construct an addition to the library and increase the term of the lease 23 years to 2070, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves an amendment to the Lease Agreement between County of Schenectady, the Schenectady County Public Library and the Village of Scotia, providing for the construction of an addition to the Library and increasing the term of the lease 23 years to 2070 in a form acceptable to the Village Attorney.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

PHONE SYSTEM

Northeast IS provided a proposal to upgrade the phone system to Univerge Blue Connect, a cloud-based phone system for the Village.

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Northeast IS, LLC for Unified Communication Services as set forth in their proposal.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

COMPUTER MANAGED SERVICES CONTRACT

Tabled.

URBAN AGRICULTURE

Mayor Gifford provided the board with a Local Law from Ballston Spa to permit the raising of chickens within the Village under certain conditions. The board will continue discussions on this issue.

DUMPSTER PERMITS

Mayor Gifford provided the board with information from other municipalities regarding permits to allow dumpsters in the streets with guidelines of time period, application and permit process, fee and safety measures. The board will continue discussions on this issue.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

Trustee Cook would like to work on improving the user flow of the Village website. Trustee Cook provided a detailed overview on a proposed outline for the website and asked the board to review the Village of Glenview's website as an example.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:40p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees