

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

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

PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Gifford opened the privilege of the floor at 7:02p.m.

No one wished to speak.

Mayor Gifford closed the privilege of the floor at 7:03p.m.

INTRODUCE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 2021-D RELATING TO WATER RATES

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to introduce Proposed Local Law 2021-D regarding amended Water Rates and to set the public hearing for the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, June 9, 2021 at 7:00p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

INTRODUCE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 2021-E RELATING TO NO SMOKING IN THE PARK

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to introduce Proposed Local Law 2021-E regarding smoking and vaping in public parks and to set the public hearing for the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, June 9, 2021 at 7:00p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray to approve the Scotia Business Improvement District Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$24,625.00 as submitted to the Village in a letter from the BID.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSESSMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook to authorize the allocation and collection of the appropriate special assessments on the Scotia Business Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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WATER AND SEWER BILL RELEVY

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that
Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Clerk-Treasurer to relevy the unpaid inside village water and sewer bills, as certified by the Village Clerk-Treasurer, onto the June 2021 Village property tax bills.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

PUBLIC WORKS BILL RELEVY

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that
Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Clerk-Treasurer to relevy the unpaid Department of Public Works charges, as certified by the Village Clerk-Treasurer, onto the June 2021 Village property tax bills.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

CAPITAL COUSELING EAP CONTRACT

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of the Capital Counseling EAP Plan effective June 1, 2021.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

CFI CONTRACTING, INC – PAYMENT #8 RELATED TO WASTEWATER PUMP STATION PROJECT CONTRACT #3 – GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that
Whereas, the Village of Scotia has an agreement with CFI Contracting, Inc. for Wastewater Pump Station Project Contract #3 – General Construction, and
Whereas, a request for Payment #8 has been requested by 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 approves Payment #6 to CFI Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$413,814.90 for the Wastewater Pump Station Project Contract #3 – General Construction.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

AERIAL TOWER REPAIRS

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that
Whereas, repairs to the firetruck Aerial Tower are needed, and
Whereas, the Fire Chief has received quotes, now therefore,
Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with Vander Molen Fire Apparatus Sales & Service in an amount not to exceed \$17,818.58 for repairs to the Aerial Tower and

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Be it Further Resolved that there be a budget transfer from A.9060.8000 to A.3410.4540 for payment thereof.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, the Village Fire Department has recommended that Rachelle Meerschaert be appointed volunteer firefighter for the Village of Scotia Fire Department, now therefore,

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Rachelle Meerschaert as volunteer firefighter for the Village of Scotia Fire Department.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

CLOSURE OF SCHONOWEE AVENUE AND WASHINGTON AVENUE

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, Schenectady County Special Events in conjunction with Albany Running Exchange is scheduling a Race Event of Sunday, May 30, 2021, and

Whereas, the 5-mile portion and marathon portion of the race are proposed to be run through the Village of Scotia, and

Whereas, the Albany Running Exchange will reimburse the Village for police overtime incurred, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes the closure of Schonowee Avenue and Washington Avenue (to Sunnyside Road) on Sunday, May 30, 2021 from 8:00a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Mayor stated that the Village Office are all open to the public; masks required. Fire Chief will resume rental inspection program June 1st. Collins Lake treatment for weed prevention will be done by end of May.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Gray – Property tax bills will go out June 1st; payment can be made online, by mail, dropbox or in person. End of Fiscal Year May 31st; working on financing for end of year. Town of Glenville continuing work on Broad Street sidewalk; should be completed soon. Met with Chief Harrigan; application has been made for the Bullet Proof Vest Program which covers 50% of the cost of vests. Sergeant Bean and Officer Iwan aided a man whose life was at risk; thanked them and commended them for their service – wished the individual a speedy recovery. Completed application for a Child Seat Safety Grant. Most of police department attended a 3-Dimensional Leadership Training Program.

Trustee Cook – Spring busy time for DPW staff; continuing with street cleaning and cold patch which is critical part of road maintenance plan. Working on replacing collapsed catch basins;

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important part of storm water and runoff program. Capital District Complete Streets Workshop held in April; Village represented by DPW Superintendent; important for pedestrian friendly nature of our Village. Preparing for two paving projects; this week Alexander Ave and No Reynolds will be paved. 2021 paving project includes Vley Road and Cuthbert Street; preparation work has begun. Speed bumps have been installed in alley ways. Average of 1,031,000 gallons of water pumped each day in April and a daily average of 1,201,000 gallons of sewage pumped in March; all maintained by our Department of Public Works. Welcomed Nick Normington who will be returning as seasonal laborer; DPW continues to help at park when needed. Attended BID meeting; three new members have been appointed to the board. Superintendent Kohout attended previous BID meeting to outline the Linkage Study which is an ongoing project to review the pedestrian and traffic layout on Mohawk Avenue; next Linkage Study meeting will be held tomorrow at 10:00a.m. No Zoning Board meeting held.

Trustee Rizzo – Schenectady County is most vaccinated county in the area; vaccinations are now opening up to children. County is still hold meetings via Zoom; will be opening meetings up to the public this summer. Proctors looking to put together a schedule for the fall. Father’s Day Car Show will be held; following proper CDC guidelines.

Trustee Solotruck – Attended Planning Board meeting regarding ongoing development in the Village. No Traffic Safety meeting held. Attended NYCOM webinar on Marijuana Regulation Taxation Act(MRTA); opportunity to be financially beneficial to the Village-encouraged residents to reach out with any comments or concerns. Village Community Garden has started up; the program is restricted to Village residents – there are new residents and those that have been part of the program since the beginning.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated May 12, 2021 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$523,612.64 charged to the following funds:

A-General Fund	\$ 82,695.92
F-Water Fund	\$ 2,663.88
G-Sewer Fund	\$438,252.84

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

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD APRIL 13, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the April 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 REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the April 14, 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 APRIL 19, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the April 19, 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

Trustee Gray stated that the construction work being done at the library is being funded by a grant to the County; Village not paying the costs – work should be completed by October/November.

Trustee Rizzo stated skateboard shop opening up in the Village; suggested that the rules be provided to customers.

Trustee Cook stated that skateboarding is currently prohibited in the Village; group of individuals working on a petition to present to the board in June to amend the legislation and provide Safe Skating Policies. Two skateboard shops will be opening up in the Village.

End of Fiscal Year meeting will be held Wednesday, June 26th at 5:00p.m.

MOVED by Mayor Gifford, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to enter into executive session to discuss possible legal matter at 7:32p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Mayor Gifford reconvened the board at 7:50p.m. with no action.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:50p.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