

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

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

Mayor Gifford recognized John Jones as a Patron of the Village and thanked him for his community service.

PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

Oliver Talbot of 205 Second Street; Would like the board to change the current code and allow for skateboarding on streets and sidewalks; presented the board with a petition signed by supporters of this change.

Sheila Marino of 108 Third Street; Read the current Village code regarding skateboards; feels as long as skateboarding is done safely should be allowed. Would like to amend code to allow skateboarding and to put a skate park in the Village; presented the board with a petition signed by supporters of this change.

Mary Marino of 108 Third Street; Sheila's mom; Skateboarding should be welcomed in the Village just like fishing in Collins Lake and bike riding; when done safely, skateboarding is a healthy growth promoting activity. Encouraged the board to amend the current code.

Mayor Gifford closed the privilege of the floor at 7:10p.m.

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

a) Public Hearing

Mayor Gifford opened the public hearing at 7:14p.m.

Theresa Zubretsky; works for Capital District Tobacco Free Communities which is part of St. Peter's Health Partners. Provides support to local communities that are implementing smoke-free policies; including support in communicating the policy and customized signage for the park. Program is funded through New York State Department of Health to help municipalities with limited funding.

Trustee Cook thanked Teresa for attending to educate the board and the public.

Mayor Gifford closed the public hearing at 7:17p.m.

b) Action

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, a public hearing was held, this night, June 9, 2021 on proposed Local Law 2021-E relating to Smoking and Vaping in public parks, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees adopts Proposed Local Law 2021-E.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Trustee Solotruck thanked the parents and children for attending the meeting and participating in the community.

Trustee Cook congratulated Shiela and Oliver for taking a step and being a leader in our community and making your voice heard; commended all the parents and Mr. Geniti for their support.

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APPLICATION AND PERMIT FOR USE OF VILLAGE NON-PARKLAND PROPERTY FOR SCHENENDEHOWA ROWING

Nancy Paulsen of Schenendehowa Rowing (dba Friends of Schenendehowa Crew, Inc.) provided the board of an overview of an Application and Permit of Use of Village Non-Parkland Property. The property requested for use is the five-acre parcel between the Village of Scotia pump station, including the boat launch ramp, extending to the Serth property downriver, and including the bike path between the river and solar farm. Application made for 1 year with 3-5 events to be held per year; a map was provided to show the proposed layout for the events Attorney Marola will provide list of items that need to be resolved prior to approval of application.

Board will meet on Monday, May 14th at 6:00p.m. to continue review of application.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 2021-D RELATING TO WATER RATES

a) Public Hearing

Mayor Gifford opened the public hearing at 7:46p.m.

No one wished to speak.

Mayor Gifford closed the public hearing at 7:47p.m.

b) Action

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that

Whereas, a public hearing was held, this night, June 9, 2021 on proposed Local Law 2021-D relating to water rates, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees adopts proposed Local Law 2021-D.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

INTRODUCE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 2021-F REGARDING ENCUMBRANCES ON STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to Introduce Proposed Local Law 2021-F regarding Encumbrances on Streets and Sidewalks and to set the public hearing for the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, July 14, 2021 at 7:00p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH SCOTIA PBA REGARDING 12-HOUR SHIFT SCHEDULE

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, a 12-Hour Shift Schedule has run for a 6-month trial period, and

Whereas, the Scotia PBA is in favor of making the 12-Hour Shift Schedule permanent, and

Whereas, the proposal has been reviewed by the Village Board of Trustees and Village Labor Attorney, and

Whereas, the Police Chief recommends adopting the Memorandum of Agreement for a 12-Hour Shift schedule on a permanent basis, now therefore

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Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the Memorandum of Agreement as approved by the Village Labor Attorney and Scotia Patrolman's Benevolent Association dated June 9, 2021.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MEDICAL DIRECTOR AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize the Mayor to sign the June 1st annual renewal for the Medical Director Agreement with The Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital for Medical Director services to the Village of Scotia Fire Department in the amount of \$5,000.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

IAMRESPONDING AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to authorize the Mayor to sign a Renewal Agreement with IamResponding for a term of five years commencing July 22, 2021 at a cost of \$650.00 per year.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

The following **MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray:

O'CONNELL ELECTRIC – PAYMENT #4 RELATED TO WASTEWATER PUMP STATION PROJECT CONTRACT #4 – ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION

Whereas, the Village of Scotia has an agreement with O'Connell Electric Company, Inc. for Wastewater Pump Station Project Contract #4 – Electrical Construction, and

Whereas, a request for Payment #4 has been requested by O'Connell Electric Company, 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 #4 to O'Connell Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of \$54,102.50 for the Wastewater Pump Station Project Contract #4 – Electrical Construction.

CFI CONTRACTING, INC – PAYMENT #9 RELATED TO WASTEWATER PUMP STATION PROJECT CONTRACT #3 – GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

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 #9 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 #9 to CFI Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$15,580.00 for the Wastewater Pump Station Project Contract #3 – General Construction.

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PRECISION INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE – PAYMENT #1 RELATED TO WASTEWATER PUMP STATION PROJECT CONTRACT #1 – WASTE REMOVAL

Whereas, the Village of Scotia has an agreement with Precision Industrial Maintenance for Wastewater Pump Station Project Contract #1 – Waste Removal, and

Whereas, a request for Payment #1 has been requested by Precision Industrial Maintenance, and

Whereas, the Prime AE has reviewed the request and approved it, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves Payment #1 to Precision Industrial Maintenance in the amount of \$194,275.00 for the Wastewater Pump Station Project Contract #1 – Waste Removal

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO THE VILLAGE OF SCOTIA WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CONTRACT #1- WASTE REMOVAL

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, there is a need to increase finances from the total Contract amount due to increased costs associated with wet well cleaning. The total contract sum will be increased by \$4,095.00 from the original contract sum of \$434,000.00 to the new contract sum of \$438,095.00; and

Whereas, a Change Order was prepared by PRIME AE Group of NY which provides for an increase of \$4,095.00 in contract price; and

Whereas, the Change Order results in an increased total contract amount of \$438,095.00;

Now Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Mayor Gifford be and he hereby is authorized to sign Change Order No. 2 dated June 4, 2021 to the Village of Scotia Wastewater System Improvements Project, Contract No. 1- Waste Removal.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

SUMMER HOURS

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Be it resolved that summer hours, commencing July 6, 2021 and ending September 7, 2021 shall be as follows for the following positions or offices:

Department of Public Works Clerk – Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Court Clerk – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm except on Court days; to the finish of Court

Police Department Clerk – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Clerk-Treasurer’s Office – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Village-Wide Garage Sale will be held Saturday, June 12th. Crusin' on the Avenue will be held Sunday, June, 19th. DPW and Fire Dept installed Village Docks on Monday. Toured the new sewer pump station with Superintendent Kohout. Bud Harvey bequeathed funds to the Scotia Fire Department; one purchase is the LUCAS device which provides chest compressions. Fire Department held live burn drill last weekend at Saratoga burn tower. Police car purchased is a hybrid; in process of being outfitted. Freedom Park Schedule has been made public this week; Trustee Cook's Crescendo Project working nicely.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Solotruck – Community Garden ongoing. Attended Planning Board meeting. Looking at another opportunity for the Village Municipal Facilities Project.

Trustee Rizzo – Car Show has 44 cars preregistered; Several Village businesses and BID have made donations; events will be held for the children. Turf Tavern, Mohawk Taproom and BBQ on Mohawk Avenue will be open; live music in front of Music Store and several businesses along Mohawk Avenue will be open. Schenectady County has the highest vaccination percentage in the state of New York. County building is open by appointment; renovations being done to building. Spoke with Jim Marx regarding skateboard park; portion of the park grant is to provide renovations to the roller hockey rink which can possibly used for skateboard park as well. Looking into rules and regulations for such a park; police department willing to review safe skateboarding rules.

Trustee Gray – Tax bills are out; payment can be submitted by mail or in person. Summer hours will begin July 6th 9:00am-4:00pm. Town of Glenville will be having live music in the park for the month of August and movie first week in September. Met with Chief Harrigan; June 27th from 2pm-5pm award ceremony will be held at Zone 5 Regional Training Academy; all board members will be invited. Park Patrol has started; welcomed 3 part time employees – started on May 27th and will be employed until end of August; working with Sgt. Brady. Park Guards will be present Monday – Friday 6pm-11pm and Saturday and Sunday 12pm-6pm; will be working with officers on duty; offers sense of security to residents and is in line with police reform recommendations. Summer hours for Police Clerk 9:00am-4:00pm; reminder to use red phone if needed for emergency. Thanked all department heads and employees of the Village for all the fine work they do.

Trustee Cook– DPW team busy throughout the month of May doing a variety of tasks. Prep work under way for paving on Alexander and No. Reynolds; paving will begin shortly. Prep work also underway for Cuthbert and Vley Road; ADA curb cuts are being added which is a requirement for CHIPS funding and keeps community walkable. Continuing to reconstruct and rebuild catch basins; part of stormwater process. Replaced a 20-foot section of collapsed storm sewer main; infrastructure projects that are important to maintain our roadways. Attended second monthly meeting for the Linkage Study; Village residents will have ability to participate through public forums. Walked through the renovations of the sewage pump station; infrastructure improvements that have been made bring our pump station into the 21st century. The sewage pump station pumped an average of 1,221,000 gallons per day for month of April; water pump station pumped average of 1,281,258 gallons per day for month of May. Thanked Andy Boniewski and Cathy Busher for exceptional leadership while Superintendent Kohout was on his two-week leave. Village code includes code regarding maintenance of lawns; citations have been issued. When a citation is issued it is not a fine; if the lawn is not mowed within one

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week, then the Village will mow it for you and you will be billed for the labor and an additional fine. This is a code that has been around for many years and is important to quality of life in the Village and enforcement of vacant property. According to the DPW May report, 97 properties were cited for long grass and only one property was cut by DPW; mechanism of notifying the residents is working. Encouraged anyone who has questions or special circumstances to reach out to our Department of Public Works. BID meeting was held. Trustee Cook met with Supervisor Koetzle of the Town of Glenville to discuss ways in which the town grant writer and their economic planning team could support our Scotia BID businesses, as well as businesses outside of the BID. Thanked the Town of Glenville for supporting small businesses with loans and grant opportunities that were supplemented by what we as a Village were able to do as well as the funding that came through the State and Federal government as PPE. Zoning Board did not meet; continue to work on short-term rental legislation which will be presented to the Zoning Board at an upcoming meeting for their feedback on issuing a special use permit for such rentals. As marriage officer for the Village, it is important for us to recognize Pride Month; Pride Month is a monthly celebration of the dignity and equality of the LBGTQ community. Important for Village to be in a position to tell members of the LBGTQ community there is an opportunity for them to get married in an inclusive ceremony and be recognized by the Village of Scotia. Thanked Mayor Gifford for allowing the Pride Flag to be flown at Village Hall.

Trustee Gray stated that there have been several conversations on social medial regarding the lawn citations. Village employees are here to help; there is legislation on the books but if there is a circumstance, reach out to the Village as opposed to a social media site since it may not always be seen. Conversation with a Village employee would provide for a more productive resolution.

Tyler Malagisi is a new hire in the Police Department and will be graduating August 31st.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

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 June 9, 2021 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$432,338.23 charged to the following funds:

A-General Fund	\$ 151,340.76
F-Water Fund	\$ 2,486.72
G-Sewer Fund	\$ 278,510.75

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 SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 4, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the May 4, 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 MAY 12, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the May 12, 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 MAY 17, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Gray

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 26, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Gray seconded by Trustee Cook that the minutes of the May 26, 2021 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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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 28, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the May 28, 2021 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Gray

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to adjourn the meeting at 8:45p.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