

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

PRESENT: Trustee Cook, Trustee Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

PRESENT: Trustee Gray at 6:15p.m.

EXCUSED: Trustee Rizzo

DISCUSSION OF AQUATIC CENTER AT MOHAWK HARBOR

The Village of Scotia has been asked to provide a letter of support for a Capital Region Aquatic Center to be located at Mohawk Harbor.

Trustee Cook stated that the addition of a regional aquatic center would make the regulation for short-term and transient rentals more critical; would like to move forward with regulations that will be proposed.

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that the Village offers a letter of support to the Capital Region Aquatic Center project that is slated to be proposed at Mohawk Harbor.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

DISCUSSION OF FEE WAIVERS FOR LIONS PAVILION

Mayor stated that there were two requests to waive the fee at the Lions Club Pavilion; one by Schenectady County Department of Health and one by Scotia Rotary.

Trustee Solotruck suggested that an application and insurance be provided to the Village.

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray to waive the Lions Club Pavilion reservation fees for the Schenectady County Department of Public Health and Scotia Rotary

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

DISCUSSION OF VILLAGE OWNED VACANT PROPERTY

Sing Sonthivongnorath present at meeting; currently operates a boat business on the river and interesting in purchasing a vacant parcel of land owned by the Village of Scotia closest to Glen Sanders Mansion. Would like to build stairs down to the river with a deck for boat access. Also owns the island in the river and would like to improve access to that island; parking for such access would not be in the surrounding residential area. Trustee Cook stated that since there would be a commercial business running out of a residential area; would need approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals; would need to have parking, lighting and circulation plan.

DISCUSSION OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATIONS

Mayor stated that he has received two resignations; Superintendent of Public Work Andrew Kohout, last day of employment July 23rd and Court Clerk Victoria Ferrante, last day of employment July 2nd.

Trustee Solotruck suggested that discussion be held as to what the structure of the departments will be going forward; need to start by filing the positions.

Working Crew Leader Andy Boniewski present at meeting; Strongly recommended the Village remain its own entity; recommended Ryan Kedzior to fill the vacancy of Superintendent of Public Works.

Trustee Cook stated that Superintendent Kohout has brought in over 10 million dollars in Federal and State funding; would that same level of funding be able to be secured with a merger; should be factored into decision.

Trustee Gray stated that she would not vote in favor of consolidation of Fire, Police or DPW; shared services are currently being done between municipalities.

Mayor Gifford stated that he has appointed Audrey Osterlitz to fill the vacancy of the Court Clerk.

Superintendent of Public Works is a tested position; appointment to fill vacancy would be provisional based on test results.

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Trustee Cook concerned if the Village has the resources to sustain a Village Court. Mayor stated that this would need to be discussed after the completion of the Village Justice term.

DISCUSSION OF URBAN AGRICULTURE

Mayor provided the board with updated legislation; Attorney Marola suggested revisions including setback requirements. Mayor asked if the board would like to move forward with the proposed legislation. Board concerned with enforcement of legislation; Trustee Cook suggested contacting Schenectady SCPA for enforcement.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz
Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees