

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 23<sup>rd</sup> and Court Clerk Victoria Ferrante, last day of employment July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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