

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

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

EXCUSED/PRESENT REMOTELY: Trustee Cook

Mayor Gifford recognized Lieutenant Anthony Caligure for his 20 years of service to the Village of Scotia Fire Department; Chief Almy presented him with his 20-year badge.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

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

Nancy Paulson; Race Director for Shen Rowing. First event was held July 31<sup>st</sup> and was very successful. Thanked the board for their support; next regatta will be held Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **LOCAL LAW 2021-G RELATING TO TRANSIENT MERCHANTS**

Mayor Gifford stated that this legislation is to limit the hours of door-to door vending to 9:00am to 7:00pm

#### **a) Public Hearing**

*Mayor Gifford opened the public hearing at 7:08p.m.*

No one wished to speak.

*Mayor Gifford closed the public hearing at 7:09p.m.*

#### **b) Action**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, a public hearing was held, this night, August 11, 2021 on proposed Local Law 2021-G regarding hours for Transient Merchants, now therefore

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

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

### **CHANGE ORDER TO WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONTRACT #3**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, Wastewater Pump Station Project Contract #3-General Construction, provided for limited fencing, and

Whereas, it is recommended that the fencing on the north side of the project site be replaced, and

Whereas, funds from the project are available, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves a change order for the Waste Water

Treatment Plant Contract #3 – General Construction to include the replacement of the fence on the north side of the project site in the amount of \$26,008.50

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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**STREET CLOSURE FOR VILLAGE TAVERN AND VISCO'S PIZZA ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize the closure of Fifth Street between Vley Road and Huston Street on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00p.m. until 7:00p.m. for Village Tavern and Visco's Pizza Annual Block Party.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY CENTRALIZED ARRAIGNMENT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that Whereas, the Schenectady County local governments have considered Centralized Arraignment for some time and have developed a plan that will provide for an Arraignment Part to be conducted after business hours, weekends, holidays and non-court days at the Schenectady County Correctional Facility, instead of at the Village Court, and

Whereas, this plan should assure consistency in legal representation, promote efficiencies among the various village, town and city courts in the county as well as with the local justices and judges; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees finds such a plan will benefit all involved parties; now therefore

Be It Resolved that the Village of Scotia Board of Trustees supports a Centralized Arraignment Part as proposed for Schenectady County because we believe that this will facilitate proper legal representation of defendants, promote efficiency by permitting pre-arraignment detainees to be housed at the County Correctional Facility and make Scotia safer by allowing our police to get back on the street more quickly.

Ayes: Trustee Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Gray

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to enter into an executive session at 7:20p.m. to discuss a particular salary

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

The Mayor reconvened the board at 8:02p.m. with no action.

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## **RESOLUTION TO APPOINT RYAN KEDZOR TO POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to table this resolution with action to be taken at the first work session in September.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD**

Supervisor of Parks and Recreation Jim Marx will be retiring August 24<sup>th</sup>; he will certainly be missed. Moving forward with several grants; tomorrow there will be a public forum put on by CDTC & MJ Engineering for the Linkage Study which includes the Mohawk Avenue, Ballston Avenue and Sacandaga Road corridor improvements. Holiday on the Avenue committee working on holding an event this year. Fire Department new boat is in service; gift of Bud Harvey's estate. Interviews were done today for Police Sergeant promotion; interviews included 4 chiefs from surrounding departments.

## **CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Gray** – Met with Chief Harrigan; thanked Scotia Police Department for all their work. Sergeant interviews held today; wished candidates all the best. Will be working on promoting bicycle safety; provide some ideas at next work session. Scotia Police Department applied for body camera grant; should have more information in next several weeks. Continuing with Traffic Safety Initiatives; education on the limit signs around the park. Officer Malagisi is on Field Training with Officer Peckham; wished him best of luck. Spoke with Supervisor Koetzle; Mayor and Trustee Gray will be meeting with Supervisor on August 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss items related to parks. Clerks Office is open for business; hours are 9:00am to 4:00pm. Glenville water and sewer bills are due by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Thanked Ryan Kedzior and Cathy Busher for stepping up and helping out; appreciate that as a Trustee and also as a resident.

Trustee Gray suggested that residents call specific departments or members of the board with any concerns; board members are available to work together with residents.

**Trustee Rizzo** – Attended Holiday on the Avenue meeting. Two Chili Cook-offs will be held; one between the Scotia Fire and Scotia Police Department and one with the local businesses. Working on parade and groups that will be appearing on different areas of the avenue. Schenectady County has implemented a mask mandate for all those that work in the building and enter the building. Thanked Ryan Kedzior for completing the pavement of the roadways.

**Trustee Solotruck** -Looking forward to getting back into discussions for Municipal Facilities Project. Continuing education with speed limits and signage. Wished Jim Marx well; thanked him for his 32 years of service.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that the July Departmental reports be accepted as presented with thanks.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to approve the Budget Adjustments for the month of July.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated August 11, 2021 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$1,270,700.13 charged to the following funds:

A-General Fund \$ 539,980.77

F-Water Fund \$ 25,490.14

G-Sewer Fund \$ 705,229.22

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 Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD JULY 6, 2021**

**MOVED** by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the July 6, 2021 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Rizzo

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 14, 2021**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the July 14, 2021 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Solotruck

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD JUNE 19, 2021**

**MOVED** by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the June 19, 2021 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Gray and Trustee Rizzo

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 3, 2021**

**MOVED** by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the August 3, 2021 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Rizzo thanked all residents for helping with the tree that fell on his house.

Mayor stated that he received an email from Schenectady County that they would like to place Electric Car Charging Stations in each of the library parking lots; board has no objection.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray to adjourn the meeting at 8:20p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Rizzo and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees