

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

PRESENT: Trustee Cook, Trustee Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

PRESENT REMOTELY: Trustee Gray and Trustee Rizzo

The board took a poll on long running issues and decided to continue discussions on the following topics:

- Allow Skateboards on some Streets and Sidewalks
- Funding a form of Skateboard Park
- Allow Town use of Dog Park
- Regulate Short Term Rentals
- Restrict use of Village Streets for Storage and Construction
- Build an Impound Lot

Discussion of these items will be held at a separate work session.

DISCUSSION OF ARPA FUNDS

The Village received funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA); the use of the funds is limited to specific regulations. The Mayor asked each of the Trustees to send an email with a listing of how they would like to see the monies used.

DISCUSSION OF VENTILATION SYSTEM FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Captain David Wood present remotely at meeting; provided the board with three quotes for a ventilation system for the fire department. The Mayor asked Captain Wood for references of other departments that have the same system; Captain Wood will provide board with information.

DISCUSSION OF POLICE GRIEVANCE

The PBA filed a grievance related to military leave hours.

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, the Scotia's Patrolmen's Benevolent Association filed a Grievance regarding pay under NYS Military Law on September 1, 2021 with the Police Chief, and

Whereas, on September 3, 2021 the Police Chief rejected the Grievance, and

Whereas, the Scotia Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, found the decision of the Police Chief unsatisfactory and elected to go to Step 2 of the grievance procedure and submitted the Grievance to the Mayor on September 7, 2021, and

Whereas, on September 8, 2021 the Mayor rejected the Grievance, and

Whereas, the Scotia Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, found the decision of the Mayor unsatisfactory and elected to go to Step 3 of the grievance procedure and submitted the Grievance to the Village of Scotia Board of Trustees on September 8, 2021, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees after due deliberation rejects the Grievance finding:

The Village policy is consistent with New York State and Federal law.

The Village is paying Military Leave benefits consistent with New York State and Federal law.

There is no established past practice or other authority to support the grievance.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

The PBA will have an opportunity to discuss this issue with the board at the October 13th meeting at which time the resolution will be confirmed or rescinded.

October 5, 2021

Trustee Cook stated that he is continuing to work on Taste of Scotia restaurant week to be held Friday, October 22nd through Sunday, October 31st.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, 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