

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

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

Trustee Rizzo asked for a moment of silence in honor of Veteran's Day and all those that served.

Mayor Gifford presented Tony Marotta with a proclamation recognizing his 65 years of service to the Village of Scotia as a volunteer firefighter.

PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

Lynn Trudell of 221 Glen Avenue; Interested in an update on the Municipal Facilities Project; tonight's meeting made it even more apparent that a facility is needed that is more accessible for all.

Mayor Gifford stated that some progress has been made with an additional site as an option. Continuing to work on pricing and availability; would like to present options to the public for input.

Robert Prusko of 360 Mohawk Avenue; Interesting in reading the minutes from prior meetings; would like to be sure they are posted timely.

Gary Allen formerly of 616 Orlinda Avenue now residing at 211 Sacandaga Road; Has been having discussions with Trustee Gray regarding use of dog park for Town of Glenville residents; thanked the Village Board for considering the agreement with the Town.

Mayor Gifford closed the privilege of the floor at 7:20p.m.

INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW 2021-G RELATED TO ENCUMBRANCE OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to introduce Proposed Local Law 2021-G regarding encumbrances on streets and sidewalks and to set the public hearing for the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, December 8, 2021 at 7:00p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: Trustee Cook

Abstentions: None

Trustee Cook opposed to law; feels it is redundant with current Village Code and New York State law and places an undo burden on residents and burden of administration of legislation.

DOG PARK AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF GLENVILLE

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, the Town wishes to provide Village of Scotia dog park use to Town outside Village residents, without having to pay a permit fee, and

Whereas, the Village is agreeable to allowing Town residents to use the Village dog park in exchange for a contribution from the Town, therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign a one year agreement with the Town of Glenville to allow Town outside Village residents to obtain a permit without paying a permit fee in exchange for \$1,000 in a form acceptable to the Village Attorney.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo and Mayor Gifford

Noes: Trustee Cook and Trustee Solotruck

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Abstentions: None

Trustee Gray stated that the usage and fee will be reevaluated after the first year.

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR CONTRACT #1 – WASTE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, Wastewater Pump Station Project Contract #1 – Wastewater System Improvements, provided for sludge removal and disposal, and

Whereas, the estimated amount of sludge to be removed and disposed of in the original contract was low, and

Whereas, said additional sludge required additional work and disposal fees, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves change order #4 to Contract #1 – Wastewater System Improvements – Waste Removal & Disposal in the amount of \$196,900.89.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Trustee Solotruck asked for Superintendent Kedzior to provide the board updates as this project progresses.

PAYMENT #5 TO PRECISION INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

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

Whereas, a request for payment #5 has been received, and

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

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves Payment #5 to Precision Industrial Maintenance, in the amount of \$32,262.00 for the Wastewater System Improvements Project Contract #1 – Waste Removal & Disposal.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

AGREEMENT WITH REPEAT BUSINESS SYSTEMS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT COPIER

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to authorize the Mayor to sign a one year agreement with Repeat Business Systems for the Police Department Copier commencing June 19, 2021.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

BUDGET AMENDMENT

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to amend Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget as follows:

Increase F.8320.4540 offset by a decrease to F Fund Balance for Inspection and Purchase of Well Pump for Well # in the amount of \$34,680.00

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: Trustee Rizzo

Abstentions: None

Trustee Rizzo suggested use of the ARPA Funds for the purchase.

ELLIS HOSPITAL CONTRACT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, the Scotia Fire Department is an Advanced Life Support Agency and is able to dispense certain medications, and

Whereas, Ellis Hospital is able to continue to provide the Fire Department with the required medications, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a Controlled Substance Operational Agreement dated December 31, 2021 with Ellis Hospital for a 2 year term commencing December 31, 2021.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Mayor Gifford commended the Police Department on recent arrests. Thanked the Police Department with their assistance with a fire on Glen Avenue; Sgt Brady recognized the fire and put the initial call in. DPW has started loose leaf and yard waste pick up. Continuing to work on new Fire Department location. Stewarts attended Planning Board meeting; looking more positive that the project will move forward. Mobil Station has changed owners; interested in investing some money into building.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Cook – DPW - Loose leaf pickup has started; please place leaves on green strip between sidewalk and road instead of in roadway. Finished annual fire hydrant flushing; repaired any hydrants in the process. Linkage Study Project continuing; will be another opportunity for public comment end of November. This project includes new streetscape design for Mohawk Avenue. Suggested that the Village have a table set up at Holiday on the Avenue. DPW collaborated with Parks to complete the handicapped accessible parking lot for Freedom Park performances; thanked Village of Scotia for support. Work continuing on old wastewater treatment demolition; look forward to being replaced with green space. During the month of October an average of \$956,287 gallons of water pumped per day; thanked board for support of repairs to pump to get back to full capacity. Risk management assessment completed at pump station; board will review results. Attended Zoning Board meeting; variance was granted for an addition to property. There are two vacant alternate positions for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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BID actively preparing to support Holiday on the Avenue; sending out information regarding business storefront decorating contest. Encouraged support of Village businesses.

Trustee Rizzo – Attended ribbon cutting ceremony for handicapped accessible parking lot for Freedom Park; well attended by County Legislators and Village Board members. Toured the water pump station with Trustee Gray and Mayor Gifford. Attended Holiday on the Avenue meeting; will be small parade and several activities set up for kids and 25th lighting of Christmas tree at Village Green.

Trustee Gray – Met with Chief Harrigan; applied for officer wellness grant. Thanked DPW for installing new police window; improves traffic for all departments. Mask mandate is in place for village facilities. All officers have completed firearms training. Continuing to work on grant for security cameras in the Village. Received grant from Schenectady County DA's office; working on expenditures. Clerk's Office will be closed for Veteran's Day; thanked all veterans for their service. Financial Audit should be completed shortly. Town of Glenville will be celebrating Veteran's Day tomorrow at 11:00a.m. at Thomas Corners. The holidays are upcoming; encouraged all to shop local. Welcomed BMX bike shop to the Village; thanked owner for giving back to the community. Thanked Travis for the detailed tour of the water pump station.

Trustee Solotruck – Thanked Parks Department and DPW for work on parking lot in cooperation with Schenectady County. Freedom Park Stage construction is underway; support posts have been drilled in. Attending Planning Board meeting; continuing review of Stewart's project – thanked Stewart's for continuing with project and working through the challenges with the state. Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act has been in the news lately. The Town of Glenville has opted out of having retail establishments in the Town. There is an additional 4% sales tax applied that is shared with the town; working with NYCOM to draft a letter in hoping to keep the majority of the tax in the Village if the Village does have an establishment.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook that the October 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 October.

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 November 10, 2021 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$265,647.26 charged to the following funds:

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| A-General Fund | \$ 227,541.46 |
| F-Water Fund | \$ 3,508.96 |
| G-Sewer Fund | \$ 34,596.84 |

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 OCTOBER 5, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the October 5, 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 OCTOBER 13, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the October 13, 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 OCTOBER 18, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the October 18, 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 NOVEMBER 2, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook that the minutes of the November 2, 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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NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Rizzo stated that he is continuing to work on the air filtration system for the Fire Department; this qualifies for use of the ARPA Funds.

Trustee Cook stated that he spoke with the grant coordinator at Congressman Paul Tonko's office; there will be opportunities for funding at the Federal, State and County level; suggested putting together a priority list of projects.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.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