

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

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

EXCUSED: Trustee Rizzo

PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Gifford opened the privilege of the floor at 7:01pm

Lynn Trudell of 221 Glen Avenue; Thanked Police and Fire Department for donations that allowed her to purchase a Village of Scotia tree for the Schenectady County Historical Society Festival of Trees; Interested in an update on the Municipal Facilities Project.

Mayor Gifford closed the privilege of the floor at 7:03pm

Trustee Cook thanked Lynn Trudell for her work on having a First Responder Village of Scotia tree represented at the festival.

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

a) Public Hearing

Mayor Gifford opened the public hearing at 7:04pm

No one wished to speak.

Mayor Gifford closed the public hearing at 7:05pm

b) Action

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, a public hearing was held, this night, December 8, 2021 on proposed Local Law 2021-G regarding Encumbrances of Streets and Sidewalks, now therefore

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

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: Trustee Cook

Abstentions: None

VILLAGE OF SCOTIA FEE SCHEDULE

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray to amend the Fee Schedule to include the Dumpster Permit Fee of \$25.00.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: Trustee Cook

Abstentions: None

A RESOLUTION BY THE VILLAGE OF SCOTIA GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ADJUST VILLAGE OF SCOTIA OWNED WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES ON ROUTE 147 INCLUDED IN PIN 1811.13 PAVEMENT CORRECTIVE MAINTENANCE SFY 22A PROJECT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation proposes Pavement Corrective Maintenance on Routes 147, located in the Village of Scotia (the Municipality), Schenectady County, PIN 1811.13, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Scotia approves of such project, currently maintains water and sewer facilities on Route 147 within the project limits, and

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WHEREAS, the State of New York will include as part of the construction of the above mentioned project, at no cost to the Village, height adjustment of existing water facilities as needed, pursuant to Article II, Section 10, Subdivision 24 of the NY State Highway Law, as shown on the contract plans relating to the project, and

WHEREAS, the service life of the adjusted and/or replaced utility facilities has not been extended, and

WHEREAS, the State will provide for the construction of the above-mentioned work, as shown on the contract documents relating to the above-mentioned project, and the Village of Scotia has agreed, to maintain the water and sewer facilities after they have been adjusted by NYSDOT as part of this project,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Scotia, by means of this Resolution, grants permission to the State of New York to adjust the height of water valves and sewer manhole facilities as needed to complete proposed pavement corrective maintenance work on Route 147 within this construction project; and after adjusted, the Village shall continue to maintain or cause to be maintained, at its own expense, these adjusted water facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Thomas A. Gifford the Mayor is hereby authorized by the Village Board to enter into and execute a Utility Work Agreement with the State of New York and through the Commissioner of Transportation with regards to the above identified project as it relates to the Village of Scotia, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Village of Scotia is hereby directed to transmit electronically signed, sealed, notarized, and stamped certified copy of the foregoing resolution to the New York State Department of Transportation.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately,

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

PRECISION INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE PAYMENT #6

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Cook 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 #6 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 #6 to Precision Industrial Maintenance, in the amount of \$202,255.85 for the Waste Water Pump Station Project Contract #1-Waste Removal.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER CANCER COVERAGE RENEWAL WITH VFIS

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize the Mayor to sign the January 1, 2022 renewal agreement with VFIS for Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Coverage.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Mayor stated that the Municipal Facilities Project is moving forward. There are three potential sites; architects are working on a rendering for each site to present for public input. Thanked Khari Santiago and the Special Event committee for a successful Holiday on the Avenue; congratulated Police Department for winning the Chili Contest. Attended opening of the new wing at the Scotia Library; meeting room has separate entrance which will allow it to be used for meetings. Library will be closed for a month or two as renovations are done to the interior. Thanked DPW for their street sweeping and keeping the streets looking good.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Cook – DPW-Busy month preparing for the winter; congratulated Ryan and his team for a successful loose-leaf pickup which ended on December 3rd. DPW will do a final run to be sure all is picked up. Reminded residents to keep their sidewalks shoveled and cleared and to dig out the fire hydrant closest to their house. Repair was done for three water main breaks; Holly Blvd, James St and Glen Ave. Thanked board for support with repair work for pump at water pump station; risk assessment for that property should be reviewed. Attended meeting with Trustee Solotruck, Superintendent Kedzior and Jim Archibald to discuss restructuring of Parks Department. The funds for the sidewalk reimbursement program have been exhausted for this fiscal year; encouraged the board to keep the funding in the budget for next year. DPW and Parks Department participated in the parade for Holiday on the Avenue; worked with BID in putting up holiday decorations – thanked them for their work. BID-Attended meeting; reviewing sidewalks along Mohawk Avenue for any repairs. Window decorating contest will be held; encouraged all businesses to participate. Encouraged everyone to Shop Local and Shop Scotia. Zoning Board – No meeting was held; welcomed all new members.

Trustee Gray – Police Dept -Congratulated Chief Harrigan on Police Department winning Chili Contest. Attended Holiday on the Avenue; thanked all the participants and organizers. Chief Harrigan has applied for the Cordico Wellness Grant in the amount of \$2,500; would benefit all officers. Congratulated Sergeant Coke on his completion of Supervisor School. Officer Spaulding is the newest investigator and has completed his training. Thanked each department and their employees for all their hard work throughout the year. Although not Police Liaison; will continue to work with Chief Harrigan on the Police Reform Committee. Looking forward to working with Chief Almy as Fire Liaison. Clerk's Office – Annual financial audit is almost complete. October water and sewer bills are payable until December 31st; any unpaid balances will be levied onto February bill. Clerk's Office is open Monday – Friday 8am-4pm; can pay bills in person, drop box or online.

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Trustee Solotruck – Congratulated all participants of Holiday on the Avenue for a successful event. Attended Planning Board meeting; Stewart’s project moving forward. Thanked Stewart’s for working with the Village in adhering to the design guidelines. Trustee Gray will be new liaison to Traffic Safety Committee; advised Trustee Gray that the Traffic Safety Committee works closely with Planning Board on projects. Looking forward to working with DPW and Parks on restructuring. Thanked Little League for continued support and continuing with improvements to facilities. Looking forward to the Municipal Facilities Project moving forward.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the November Departmental reports be accepted as presented with thanks.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve the Budget Adjustments for the month of November.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated December 8, 2021 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$1,212,533.43 charged to the following funds:

A-General Fund	\$ 940,021.66
F-Water Fund	\$ 48,970.66
G-Sewer Fund	\$ 223,541.11

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, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 10, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the November 10, 2021 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2021

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Cook that the minutes of the November 15, 2021 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Gray would like to work on the development of a Scotia Flag with the input of the public.

Trustee Gray would like to work on bringing the Farmer's Market back to the Village; Trustee Cook will work with Trustee Gray on this.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to adjourn the meeting at 7:35p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees