

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

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

EXCUSED: Trustee Rizzo

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 TENTATIVE BUDGET

The Mayor presented the 2022-2023 Tentative Budget to the Board of Trustees. The budget proposes a 2.17% increase to the Tax Rate and a 2.26% increase to the Tax Levy.

DISCUSSION OF ARPA FUNDS

Mayor Gifford suggested using ARPA funds for the following projects:

- Emcor Furnace Burners \$15,500
- Fire SCBA Grant Match \$20,000
- Rebuild Well #2 \$50,000

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, guaranteeing direct relief to cities, towns and villages in the United States (Sec. 9901: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), and

Whereas, the Village of Scotia is the recipient of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds as a Non-Entitlement Unit of Local Government, and

Whereas, a wide variety uses of ARPA funds by local governments are allowed, now therefore,

Be It Resolved that the Board of Trustees accepts the proposal dated March 11, 2022 from EMCOR Services New England Mechanical in the amount of \$15,500.00 for replacement and installation of two failed Power Flame Burners, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes use of Village ARPA funds to pay for said Power Flame Burners.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Village Historian, Beverly Clark provided the board with the following list of projects for the Flint House

- Boiler Replacement
- Asbestos Removal
- Evaluation of Foundation – including archeological study
- Exterior Maintenance/Siding
- Roof Replacement
- Chimney Repairs
- Designation as Historical Site
- HVAC System – humidity control
- UV Blocking Storm Windows

Board of Trustees will tour the property on Monday, April 4th at 6:00p.m.

Chief Harrigan suggested use of the funds for radar signs and crosswalk signs.

Trustee Solotruck suggested continuing discussions regarding business grants. Trustee Cook provided the board with a draft outline for application process.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EFC SUBSIDIZED FINANCING

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that

Whereas, the Project Finance Agreement dated April 15, 2021 with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) provided short-term market rate New York Clean Water State Revolving Fund financing is now eligible for subsidized financing, and

Whereas the change to subsidized financing requires an amendment to the agreement, now therefore

Be It Resolved that the Village Clerk-Treasurer is acknowledge and agree to the amendments reflected in a letter from EFC dated February 24, 2022.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

APPROVAL OF H2M PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray to approve the Amendment to the Professional

Services Agreement with H2M architects + engineers to prepare and attend up to two public forums to determine public interest in sites and assistance with FOIL requests in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 with funds to be expended from Economic Development Account.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Trustee Cook original vote of No was changed with the provision that going forward any Amendments to Agreements are approved prior to the commencement of proposed work.

APPROVAL OF REFERENDUM PHASE SERVICES AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize Mayor to sign agreement with Heuber Breuer for Referendum Phase Services for the Municipal Facilities Project in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

SALE OF RIVERBANK PROPERTIES

Tabled.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Mayor Gifford stated that according to our Village Attorney, the approval of the minutes is not a necessary process. Mayor Gifford is proposing that the minutes be posted in draft form once they are completed and the board suggest any necessary corrections at the following board meeting; after that they will become final.

Board unanimously agreed to this change in procedure.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Cook stated that April 22nd is Earth Day; proposed a volunteer Collins Park clean-up day on Saturday, April 23rd. Board unanimously agreed to this proposal.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees