

Mayor Gifford called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Chief Harrigan recognized Officer Peckham as the Community Resource Officer/School Resource Officer.

Mayor Dennis Madden provided the board with a slideshow presentation regarding the development of the Freedom Park Stage for the Bicentennial celebration in 1976; included in that celebration a time capsule was placed at the corner of Washington Avenue and Schonowee Avenue filled with items from 1976. Mayor Madden proposed a monument to be placed where the time capsule is buried to ensure the location is remembered. The Board of Trustees supported the concept; will look into incorporating into the current grant which includes a trailhead park at the old bridge abutment.

PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Gifford opened the privilege of the floor at 7:28pm

Amanda Gonzalez-Barone of 6 No Holmes St; Would like the board to provide regular updates on the Municipal Facilities Project.

Alex Burns of 8 Irving Rd; Currently in a dispute with neighbor regarding placement of fence; discouraged with the Village Code Enforcement not adhering to the most recently approved legislation.

Susan Torelli of 26 Sunnyside Road; Current code violation of Section 104-9 regarding poultry or fowl at a home on Knickerbocker Road. Village should enforce code as written; on-going issues with code enforcement. Sue will email address to Mayor.

Mayor Gifford closed the privilege of the floor at 7:38pm

LOCAL LAW 2022-D RELATING TO WATERCOURSE PROTECTION

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray to introduce Proposed Local Law 2022-D regarding watercourse protection and to set the public hearing for the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, September 14, 2022 at 7:00p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

LOCAL LAW 2022-E RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION AND REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALKS

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to introduce Proposed Local Law 2022-E regarding the construction and replacement of sidewalks and to set the public hearing for the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, September 14, 2022 at 7:00p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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APPROVAL OF USE OF ARPA FUNDS

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray 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 None-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 approves use of the ARPA funds for the following:

Washington Avenue Sidewalk Project Grant for FY 21-22 in the amount of \$35,385.00

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

CLOSURE OF FIFTH STREET

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to authorize the closure of Fifth Street between Vley Road and Huston Street on Saturday, September 17th from 12:00p.m. until 7:00p.m. for Village Tavern and Visco's Pizza Annual Block Party

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

SACANDAGA ROAD SIDEWALK

Mayor stated that the school installed a sidewalk along Sacandaga Rd leaving 120ft of old sidewalk from Sacandaga Rd to end of Seeley Street. Discussed the Village hiring contractor and sharing the cost of the remaining sidewalk with the school. Mayor working on getting three written quotes. Trustee Cook concerned with snow removal; if school is going to take care of it would like to see a MOU with the school district regarding maintenance. Board will continue discussions at the August 15th board meeting.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Attended two Municipal Facilities Project meetings with architects and engineers; next meeting will discuss financing of the project. The projected timeline is to begin construction of the fire house in Spring 2023. Last Friday Village Hall and Fire House lost power; when power restored there was a power surge that caused damage to routers, phones and the mayor's computer. As of today, all equipment failures have been repaired; an insurance claim has been filed.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Cook – Congratulated Officer/Detective Peckham on his position of Community Resource Officer; great addition to the mission of the department. Marshall and Sterling sponsored a car seat check on August 6th. Scotia Police Department provided car seat safety checks and handed out bike helmets. An after-action report has been completed regarding the incident the night of the fireworks; Chief Harrigan stated that the report is available for the Board of Trustees to review. Officer Peckham graduated School Resource Officer school and will be working with the Glenville School Resource Officer; Trustee Cook thanked the board for

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supporting this position. Encouraged residents to enjoy the walkable businesses within the Village.

Trustee Gray – Congratulated Officer Peckham on his position of Community Resource Officer; Village has one year agreement with School District. Police Reform Committee will be meeting on September 13th at 6:00p.m. Town of Glenville is hosting Thursdays in the Park in Indian Meadows; events will be held August 18th, 25th and September 1st. Movie Night will be held at Maalwyck Park on August 27th; Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory will be showing. Meeting with Supervisor Koetzle next week; thanked him in coordinating with the Village for the youth programs in Collins Park sponsored by the Schoharie River Organization. Met with Chief Wood; thanked the board for their support in the purchase of the utility truck utilizing ARPA funds; truck is currently being outfitted. In regards to the Municipal Facilities Project; Chief Wood will be touring other stations on Friday, looking forward to the progression of the project. Thanked the Parks Department for keeping the park looking so nice. Thanked all departments for all their hard work; appreciates all employees.

Trustee Rizzo – Special Events Committee will be having a meeting to finalize Car Show and begin discussions regarding Holiday on the Avenue. Thanked Superintendent of Public Works Kedzior and his department for assisting the State and keeping things running smoothly on Sacandaga Road paving. Scotia Landing boat traffic has increased this summer.

Trustee Solotruck – No Planning Board meeting held. Attended Municipal Facilities Project meeting; exciting time for the Fire Department and the Village. Working on putting together project budget; financial team and grant writer will be attending next meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Rizzo, 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 August 10, 2022 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$216,134.22 charged to the following funds:

A-General Fund \$162,518.15

F-Water Fund \$ 26,731.82

G-Sewer Fund \$ 26,884.25

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

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Noes: None
Abstentions: None

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Cook stated since E-Bikes are becoming more popular; suggested the Village of Scotia increase education of E-Bike safety.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.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