

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

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

PRESENT REMOTELY: Trustee Solotruck

Mayor Gifford called for a moment of silence in memory of Ed Arros; a longtime friend of the Village of Scotia.

### **PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

*Mayor Gifford opened the privilege of the floor at 7:02pm*

No one wished to speak.

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

### **LOCAL LAW 2022-C RELATING TO ENCUMBRANCES ON STREETS AND SIDEWALKS – SKATEBOARDS LOCAL LAW**

#### **a) Public Hearing**

*Mayor Gifford opened the public hearing at 7:03pm*

No one wished to speak.

*Mayor Gifford closed the public hearing at 7:04pm*

#### **b) Action**

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck who thanked the participants that gathered the signatures on petitions, that

Whereas, a public hearing was held, this night, July 13, 2022 on proposed Local Law 2022-C relating to encumbrances on streets and sidewalks as it relates to skateboards, now therefore,

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees adopts proposed Local Law 2022-C.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: Trustee Rizzo

Abstentions: None

Trustee Rizzo stated that he is concerned with the Village's liability and traffic; would like to see the rink in the park used for skateboarding.

### **NYSDOT EQUITABLE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES (EOB) SYSTEM USER AGREEMENT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has implemented a web-based reporting system called Equitable Business Opportunities (EBO) to streamline and satisfy Title VI Civil Rights Reporting requirements for Federal-Aid locally sponsored contracts; and

Whereas, NYSDOT requires that each local municipality as a sub-recipient to NYSDOT OF Federal funds and sponsor of Federal-Aid Contracts to identify a single primary user in order to access and use the system for Title VI compliance reporting requirements,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Village Board identifies Thomas A. Gifford, Village Mayor, as the Village's Responsible Local Official authorized to access the EBO System as the Village's EBO Administration; and

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Be it Further Resolved, that this resolution is effective immediately.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**AGREEMENT WITH PRIME HIGHWAY CONTRACTORS, LLC**

**MOVED** by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that

Whereas the Village of Scotia has received and opened sealed bids on June 9, 2022 for the Washington Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Connection Project, and

Whereas, Prime Highway Contractors, LLC submitted the lowest bid at \$498,656.71, and

Whereas, the bids have been reviewed by M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, PC, and

Whereas, M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, PC has recommended that the Prime Highway Contractors, LLC bid be accepted, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees accepts the bid from Prime Highway Contractors, LLC and authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement for the same upon review by the Village Attorney.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**PAYMENT #4 TO M.J. ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING, PC**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, the Village of Scotia received a grant for the Washington Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Connection Project, and

Whereas, as part of the grant work the Village entered into a contract with M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, PC for engineering services, and

Whereas, a request has been made for payment #4 in the amount of \$9,189.73, and

Whereas, the Superintendent of Public Works has reviewed the request and approved it, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves Payment #4 to M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, PC, in the amount of \$9,189.73.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**AGREEMENT WITH CHA CONSULTING, INC.**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, the Village has received a grant for the Sunnyside Road Rehabilitation or Replacement, and

Whereas, the Project requires Architectural/Engineering services, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with CHA Consulting, Inc. for professional services related to the Sunnyside Road Rehabilitation or Replacement in the amount of \$725,285.00.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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**MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN RENEWAL**

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of the Humana Group Medicare Advantage Plan effective January 1, 2023.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**ASSENT AGREEMENT WITH NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION**

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that  
Whereas, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation has rights and easements over certain lands owned by the Village in the area of the former sewage treatment plant that has been under remediation near the intersection of Schonowee and Washington Avenues, and

Whereas, certain work the Village will do, including fencing, requires approval from Niagara Mohawk, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign the Assent Agreement with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation for certain Village improvements with the aforesaid easement.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**DECLARATION OF SURPLUS ITEMS**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, the Police Chief, Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief have submitted memos listing surplus times to the Board, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees declares the items listed in said memos as surplus and no longer needed, and

Be it Further Resolved, that said items shall be sold at online auction pursuant to an agreement with Collar City Auctions, Inc.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**AGREEMENT WITH COLLAR CITY AUCTIONS, INC.**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, from time to time, the village has surplus property and equipment, and

Whereas, the Board finds it in the interest of the Village to engage online action services for surplus items, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with Collar City Auctions, Inc. for Sale of Government Assets by Online Auction for an initial 2 year term in a form acceptable to the Village Attorney and further to sign an Affidavit of Authorization to Consign and Auction as Agent for Seller

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD**

As time is coming closer to the end of term, some of items on agenda are projects that have been wanting to get done for long time; several projects are being accomplished and all employees are doing a wonderful job. Fire Department held a 2-hour fire drill at the houses that Stewart's will be demolishing. Department of Public Works has been replacing sidewalk ramps along No. Ten Broeck St. State is replacing the ones along Sacandaga Road to prepare for paving in mid-September.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that the June 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 Rizzo to approve the Budget Adjustments for the month of June.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

## **CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Gray** – Met with Chief Wood; call volume increasing. Moving in right direction with new firehouse. Discussed need for new fire vehicle. Attended Police Reform Committee meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>; working on camera grant. Thanked Lynn Trudell-Moore for chairing the meeting. Officer Peckham has been assigned to position of Community Resource Officer; will be attending a week-long training in July and maintain a position between the village and the schools. Town of Glenville will be holding Thursdays in the Park in Indian Meadows for the month of August; a movie will be shown on the last Thursday. Thanked all departments for doing a great job.

**Trustee Solotruck** – Thanked all department heads for doing a great job. Thanked the young people for following the guidelines to bring forward legislation to the Village Board.

**Trustee Rizzo** – There were over 200 cars in the Car Show; it is one of the biggest car shows in the Capital District. Thanked Stewart's and Cumberland Farms for the use of their lots. Thanked First National Bank of Scotia and Lou Buhrmaster for use of their parking lot for a staging area and registration. Thanked DPW for installing the docks; the number of boats has doubled this year. Pamphlets are available with Freedom Park Summer Schedule and information regarding downtown businesses. Thanked the Clerk's office staff work they do. Trustee Gray and Trustee Rizzo donated the planters in front of the Village Hall; flowers look nice at entrance. Freedom Park has had a successful season; thanked Parks Department, Department of Public Works and Schenectady County for the new stage.

**Trustee Cook** – BID meeting was held. Storied Coffee has moved locations and a bakery named NibblexNosh is scheduled to open in September at the old location. Would like the Village Board to consider hosting a Village Hall session to see what types of businesses the residents would like to see on Mohawk Avenue; actual vacancy rate is less than 10%. Holiday on

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the Avenue will be the next event held on the avenue. No Zoning Board meeting held. Police Department has been very busy with two large events held in the Village. Thanked Sgt Bean for his leadership on public safety initiatives. Thanked the Village Police Department for the incredible work they did at the fireworks event; the sergeants had to manage 75 officers from 6 different agencies. There was an incident that occurred on the corner of James St and Route 50; although it is an ongoing investigation, the suspect was apprehended by Scotia Police within minutes of receiving the call. Chief will provide an after-action report which will help improve safety and planning for all future Village events, especially mass gatherings. Trustee Cook reminded Village residents and guests to respect the no alcohol policy in Collins Park and the no smoking policy, which includes the use of marijuana and cannabis products either vaping or smoking in Collins Park. Thanked the board for passing the resolution allowing for part-time police officers; this will be used to back fill overtime. Congratulated Crossing Guard Michael Beverly for receiving the Rotary Citizen of the Year Award for his outstanding commitment and service to the Village of Scotia. Community Resource Officer position has been filled by Detective Peckham; recently completed the high-risk unified commander training program hosted by Schenectady Police Department. Park Guard positions have been fully staffed for the year; thanked Sgt Coke for his leadership with these positions. Currently looking to hire Crossing Guards for the upcoming school year; please contact Chief Harrigan if know of someone interested. Attended Police Reform Committee meeting.

#### **AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated July 13, 2022 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$402,606.97 charged to the following funds:

A-General Fund	\$362,906.59
F-Water Fund	\$ 24,900.01
G-Sewer Fund	\$ 14,800.37

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, Solotruck and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:42p.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