

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

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

CIVIC REC PROGRAM

The Mayor stated that he and the Superintendent of Public Works met with representatives from the Civic Rec program a week and a half ago regarding scheduling and payment of park use. The product does not seem to fit the needs of the Village of Scotia; recommends not utilizing the program. The Board of Trustees agreed to not continue implementation of the program.

Trustee Cook would like to discuss at the next workstation allowing digital submission of park use applications and also a discussion on enforcement for those that do not have a permit for use of the park. Chief Harrigan will review the roles of the Park Guards with Sergeant Cook and develop a plan to improve enforcement.

NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook to authorize the placement of teal ribbons on decorative light poles on Mohawk Avenue for the month of September in honor of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

SACANDAGA ROAD SIDEWALK

Mayor Gifford stated that the school replaced sidewalk along Sacandaga Road including a ramp at the corner of Sacandaga and Seeley but a portion of old asphalt sidewalk remains that runs from Seeley St to the new sidewalk the school installed. The State requires that any work done in the right-of-way of a state road requires a permit and the contractor to be bonded. The Mayor asked the Superintendent of Public Works to inquire with the State if the Village's existing permit for access to the right of way would allow the Village to install the portion of sidewalk. The board did discuss the maintenance of the sidewalk during the winter; advise homeowner of responsibility.

GALESI EFFLUENT METER

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, the Galesi effluent bill for the 2nd quarter 2022 is approximately 20 times its usual quarterly bill, and Whereas, the effluent meter has been tested and was found to have a blocking that caused inaccurate and high readings, and

Whereas, a review of the Village meter at the sewer plant confirms the Galesi meter reading was not correct and grossly overstated use,

Whereas, the Village Superintendent of Public Works, Village Clerk and Village Attorney have reviewed the current and prior readings and billings,

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Galesi 2nd quarter 2022 effluent bill to be reduced to \$4,312.89 which includes a usage amount and 20% surcharge.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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LIONS CLUB PAVILION APPLICATION

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation submitted an application for the use of the Lions Club Pavilion to hold a staff picnic on September 22, 2022. NYS DEC requested that the village consider waiving the reservation fee for this use; the Board of Trustees took no action to waive fees.

FREEDOM PARK APPLICAION

The BWC Jazz Orchestra submitted an application for use of Freedom Park on either September 4th or 5th for an evening or afternoon concert. The program is funded by the Music Performance Trust Fund which only covers the cost of musician's salaries. The BWC Jazz Orchestra requested a waiver for the insurance requirement and a waiver of park use fees; the Board of Trustee took no action to waive fees or insurance requirements. Trustee Cook suggested referring the group to the Freedom Park Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to adjourn the meeting at 6:55p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz
Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees