

Mayor Gifford called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

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

PRIME AE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE RATE STUDY

The Mayor provided the board with a copy of an engineering services proposal from Prime AE for a Water System Study; the board decided to not move forward with proposal at this time.

PRESENTATION BY SOLAR SIMPLIFIED

Representative from Solar Simplified provided the board with an overview of their community solar program for municipalities and residents; will send agreement and sample enrollment form for Village Attorney to review.

ARPA FUND SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

Trustee Solotruck and Trustee Cook provided the board with draft worksheets of criteria for the proposed small business grants funded by ARPA; the board discussed allocation of \$50,000 of funds with a maximum grant of \$5,000. Board will continue discussions at next work session.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNITY GARDEN AND DOG PARK

Trustee Solotruck stated that he has been the coordinator of the Community Garden since its inception in 2013; the program started with 7 beds, there are now 30 beds. Bruce Kohout, a resident, and member of the community garden provided Trustee Solotruck and Schenectady County with a proposal for improvements, such as raised garden beds, improving the pathways and water capacity. Phase 2 of the proposal would include fencing, shade trees, dog friendly items in dog park and shelter and benches for dog park. Trustee Solotruck will work with Superintendent Kedzior to finalize a cost proposal for the project and continue to work with Schenectady County for potential funding.

CLOSURE OF SCHONOWEE AVENUE

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to authorize the closure of Schonowee Avenue from Mohawk Avenue to Kiwanis Way on Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 6:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. for the Burnt Hills Rowing Association Regatta.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Rizzo, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC BENEFIT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SCHENECTADY COUNTY

Chief Wood stated that he received notification today that a grant he applied for with Schenectady County was approved. The grant monies will be used to purchase a new motor and upgrade the steering on the current fire boat. The Chief received an estimate of \$18,760 for the work and was awarded \$11,070 by the County; the Chief requested us of ARPA funds in the amount of \$7,690 to cover the difference. The board discussed other grant opportunities to cover the difference; the board will continue discussions on the match and Chief Wood will get additional quotes from other vendors.

September 19, 2022

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to authorize the Mayor to sign the Public Benefit Services Agreement with the County of Schenectady for the purchase of a 2022 Mercury 150 Fourstroke Motor for the Scotia Fire/Rescue Boat in the amount of \$11,070.00 pending proper procurement process and pursuing other grant opportunities.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Rizzo, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Trustee Cook would like the Village to considers upgrades to the website as for as site mapping and navigation. Trustee Cook will develop a scope of work for a Request for Qualifications.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:22p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Rizzo, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz
Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees