

At the special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees  
held February 7, 2023  
at Scotia Fire House

Mayor Bucciferro called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m.

PRESENT: Trustee Brown, Trustee Cook, Trustee Gray, Trustee Solotruck & Mayor Bucciferro

**HEARNG RELATED TO UNSAFE BUILDING AT 403 HUSTON**

*Mayor Bucciferro opened the Hearing on Unsafe Building at 6:06p.m.*

Attorney Marola stated that as per the Unsafe Building Hearing Law; the board has the opportunity to hear from the owner and the owner's representative.

Attorney Kevin Tollinsen has been retained by owner; present at meeting.

Karen Garewal, owner of 403 Huston St; present via Zoom.

Attorney Tollinsen stated that the owner has received the Notice of Unsafe Building and a list remediation items by the Building Inspector; reviewed list in its entirety with the board.

*Mayor Bucciferro closed the Hearing on Unsafe Building at 6:37p.m.*

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

Whereas, the Board of Trustees received an unsafe building report from the Building Inspector dated January 11, 2023 with addendum regarding 403 Huston Street, Scotia, NY, SBL 29.84-1-55, last known owner Karan Garewal, and

Whereas, the report found the building on said property to be unsafe and recommended that the building be demolished and removed and demolished and removed by the Village if the owner fails to comply with the order, and

Whereas, the building has been condemned since October 6, 2022, and

Whereas, the report of the Building Inspector was duly considered by the Board of Trustees and the building is familiar to the Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, on January 24, 2023 the Board of Trustees found that the building located at 403 Huston Street is unsafe and ordered the building be repaired or demolished and removed and that such work must be commenced by February 20, 2023 and be completed by March 6, 2023 or the Village may use its authority to demolish and remove the building and assess the expenses against the property as provide by law, and

Whereas, the required notice of such order was served on Karan Garewal and filed with the County Clerk as required by law, which notice included notice of a hearing to be held this night, February 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Scotia Fire Department meeting room, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has held a hearing this night, February 7, 2023 at which the Building Inspector was present and his evidence in support of the repair or demolition and removal was reviewed and the owner, Karan Garewal did appear via Zoom as per his request and his attorney, Kevin Tollinsen appeared in person on behalf of the owner and had an opportunity to be heard, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees finds as to the structure at 403 Huston Street that:

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The structure is a danger to the health, safety and general welfare of the public, and otherwise unsafe as more fully set forth in the Building Inspector's report, and

And further, the Building Inspector has confirmed that the owner has taken some action since receiving the Notice of Unsafe Building but that most violations remain,

And further, the owner and his attorney have indicated that the owner will work to resolve the issues,

Now therefore be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees confirms its finding of January 24, 2023 that the structure located at 403 Huston Street is unsafe and must be repaired or demolished and removed as required in the Notice of Unsafe Building with addendum previously served on the owner, and

Further, the owner or his representative is to keep the Village apprised of his progress, and

Further, that the Village may use its authority to demolish and remove the building and assess the expenses against the property as provided by law if the owner fails to comply with the order of the Building Inspector.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Brown, Gray, Solotruck & Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

#### **DISCUSSION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Mayor Bucciferro asked each of the Trustees to prepare a list of enforcement concerns and send to him by February 21<sup>st</sup>. The board will review the process and provide tools and resources to ensure effective enforcement.

#### **REVIEW BUDGET PROCESS AND BUDGET CALENDAR**

Mayor Bucciferro provided the Board of Trustees with a calendar for the FY 23-24 Budget process.

#### **REVIEW OF MEETING CALENDAR**

Mayor Bucciferro provided the Board of Trustees of a calendar of all the meeting dates for 2023.

#### **DISCUSSION OF MEETING PROCEDURES**

Mayor Bucciferro will distribute the final edited revision of the meeting procedures; asked the board to provide feedback.

#### **UPDATE OF BOA GRANT**

Mayor Bucciferro stated that a BOA Advisory Committee has been established with the following members:

Mayor Bucciferro, Trustee Cook, Ravi Modasra, Stephanie, Martini, Bob Dieterich, John Geneti, Eric Buskirk, Newe Haile and Maria Schmitz.

The Committee's next meeting will be held on Monday, February 13th.

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**DISCUSSION OF COLLINS PARK SUMMER PROGRAMS**

The board discussed a Village/Town of Glenville partnership in developing Youth Programs; discussions will continue on this issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:36p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Brown, Gray, Solotruck & Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees