

At the regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
held February 8, 2023
at First Reformed Church

Mayor Bucciferro called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Bucciferro opened the privilege of the floor at 7:07pm

No one wished to speak.

Mayor Bucciferro closed the privilege of the floor at 7:08pm

APPROVAL OF SCOTIA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FY 23-24 BUDGET

Tabled

HUEBER-BREUER CONTRUCTION CO, PAYMENT #4

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, the Village entered into an agreement with Hueber-Breuer Construction for Construction Management Services for the Municipal Facilities Project on June 20, 2022, and

Whereas, a request has been made for payment #4, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves Payment #4 to Hueber-Breuer Construction Co. in the amount of \$20,040.00 for the Municipal Facilities Project.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

H2M ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES PAYMENT #4

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that

Whereas, the Village entered into an agreement with H2M architects + engineers for Architectural Services for the Municipal Facilities Project on June 20, 2022, and

Whereas, the Village has received a request for payment #4, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves Payment # 4to H2M architects + engineers in the amount of \$58,560.26 for the Municipal Facilities Project.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

NAPIERALA CONSULTING FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, the Village entered into an agreement with Napierala Consulting Professional Engineer, PC related to the Municipal Facilities Project on June 20, 2022, and

Whereas, a request for payment #4 has been received, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves payment #4 to Napierala Consulting Professional Engineer, PC for civil engineering services in the amount of \$887.50.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The following Department Heads presented their report for the month of January to the board:

Superintendent Kedzior – Department of Public Works

Dave Wood – Fire Department

Chief Harrigan – Police Department

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Mayor thanked all Village employees for all their work during these difficult times; would like to set up an EAP lunch meeting for employees that would like to attend to learn what benefits are available to them. Meeting schedule with School District was cancelled. Met with Judge Boyle to discuss progress report on current situation. Regarding the ARPA Grants, businesses have thanked the board for their efforts.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Solotruck – Thanked all departments. Attended Planning Board meeting; preliminary review of a minor subdivision. There is a 4 acre of land near the properties that could possibly be turned into park space. Facilities project is continuing; bids for road repair should be going out shortly.

VILLAGE OF SCOTIA HISTORIAN REPORT FOR 2022

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the following report:

The Flint House was not open for office hours or drop-in visiting in 2022. Large events were still not practical because of the varied levels of comfort with COVID risks and masking.

There were over 15 email inquiries I was able to research and either answer or suggest resources for the person's subsequent research.

There are still many organizations presenting webinars via Zoom. I attended 19 of these events on topics in the following general categories: Museum education and outreach (including digital); preservation and protection of collections and the building; organization management; and history lectures and book talks, including New Netherland and other local topics.

I spoke at the March and October village board meetings, and gave a tour in April for the board. In the spring I worked with other local historians on a series of lectures for the UCALL program at Union College. This took place in April and May, and was very successful. This involved online group meetings, reviewing previous research, doing some new research, and gathering notes and photographs for these presentations. We will be doing the same in the spring of 2023. In May I attended online the Region 5 annual meeting of APHNYS (the Association of Public Historians of New York State).

The yearly broomcorn crop was planted in May. With the dry summer it was a smaller crop than usual, and the harvest was in October. The hops planted near the shed did very well this year, despite the attack from Japanese beetles. Contact has been made with someone who can advise us about harvesting next year's crop. A few hollyhocks, the Village flower, were planted and, after some setbacks, should appear in the spring (they are annuals).

I set up a couple of temporary exhibits in the new Scotia library addition, and spoke at the Schenectady Heritage Foundation 2022 Historic Preservation Awards.

In July the Community Archaeology Program at SCCC ran their Archaeology Camp for kids 6-12 at the Flint House, one week of mornings which included some small digs where a variety of artifacts were recovered.

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MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING HELD JANUARY 5, 2023

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Brown that the minutes of the January 5, 2023 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Gray

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 11, 2023

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the January 11, 2023 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING HELD JANUARY 24, 2023

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the January 24, 2023 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

NEW BUSINESS

ARPA SMALL BUSINESS GRANT AMENDMENT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that

Whereas, on December 6, 2022 the Board of Trustees approved the implementation and application rules and guidelines for the ARPA Small Business Grants, and

Whereas, upon further information and consideration the Board of Trustees desires to amend the rules and guidelines, and

Whereas, Robert Murray of LaBella has reviewed the proposed amendments and is in agreement with them, now therefore

Be It Resolved that the APRA Small Business Grant Program is amended as follows to allow:

Finding of minor projects up to \$5,000.00 that took place between December 1, 2022 and February 1, 2023, the date the Village mailed the application out, and

To allow Sole-Proprietor businesses where the owner is the only employee to submit an application.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees