At the regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
held August 9, 2023

Mayor Bucciferro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

PRVIILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Bucciferro opened the privilege of the floor at 7:03p.m.

Bonnie Belfance of 121 Jay Street read the following to be entered into the minutes:

One June 14th Lee Pooler and I presented a proposal for the building of a museum honoring the Scotia Fire Department and its founding members. We asked the Scotia Board of Trustees for permission to build it on land near the Flint House.

I understand that the board was busy with the planning of the fireworks on June 30th. But two months have passed since our presentation, and we have heard nothing from the board. The infamous rumor mill has presented itself with the fact that the board feels it is too big and that they are under the impression that it is going to be a garage. No one has approached either of us for further information.

We understand that the Flint House had only 2 visitors in 2022 and that is sad. If you look across the river in Rotterdam with the Mabee House. During the school year you will find school districts from the surrounding areas there for field trips. They have events all year long bringing people to the area. The Flint Hose and the Fire Department Museum could be a point of interest for our own community and the surrounding school districts.

I have presented the same presentation to the Business Improvement District July 11th and spoke to them about what this museum and the Flint House could do to help our commerce here in the Village.

This little village was an important part of the settling of Western New York State and the Western Part of the Country. The Mohawk River was a main throughfare long before the building of the Eire Canal.

I have started a plan with the names of residents that could form the board of directors and an association of active, retired firefighters and citizens as members. This includes a mission statement and a charter to be sent into the NYS department of education. This plan would eventually include the Flint House and the development of a point of interest. I have reached out to the Firefighters Museum in Hudson, NY and Long Island Firefighters Museum in town of Islip. Both organizations have offered their help in establishing a new museum. I have approached our elected officials both locally, state and federal about obtaining funds in keeping this museum going in the future.

The fire department held its 150th anniversary celebration in Collins Park four weeks ago and it was a success. Several parents and grandparents asked me if this could be an annual event for the children. I have asked some of the basic planners Why Not?

When we came here in June asking permission to build the museum – our concern was the storage of our 1830 Hand Pumper, Hose Carriages and the collection of 150 years artifacts and history of this Fire Department. We want to honor all those firefighters that came before us with the building commemorating their efforts to build this fire department and the village. We were at that time in a position where we could pay for the erection of the building with some left over for the interior.

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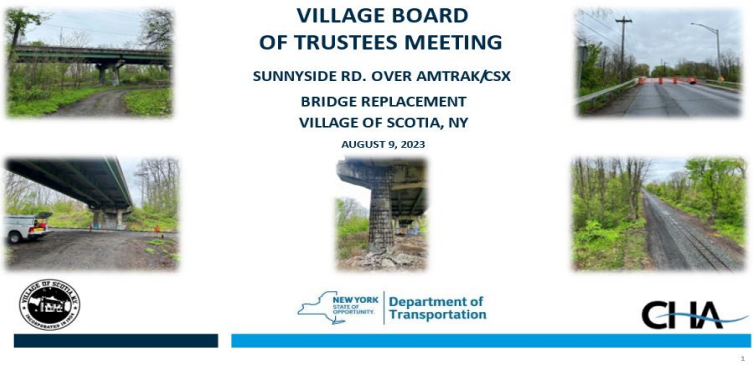
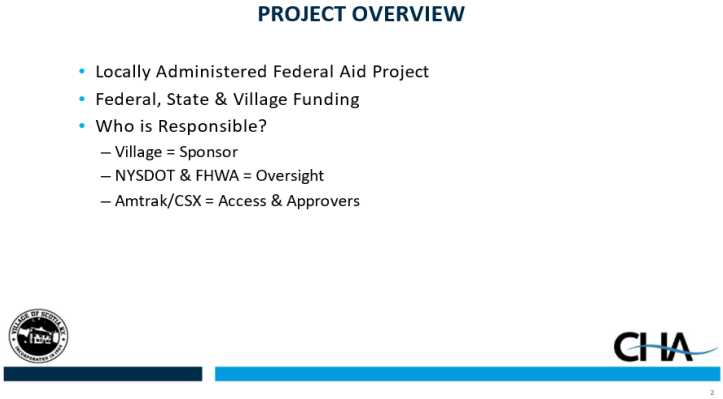
We were hoping to have this building erected and closed for the winter by September and moving everything into it by October. This would only involve a move from the present fire station to the museum building.
Now, because of this delay we are now going to have to take some of the money and plan for the storage of the artifacts, glass cases, pictures, trophies and all the equipment we have purchased over the years.
We had hoped that this proposal would be of some importance to the board in saving our history not only of the fire department but that of the village.
I encourage the trustees to support us and act in an expedient way for the success of this project.
To the citizens of the village, I ask you to reach out to us for information and with your support us with this project.
Mayor Bucciferro closed the privilege of the floor at 7:08p.m.

UPDATE ON SUNNYSIDE ROAD BRIDGE
Anthony Papile of CHA provided the board with an overview of the Sunnyside Road Bridge project which included the following presentation:





RAILROAD INVOLVEMENT

- CSX Owns / Amtrak Leases (Operator)
- Amtrak Provides Design Reviews and Flagging (Ensuring Safety in Field)
- Amtrak Agreements Required
  - Design Phase
  - Construction Phase Force Account
  - Both Require Up-Front Payment Based on Estimates (Retainer)
  - Unused Funds Will Be Refunded

FEDERAL-AID/NYSDOT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Four Stages of Project Development

I. Scoping
II. Preliminary Engineering
III. Detailed Design
IV. Construction

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PROJECT STATUS - TASKS COMPLETED TO DATE

I. Scoping
- Survey / Mapping
- Environmental Screenings
- Traffic Operational / Accident Analysis
- Development of Alternatives

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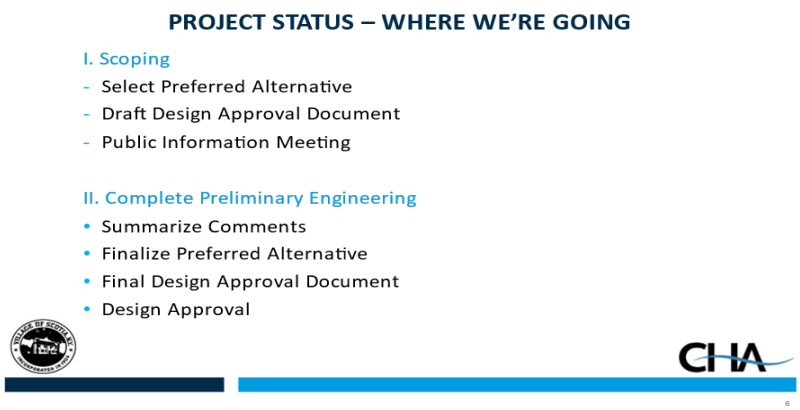

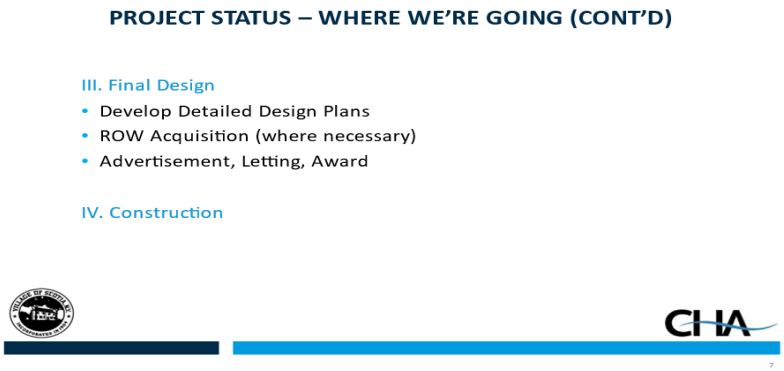

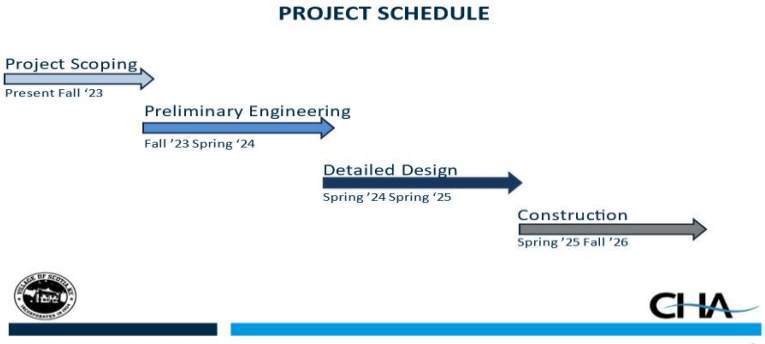

LOCAL LAW 2023-B RELATING TO SCHOOL BUS STOP-ARM CAMERA PROGRAM

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray to Introduce Proposed Local Law 2023-B regarding School Bus Stop Arm Camera Program and to set the public hearing for the Board of Trustees meeting held on September 5, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Solotruck

LOCAL LAW 2023-C RELATING TO BRUSH, GRASS, WEEDS AND OTHER VEGETATION FINES AND FEES

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Brown to Introduce Proposed Local Law 2023-C regarding the Brush, Grass, Weeds and Other Vegetation Fees and Fines and to set the public hearing for the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, September 13, 2023 at 7:00pm.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: Trustee Solotruck

DESIGN PHASE AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Brown that
Whereas, the Sunnyside Road Bridge Project requires the Design Phase Agreement with National Railroad Passenger Corporation, now therefore
Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign the Design Phase Agreement with National Railroad Passenger Corporation in a form acceptable to the Mayor and Village Attorney.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

M.J. ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING, PC PAYMENT #6

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray 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 #6 in the amount of $31,499.79, 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 #6 to M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, PC, in the amount of $31,499.79
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

WILLIAM J. KELLER & SONS PAYMENT #1

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray that
Whereas, the Village of Scotia received a grant for the Washington Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Connection Project, and
Whereas, the Village entered into a contract with William J. Keller & Sons on October 12, 2022 for the project in the amount of $611,381.12, and
Whereas, a request has been made for payment #1, now therefore
Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves Payment #1 to William J. Keller and Sons in the amount of $194,684.56 for the Washington Avenue Bicycle & Pedestrian Connection Project.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

CHA CONSULTING, INC. PAYMENT #6
MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Brown that
Whereas, the Village has received a grant for the Sunnyside Road Rehabilitation or Replacement, and
Whereas, the Village entered into an agreement on July 13, 2022 with CHA Consulting for Project Architectural/Engineering services, now therefore
Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves payment #6 to CHA Consulting, Inc. for professional services related to the Sunnyside Road Rehabilitation or Replacement in the amount of $26,575.50
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN RENEWAL
MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of the Humana Group Medicare Advantage Plan effective January 1, 2024.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

BLOCK PARTY APPROVAL
MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to authorize the closure of Fifth Street between Vley Road and Huston Street on Saturday, September 23rd from 12pm until 6pm for Village Tavern and Visco's Pizza Annual Block Party.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

REQUEST TO CREATE POSITION OF SECURITY WORKER
MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray that
Whereas, the Village desires to hire additional park security positions, and
Whereas, the Village would like to create a new position of Security Worker, now therefore,
Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees requests that the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission create the position of Security Worker for the Village of Scotia and that the Mayor and Village Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign any required documents.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

BUDGET AMENDMENT
MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray to amend Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget as follows: Increase A.5112.2000 (CHIPS) by $32,828.00; offset by A.3501 to correct CHIPS allocation.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

APPROVAL OF USE OF ARPA FUNDS
MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Brown that
Whereas, American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, guaranteeing direct relief to cities, towns and villages in the United States(Sec. 9901: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), and
Whereas, the Village of Scotia is the recipient of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds as a Non-Entitlement Unit of Local Government, and
Whereas, a wide variety uses of ARPA funds by local governments are allowed, now therefore,
Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves use of ARPA funds for the following:
AFG SCBA Grant Match in the amount of $3,385.00.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

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Whereas, a wide variety uses of ARPA funds by local governments are allowed, now therefore,
Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves use of ARPA funds for the following:
Collins Park Upgrades/Mohawk Schonowee Trail/Washington Avenue Pathway/Sunnyside Bridge Replacement Grant Match funds in the amount of $35,631.00.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

AUTHORIZE USE OF PARKLAND FUNDS
MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that
Whereas, the Village has received grants for various park improvements which require matching funds from the Village, and
Whereas, the Village has funds available in the Park Fund that are intended to be used for park improvements, and
Whereas, the Planning Board has considered the use of funds and found them within the intent of the law Park Fund Guidelines and has recommended that the remaining Park Funds be used for

Village matching funds relative to the Collins Park Upgrades/Mohawk Schonowee Trail Projects, now therefore,
Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the use of $19,395.17 in Park Funds for grant matching funds for Collins Park Upgrades/Mohawk Schonowee Trail Projects.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS
The following Department Heads presented their report for the month of May to the board:
Maria Schmitz – Clerk Treasurer's Office
Chief Harrigan– Police Department
Superintendent Kedzior – Department of Public Works
Chief Wood – Fire Department

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD
Street sign to honor Rob Clemens has been designed; will be printed soon and presented to family. Several items board will follow up on at next work session including fireworks and proposed fire museum. Municipal Facilities Project Update; site is enclosed, on Monday walls will be poured, forming inside piers and floor will be poured soon on the cold storage building. Thanked Jon Grennon from Heuber Breuer for keeping the project moving.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
Trustee Gray – Attended 150th Anniversary of the Scotia Fire Department; wonderful event. Thanked Park staff for all their hard work; SICM is serving lunches in the park for children under 18 from 12:15pm – 1:15pm Monday thru Friday. Traffic Safety Committee Meeting will be held September 6th at 11:00 am; Police Reform Committee meeting will be held September 5th at 6pm.
Trustee Brown – Zoning Board will meet on August 28th; Attorney Marola will provide training to members one hour before regular meeting time. Fire Department - meeting with Bonnie Belfance to discuss proposed fire museum. Continuing discussion regarding EMS proposal. Suggested prioritizing matching funds regarding further grant discussions.
Trustee Solotruck – As Historic Preservation Liaison offered to help coordinate efforts regarding proposed projects. Attended Planning Board meeting; discussed First National Bank of Scotia renovations and use of Parland Funds. Will be meeting with Mayor to review parking as a whole in the Village and discussion of zombie properties. Facilities Project – looking forward to planning for Phase 2.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the Budget Adjustments for the month of June and July.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray to appoint Trustee Brown to the Finance Committee.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

MUNICPAL FACILITIES AUDIT OF CLAIMS
MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated August 9, 2023 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of $399,032.24 charged to the H04-Capital Project Fund
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 Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS
MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Brown that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated August 9, 2023 be allowed and ordered paid in full, pending review by the Finance Committee, in the amount of $456,661.75 charged to the following funds.

A-General Fund	$428,777.03
F-Water Fund	$ 16,950.86
G-Sewer Fund	$ 10,933.86

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 Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 10, 2023
MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the May 10, 2023 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: Trustee Gray

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 14, 2023
MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the June 14, 2023 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.
Ayes: Trustee Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: Trustee Brown

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MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING HELD JULY 5, 2023
MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the July 5, 2023 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.
Ayes: Trustee Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: Trustee Brown

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 12, 2023
MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that the minutes of the July 12, 2023 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING HELD AUGUST 1, 2023
MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that the minutes of the August 1, 2023 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: Trustee Gray

ADJOURNMENT
MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray to adjourn the meeting at 8:50p.m.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz
Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees