

*Mayor Bucciferro called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.*

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

EXCUSED: Trustee Brown

### **PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

*Mayor Bucciferro opened the privilege of the floor at 7:04p.m.*

Lee Pooler & Bonnie Belfance; provided the board with a proposal to construct a building next to the Flint House to store the pumper and other relics from the Fire Department.

Jeremy Ecker of Scotia PBA; On behalf of PBA thanked the Mayor and Board of Trustees for quick turnaround in resources for the firework event.

*Mayor Bucciferro closed the privilege of the floor at 7:10p.m.*

### **LOCAL LAW 2023-A RELATING TO WATER RATES**

#### **a) Public Hearing**

*Mayor Bucciferro opened the public hearing at 7:10p.m.*

No one wished to speak.

*Mayor Bucciferro closed the public hearing at 7:11p.m.*

#### **b) Action**

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

Whereas, a public hearing was held, this night, June 14, 2023 on proposed Local Law 2023-A relating to water rates, now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Trustees adopts Local Law 2023-A.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

### **A RESOLUTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE VILLAGE OF SCOTIA PUMP STATION FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) REGULATIONS 6NYCRR PART 617.**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The Village of Scotia has determined that a need exists to replace the aging pump station forcemain.

**SECTION 2.** The Village of Scotia is in the planning stages for the Pump Station Forcemain Replacement Project.

**SECTION 3.** The Village of Scotia is seeking funding opportunities with various agencies for this project.

**SECTION 4.** As part of the approval process, the Village of Scotia Village Board must comply with regulations required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

**SECTION 5.** The public comment period has expired and no substantive comments remain to be addressed.

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**SECTION 6.** The Mayor of the Village of Scotia, acting as responsible officer of the Village of Scotia Village Board is hereby authorized to make a negative declaration and to complete and sign the Determination of Significance of the Full Environmental Assessment Form indicating that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

**SECTION 7.** The Village Board of the Village of Scotia hereby authorizes the Village Clerk to prepare, file, publish, and distribute all documents as necessary to comply with NYCRR Part 617 (State Environmental Quality Review).

**SECTION 8.** This resolution shall become effective June 14, 2023.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SCOTIA, SCHENECTADY COUNTY, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF A PUMP STATION FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,670,000 PUSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE SAID PURPOSE AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE VILLAGE TREASURER**

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray that

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scotia, Schenectady County, New York (the "Village") (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of the Board) as follows:

SECTION 1. The Village is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition, construction and installation of a Pump Station Forcemain Replacement Project as described as follows: the replacement of the existing 16" forcemain connecting the Village's Sanitary Sewer System to Schenectady County's Sanitary Sewer System, including construction, improvement, and replacement of equipment, machinery or apparatus of the Village's Sanitary Sewer System, together with necessary site work and the acquisition and installation of equipment, machinery and apparatus. The maximum cost of said purpose will not exceed \$1,670,000.

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees plans to finance the maximum estimated cost of said purpose, together with any costs of issuance relating to such purpose, by the issuance of serial bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,670,000 of said Village, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The Village has approached several federal and/or state agencies in order to obtain grants to assist in financing the costs of said purpose. Any funds received by the Village relating to the purpose will be applied to finance a portion of said purpose and/or reduce the principal amount of the obligations issued or to be issued by the Village for such purpose and/or to pay any debt service on any obligations issued by the Village for such purpose, as applicable and as permitted by law.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the undertaking of a Pump Station Forcemain Replacement Project is an object or purpose described in subdivision 4 of paragraph (a) of

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Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is forty (40) years.

SECTION 4. Current funds are not required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution or any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds.

SECTION 5. It is hereby determined that:

(1) The proposed maturity of the obligations authorized by this resolution will be in excess of five years.

(2) The cost of the capital improvement described in this resolution is a cost chargeable primarily to benefited real property.

SECTION 6. The faith and credit of said Village are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. Should the assessments upon benefitted real property be insufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said Village a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

SECTION 7. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Local Finance Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said notes and of Section 21.00, Section 50.00, Sections 56.00 to 60.00, Section 62.00, Section 63.00, and Section 164.00 of the Local Finance Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees pertaining or incidental to the sale and issuance of the obligations herein authorized, including but not limited to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

SECTION 8. The temporary use of available funds of the Village, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in Section 1 of this resolution. The Village then reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditure with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by Section 2 of this resolution. This resolution shall constitute the declaration of the Village's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized by Section 1 hereof with the proceeds of the bonds and notes authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 9. The Village Treasurer is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from

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gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as “qualified tax-exempt bonds” in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 10. The Village Treasurer is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure agreement with the initial purchaser of the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, containing provisions which are satisfactory to such purchaser in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 11. The Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Village a project financing agreement prepared by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (“EFC”) (the “SRF Project Financing Agreement”). The Village Treasurer and the Village Clerk and all other officers, employees and agents of the Village are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the Village to execute and deliver all certificates and other documents, perform all acts and do all things required or contemplated to be executed, performed or done by this resolution or any document or agreement approved hereby, including, but not limited to, the SRF Project Financing Agreement.

SECTION 12. The Board of Trustees of the Village has determined pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”) that the undertaking of the undertaking of a Pump Station Forcemain Replacement Project constitutes an “Type I Action” (as said quoted term is defined in the Regulations) under SEQR and that the undertaking of such capital project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and, accordingly, the Village has issued a negative declaration with respect to the undertaking of a Pump Station Forcemain Replacement Project.

SECTION 13. The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

(1) (a) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Village is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or

(2) Said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SECTION 14. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, in the official newspaper or newspapers of the Village.

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SECTION 15. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and is not subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Section 35.00b.(2) of the Local Finance Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**A RESOLUTION IN CONNECTION WITH AUTHORIZING AND SUBMITTING A NEW YORK STATE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF SCOTIA PUMP STATION FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Scotia wishes to apply for New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grant funding under the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation State Revolving Fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Scotia has determined that a need exists to replace the aging pump station forcemain;

**NOW**, on Motion of Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray, it is hereby

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Scotia apply for New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grant Funds to undertake the replacement of the pump station forcemain; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Mayor of the Village of Scotia is hereby authorized and directed to sign any and all documents necessary for the submission of said application to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, and any other sources of grant and or loan funding, and

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**VILLAGE ANNUAL AUDIT AGREEMENT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, the Village has an annual audit conducted by a CPA, and

Whereas, the Village has received a proposal from a CPA firm, CHS Wealth Management & CPA's, now therefore

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Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign agreements with CHS Wealth Management & CPA's, a professional service, for the Village single audit for the period ending May 31, 2023 in the amount of \$18,500.00.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

#### **VILLAGE COURT ANNUAL AUDIT AGREEMENT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, the Village Court has an annual audit conducted by a CPA, and

Whereas, the Village has received a proposal from a CPA firm, CHS Wealth Management & CPA's, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign agreements with CHS Wealth Management and CPA's, a professional service, for the Village Court single audit for the period ending May 31, 2023 in the amount of \$4,700.00.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

#### **BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray to amend the FY 23-24 Budget to increase A.3120.4700 by \$26,000.00; offset by decrease to A Fund Balance.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

#### **BODY WORN CAMERA PURCHASE**

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, the Village of Scotia has been awarded a Division of Criminal Justice Services local grant for Body Worn Cameras, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees authorizes the purchase of Body Worn Cameras and attendant equipment from Motorola Solutions as set forth in a statement dated February 13, 2023 in the amount of \$21,775.00, and

Whereas, upon receiving new information the Board of Trustees desires to amend the resolution for the purchase of body worn cameras for the Police Department, now therefore

Be it Resolved, the Board of Trustees rescinds the motion adopted March 3, 2023 for the purchase of body worn cameras and in its place the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the purchase of Body Worn Cameras and attendant equipment from Motorola Solutions as set forth in a statement dated May 23, 2023 in the amount of \$24,575.00 as a one-time payment.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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**ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS) AGREEMENT WITH PARKLAND AMBULANCE SERVICES, INC.**

**MOVED** by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, the Village entered into an agreement with Parkland Ambulance Services, Inc. (dba Mohawk Ambulance) in 2014 for ALS Services, and

Whereas, the Village desires to continue with said services with minimal adjustments to the agreement, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with Parkland Ambulance Services, Inc. for ALS services as provided in an agreement dated May 31, 2023 for a term of 3 years.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**AGREEMENT WITH TERRACON CONSULTANTS, NY INC-MUNCIPAL FACILITIES PROJECT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, the Municipal Facilities Project includes certain owner expenses including special inspection and construction materials testing services; and

Whereas, a proposal for said professional services has been received and review by Heuber-Breuer, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with Terracon Consultants, NY Inc., for special inspection and construction material testing services for the fire station site in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**JACKSON DEMOLITION – WWTP CONTRACT #2-DEMOLITION PAYMENT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, Wastewater Pump Station Project Contract #2 is for demolition by Jackson Demolition Service, Inc., with change order March 8, 2023, and

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

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes payment to Jackson Demolition for the WWTP General Construction Contract #2 in the amount of \$115,786.00.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**AGREEMENT WITH LABELLA ASSOCIATES**

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, the Village will apply for federal funding for Lead Service Line Inventory work, and

Whereas, the submission of the request requires engineering planning consulting services, now therefore

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Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with LaBella for engineering planning consulting services associated with the submission of Lead Service Line Inventory Project in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**CHA CONSULTING, INC. PAYMENT #4**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook 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 #4 to CHA Consulting, Inc. for professional services related to the Sunnyside Road Rehabilitation or Replacement in the amount of \$9,545.07.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**HEUBER-BREUER CONSTRUCTION CO. PAYMENT #7**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that

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

Whereas, a request has been made for payment #7, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves Payment #7 to Heuber-Breuer Construction Co, in the amount of \$23,900.00 for the Municipal Facilities Project – Fire Station.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**H2M ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES PAYMENT #7**

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

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

Whereas, the Village has received a request for payment #7, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves Payment #7 to H2M architects and engineers in the amount of \$14,238.55 for Municipal Facilities Project – Fire Station.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None



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**NAPIERALA CONSULTING FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES**

**MOVED** by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Solotruck 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 #8 has been received, now therefore  
Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves payment #8 to Napierala Consulting Professional Engineer, PC for civil engineering services in the amount of \$2,415.00  
Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro  
Noes: None  
Abstentions: None

**MJ BURBEN, INC. PAYMENT #3**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that  
Whereas, the Village entered into an agreement with MJ Burben, Inc. for Grant Research, Writing and Administrative Services related to the Municipal Facilities Project on September 14, 2022, and  
Whereas, a request for payment #3 has been received, now therefore  
Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves Payment #3 to MJ Burben, Inc. in the amount of \$8,000.00.  
Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro  
Noes: None  
Abstentions: None

**APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER**

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray that  
Whereas, the Village Fire Department has recommended that Emanuel Claudio be appointed volunteer firefighter for the Village of Scotia Fire Department, now therefore  
Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Emanuel Claudio as volunteer firefighter for the Village of Scotia Fire Department.  
Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro  
Noes: None  
Abstentions: None

**CLOSURE OF IRVING ROAD**

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize the closure of Irving Road between Ballston Avenue to Knickerbocker Road on Saturday, July 22, from 12pm to 5pm for a Block Party.  
Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro  
Noes: None  
Abstentions: None

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**SURPLUS OF 2012 CHEVROLET TAHOE AND 2013 DODGE CHARGER**

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

Whereas, the Police Chief has identified certain vehicles as no longer needed, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees declares 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe and 2013 Dodge Charger as outlined in a memo from the Police Chief dated May 30, 2023 as no longer needed and surplus and further authorizes the Police Chief or his designee to sell or dispose of the items in a manner permitted by law.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**SURPLUS OF 25 EXPIRED SCBA BOTTLES**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, the Fire Chief has identified 25 expired SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) bottles as no longer needed, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees declares 25 expired SCBA bottles as outlined in a memo from the Fire Chief dated June 1, 2023 as no longer needed and surplus and further authorizes the Fire Chief or his designee to sell or dispose of the items in a manner permitted by law.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**SUMMER HOURS**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Be it Resolved, that summer hours, commencing July 5, 2023 and ending September 5, 2023 shall be as follows for the following positions or offices:

Department of Public Works Clerk – Monday through Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm

Court Clerk – 8:00am to 3:00pm except on Court days; to the finish of Court

Police Department Clerk – 8:00am to 3:00pm

Clerk-Treasurer’s Office – 8:00am to 3:00pm

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**DISCUSSION ON CANNIBUS FARMERS MARKET**

The board agreed that traffic circulation and parking would need to be reviewed by the Police Chief to avoid long lines in a bordering residential area; would like map showing actual distances to neighboring properties.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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

Superintendent Kedzior – Department of Public Works

Maria Schmitz – Clerk Treasurer’s Office

Chief Harrigan – Police Department

Chief Wood – Fire Department

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## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD**

Mayor will be sending out a press release and a letter through constant contact regarding the fireworks; thanked the board for reconsidering the event and thanked all for their leadership. Municipal Facilities Project has broken ground; thanked Dr. Singh, Stewarts and First National Bank of Scotia for their assistance with parking. Would like to discuss Village Priorities and Development of a Strategic Plan at July meeting. Juneteenth proclamation will be presented on Monday; will distribute copy to board.

## **CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Solotruck** – Municipal Facilities Project has broke ground; look forward to continues progress. Fireworks event was a difficult decision to make; thanked Schenectady County Legislation for their resources and support. Heuber Breuer will be presenting a Municipal Facilities Project update at the work sessions held on the third Mondays of each month. No Zoning Board meeting held. Congratulated Special Events Committee on a successful Memorial Day Parade.

**Trustee Gray** – Thanked Schenectady County Legislature for their assistance with the fireworks. Police Reform Committee meeting to be scheduled. Traffic Safety Committee will be meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Great to see Municipal Facilities Project progressing. Thanked all Department Heads for their work.

**Trustee Cook** – Police Department – thanked board for their support of the body worn cameras; officers are committed to their accountability as well as their community. Thanked Police Department for bringing their initial safety concerns forward for the firework event; thanked department for bringing other resources together. Thanked Schenectady County Legislature for seeing value in the event and being sure the Village has the resources needed.

BID – very supportive of the fireworks being able to continue.

BOA Grant -Envision Scotia campaign for visioning and planning to involve both private and public investors will kick off on Crusin on the Avenue. Survey available for all residents to participate in. As Marriage Officer thanked the board for declaring June Pride Month. Received the following email from a neighbor concerned with the placement of the pride flag to be entered into the minutes:

Dear Village Board of Trustees,

I write to tell the story of my family. We are a family who prides ourselves in being part of the Village of Scotia. We have lived here for over a decade. Our children have known no other place and we plan to continue to make this their home base as they venture out after graduating high school. This has been a place where our neighbors have loved and accepted us for who we are. The schools embrace diversity and nurture all of our children.

In has only been in recent years that we have noticed a frightening uptick in bigotry for the LGBTQ community. As same-sex parents, we have been able to shield our children from this hate here in the village. This is until recently. A neighbor child told our daughters that she "hates gays". Our girls reported this to us to seek guidance on how to respond. Although WE know that this stems from a lack of education and experience from their hateful parents, our daughters were hurt and confused. They spent the good part of three days in somber silence. It was heartbreaking. We aren't naive to the fact that this would eventually happen, but it shocked us nonetheless.

We are lucky to live in a region where most people are accepting or at the very least, mind their own business. For that, we are thankful.

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In response to this event, we took our daughters to our closest small local Pride event. They absolutely LOVED IT. Who doesn't love music and rainbows? It helps to be among so many accepting people and to see other families who look like ours. But Pride Month ends. The festivities are soon over. Did you know that **Over 520** anti-LGBTQ+ bills have been introduced in state legislatures in 2023 alone? 70 of these will take effect in the near future. The world has decided that our basic human rights, including Healthcare and parental rights are a topic up for debate. These are NOT political topics to be voted on. They are the basic rights that all citizens are afforded, but apparently only if you're in a traditional marriage. The last two years, although our main street was not lined with pride flags like they are in Saratoga, Albany, and Hudson, we were at least able to pass the one flag that showed the villagers we had support from the Board, during the month of June. It made us feel welcome. On our street alone, there are 5 LGTBQ couples. This year, when representation is so extremely important to the well being of the community, the flag seems to be hidden away. While I did not necessarily agree with the decisions of our past Mayor, this specific change is extremely disheartening. Is this the message our new board wants to convey? That the people who spew hate the loudest should dictate our showing of support? You may argue that the town would then have to decide who can display which flags. I would say a policy that chooses to display a Pride flag is choosing inclusion for all. This is NOT a political group. Supporting the community is not for profit, but rather safety, inclusion, and representation.

Please reconsider this decision to relocate the flag for the sake of my children and yours.

Thank you for listening,

Kristina Coughlin

### **BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**MOVED** by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray to approve the Budget Adjustments for the month of May.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

### **AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

Approval tabled to June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **WAIVER OF PARK FEES**

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray to waive park fees associated with the Schenectady Nature Bus press event to be held June 16<sup>th</sup> and Nature Bus Stop at Collins Park on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray to adjourn the meeting at 8:25p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees