At the special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
Held July 2, 2024

Mayor Bucciferro called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

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

NY FORWARD PUBLIC MEETING

Norabelle Greenberger of LaBella Associates provided the following overview of the NY Forward Grant:

The Village of Scotia is preparing a NY Forward (NYF) grant application to support a range of project along the Mohawk Avenue Corridor to further the corridor's revitalization and reinvestment.

The NY Forward (NYF) program is a comprehensive approach to reinvigorate and enliven downtowns in New York's smaller and rural communities-the type of downtowns found in villages, hamlets and other small, neighborhood-scale municipal centers. Each year 2-3 communities in each of NY's ten regions are selected as NY Forward communities-either two $4.5 million awards, or one $4.5 million award and two $2.25 million awards. The funding can be used on a range of projects, including public, private, and not-for-profit projects, with the funding allocated between multiple, diverse projects.

Scotia is located in the Capital Region REDC, Round 1 & 2 Capital Region REDC NY Forward awardees are the Village of Cambridge (Washington County), Village of Schuylerville (Saratoga County), Village of Hoosick Falls (Rensselaer County), Village of Coxsackie (Greene County), and Village of Kinderhook (Columbia County),

Scotia stands out as one of the only Schenectady County communities that fits the mold of what the State is typically looking for with a NY Forward community. The recent completion of the Envision Scotia plan has built momentum and identified and developed compelling projects that can be included in the application. BOA designated communities are prioritized for NY Forward funding (and other State funding). The Village was also designated as a Pro-Housing community in June. Pro-Housing designation is a requirement to be eligible for NY Forward funding this year, and there are currently only 75 designated Pro-Housing communities in the State. The Village of Scotia is the only Pro-Housing community in Schenectady County and one of only 11 in the Capital Region REDC.

Project Interest Forms were provided at meeting; forms will also be available at Village Hall and on the Envision Scotia website. The Envision Scotia Committee will review the project interest forms; once a project list is developed it will be placed on the Envision Scotia website.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Mayor stated that a public engagement will be held on July 10th to initiate the development of committee to create plan.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Mayor stated that he has received a request for an Eagle Scout Project to enhance village property located at the corner of Wallace Street and Route 50 to include electricity and fencing; board supports project. Mayor will work with Attorney Marola regarding details of the project.

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EXECUTVE SESSION
MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown to enter into executive session to discuss a particular person.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck & Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

Mayor Bucciferro reconvened the board at 7:10p.m. with no action

ADJOURNMENT
MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:10p.m.
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck & Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz
Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees