

Mayor Bucciferro called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

EXCUSED: Trustee Gray

SUNNYSIDE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Tony Papile and Iana Headley-Kroll of CHA provided a presentation that included the following information:

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Sunnyside Road (CR 12) over Amtrak/CSX

VILLAGE OF SCOTIA, SCHENECTADY COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

TONIGHT'S AGENDA:

- Project Presentation Q&A / Open House

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

The proposed project will replace the existing bridge carrying Sunnyside Road (CR 12) over the Amtrak/CSX railroad. The specific project objectives are:

- Eliminate all structural deficiencies by providing a new structure designed to current structural and safety standards that provides a 75-year service life in a manner that is cost effective and environmentally sensitive.
- Improve upon the existing vertical clearance over Amtrak/CSX railroad in order to meet current minimum vertical clearance standards set by the CSX Public Project Manual while meeting established design criteria.
- Install sidewalk facilities and widen roadway shoulders to provide for pedestrian and bicycle mobility that meets current ADA and safety standards while keeping adjacent property impacts to a minimum.

Existing Bridge

- The existing bridge consists of a five-span structure with painted steel girders and an 8" monolithic concrete deck. The substructures are concrete and consist of cantilevered abutments and multi-column piers, both founded on spread footings.
- The overall bridge length is 370'-9" and the structure has a 13° skew. The bridge carries two (2) 12'-0" wide travel lanes, 3'-0" shoulders and a 3'-7" sidewalk on the southern side of the bridge.
- Per the NYSDOT Bridge Inspection Report dated 08/13/21, the existing bridge received a NYS General Recommendation of '3'. This indicates that bridge is structurally deficient with moderate deterioration of primary members, secondary members and substructures. In September 2022, the bridge received multiple red flags and was closed to traffic in October 2022.

Proposed Bridge

- The proposed structure will consist of a single span, multiple steel girder superstructure supported on integral abutments. The deck will be a 9.5-inch monolithic concrete slab with an integral wearing surface.
- The bridge width will be 41.75-ft. with a 13-degree skew consisting of two 11-ft. travel lanes with 6-ft. shoulders and a 5-ft. sidewalk. The existing horizontal alignment will be maintained, and the vertical alignment will be raised by approximately 2.5' over the railroad tracks to meet the minimum vertical clearance of 23'-0".
- Approximately 915-ft. of the existing Sunnyside Road approach roadway will be reconstructed adjacent to the new bridge. Reconstruction will begin approximately 350-ft. west of the bridge and end approximately 565-ft. east of the bridge.

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC DURING CONSTRUCTION

Sunnyside Road will continue to be closed to thru traffic from Washington Avenue to Arbor Lane and the current off-site detour route will be used for the duration of construction. The off-site detour uses Freedom Bridge Road, Dutch Meadows Lane and N. Ballston Ave (NY-50).

RIGHT OF WAY IMPACTS:

The construction of the proposed project will require three (3) railroad easements, one (1) minor acquisition, and two (2) temporary easements from adjacent properties to accommodate the proposed construction operations, access for future maintenance, embankments, and realignment of the railroad access road.

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PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Complete Final Design: Fall 2025
- Construction Advertising and Bidding Winter 2025
- Construction 2026-2027

CHA representatives allowed for a question-and-answer period with the public.

A Public Information Comment Sheet was also provided; comments to be returned by July 17, 2024.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Bucciferro opened the privilege of the floor at 7:20p.m.

Lynn Trudell of 221 Glen Avenue read the following:

I will start by thanking the Trustees, Mayor and all the boards.

Recently there have been several village events: Father's Day Car Show and the amazing job done for the 4th of July Fireworks, thanks to Justin Cook and his committee. These committees and the Trustees, police department, fire department, DPW and clerk's office deserve acknowledgement for their commitment to continuing these events for our residents.

The Trustees and Mayor have also been busy with several ongoing projects. The NY Public Forward and Envision Scotia Initiatives, the Sunnyside Bridge Project which was discussed tonight; to name a few. I know there are others.

A highlight of the year so far, has been the Fire Department move to its' new location a few doors down. As a resident, I am happy to see that part of the Municipal Project finally complete. Just in time.

However, I haven't heard any update in months about the Municipal Project PART TWO. The Police Station and Village Hall. The last I heard was that the bids for rehabbing the building did not meet expectations.

So, what's the status? Where are they temporarily moving? When are they moving? Will this building be able to be refurbished? What's the plan? Instead of gossip, I believe the residents deserve to hear an update directly from the Trustees and the Mayor, and or the engineers.

Speaking of gossip, I heard that the resident committee was disbanded. Is that true? If so, why?

The resident committee for Project 1 and Project 2 was supposed to allow a measure of transparency for the village residents, an opportunity to have some input into the plans and designs for the project. It was to allow residents to feel involved in a project which has a significant impact on our village residents' safety and security along with a financial impact. Now it feels like residents are being shut out of the process.

I hope that by the next meeting there will be some information about the current status and plan forward for Municipal Project: Police Department and Village Hall.

Thank you.

Mayor Bucciferro closed the privilege of the floor at 7:24p.m.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION ON STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Mayor stated that the Strategic Plan development will be presented at the first meeting in August; the board will identify the plan committee and steps in creating the plan. Each month at the second trustee work session there will be an update on the Strategic Plan process.

LOCAL LAW 2024-C RELATED TO MORATORIUM ON GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS

a) Public Hearing

Mayor Bucciferro opened the public hearing at 7:29p.m.

No one wished to speak.

Mayor Bucciferro closed the public hearing at 7:30p.m.

Trustee Cook provided an email from a resident to enter into record:

My apologies for not being able to attend in person – I am currently attending a long-planned family vacation.

I live 2 houses down on Albermarle from the citgo gas station in scotia. I've owned & resided in the house for a decade. According to my neighbor, who lived directly next to the gas station, he sold his house to them. He was told they planned to expand their gas station and add more diesel pumps. We don't need more gas pumps in scotia, we need more housing! Space is limited in the village, and priority should go to residences. The gas station is already a less than ideal neighbor. I frequently over hear yelling & loud cars at all hours of the day & night. Trash blows into my yard frequently. Gas stations do not add substantial value for the residents of scotia.

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Scotia has more than enough gas stations to serve its residents. They aren't sustainable businesses, and they have a long term cost. Having a 24 hour business in a residential neighborhood is incompatible with the community feeling scotia strives to capture. Having that business encroach further into the neighborhood would make the problem worse.

I won't pretend to be an environmental expert, but creating more gas pumps to potentially pollute our shared soil and water cannot be the best thing for the village. Passing the moratorium will give scotia the breathing room to assess the situation, and hear more from residents about how they want their village developed.

I've spoken to many neighbors and none are thrilled at the idea of having an even larger gas station in our neighborhood. Please pass the moratorium to protect the interests of village residents. Thank you! Gillian Gersen – village resident.

b) Action

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, a public hearing was held, this night, July 10, 2024 on proposed Local Law 2024-C relating to Moratorium on Gasoline Service Stations, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees adopts proposed Local Law 2024-C.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

A RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE VILLAGE OF SCOTIA PUBLIC FACILITIES APPLICATION AND TO DESIGNATE THE MAYOR AS THE CERTIFYING OFFICER

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook that

WHEREAS, the Village of Scotia is applying for a CDBG Application; and

WHEREAS, that in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)

and the related authorities listed at 24 CFP Part 58, the Village Board of the Village of Scotia

announces its intent to conduct an environmental review of the Village Hall ADA improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Scotia Trustees will also be conducting an environmental review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Scotia will conduct both NEPA and SEQR environmental reviews of the building improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board designates David Bucciferro, Mayor, as the Certifying Officer, responsible for all activities associated with the environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with the NYS CDBG application.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**VILLAGE OF SCOTIA VILLAGE BOARD SEQR RESOLUTION
NEGATIVE DECLARATION – SCOTIA VILLAGE HALL RENOVATION**

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Brown that

WHEREAS, the Village Board is proposing the renovation of Scotia Village Hall for upgrades and ADA accessibility improvements (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board plans to seek funding for the Project from potential funding sources including but not limited to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (NYS OCR) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding; and

WHEREAS, the Project is proposed at an existing building on an approximately 0.15-acre lot located at 4 North Ten Broeck Street in the Village of Scotia, New York; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) regulations, the Village Board conducted an environmental review of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project is classified as an Unlisted Action under SEQR, and the Village Board performed an uncoordinated review; and

WHEREAS, LaBella Associates was retained to prepare the Parts 1, 2 & 3 of the

Short Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") with an accompanying narrative, which the Village Board has reviewed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The Village Board declares that it will serve as the SEQR Lead Agency for the Project, and in this capacity has caused to be prepared an environmental assessment of the significance of and potential environmental impact of the action described above.

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2. The Village Board has considered the Project and its potential for environmental impacts; Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the EAF prepared by LaBella; the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.7(c); and other supporting information to identify the relevant areas of environmental concern; and thoroughly analyzed the identified relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the Project may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and finds that the Project will not have a significant impact on the environment because of the reasons discussed in the narrative to the EAF Part 3, which is incorporated in full herein and attached hereto.
3. Pursuant to SEQRA, a Negative Declaration is therefore issued for this Project.
4. The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:
Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro
Noes: None
Abstentions: None
5. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared and duly adopted.

THAT THE VILLAGE OF SCOTIA WILL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR BOA PRE-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FUNDING

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook that

WHEREAS, The Village of Scotia, New York, herein called the "Applicant", after thorough consideration, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in its application and attachments, herein called the "Project", is desirable; and

WHEREAS, §970-r of the General Municipal Law authorizes State assistance to eligible parties for Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program grants by means of a State Assistance Contract (the contract); and

WHEREAS, The Village of Scotia, New York deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to enter into a contract therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY

The Scotia Village Board

1. That David Bucciferro, Mayor of the Village, is the representative authorized to act in behalf of all applicants in all matters related to State assistance under §970-r of the General Municipal Law for the Project. The representative is also authorized to: sign and submit the application; execute the contract; request payment advances and reimbursements; redistribute contract reimbursements as appropriate; submit Project documentation; and otherwise act for all applicants in all matters related to the Project and to State assistance;
2. That the Applicant intends to complete Pre-development Activities to develop Mohawk Avenue streetscape plans and designs necessary for the development of concepts identified and described within Envision Scotia (Scotia BOA Nomination Study) and the Downton Connections Plan;
3. That the Applicant requests funds up to \$500,000 representing no more than 90% of a \$555,555 Project total;
4. That the Applicant agrees that it will fund the Applicant's 10% share of the Project, up to \$55,555.00;
5. That this Authorization take effect immediately.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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FIRST AMENDMENT TO ROAD USE AND CROSSING AGREEMENT WITH CHPE, LLC

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, the Village entered into an agreement with CHPE, LLC on September 18, 2023, and

Whereas, certain amendments to the agreement are desired, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign the First Amendment to Road Use and Crossing Agreement with CHPE, LLC.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

CHA CONSULTING, ING. PAYMENT #16

MOVED by Trustee Brown, 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 #16 to CHA Consulting, Inc. for professional services related to the Sunnyside Road Rehabilitation or Replacement in the amount of \$6,130.41.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown to accept the Departmental Reports.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Village sent seller of 52 Market Street a list of conditions and estimated time table for their review. Mayor and Trustee Cook scheduling a series of meeting with the new town leadership; department heads may also be included depending on topic. YMCA reached out to Mayor to work together; Mayor proposed appointing Trustee Cook as liaison to YMCA; board agreed. The village is now connected on OneDrive; documents will be shared with the board on this mechanism. Mayor will share the rules of the Municipal Parking Lot for board review. Mayor thanked John Grennon, on-site superintendent for the building of the firehouse; Mayor thanked him for going above and beyond during the phase 1 of the Municipal Facilities Project. Beginning August 2nd, Mayor will be sending out a village update each Friday; encouraged Trustees to send information they would like included.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Solotruck – Looking forward to movement on phase 2 of the Municipal Facilities Project. Attended Planning Board meeting; new alternate in attendance. Mayor stated that Attorney Marola will draft legislation to allow for second alternate to the Planning Board,

Trustee Brown – Fire Department move was successful; department in operational in new building. Thanked Department Heads, Fire, EMS, Clerk's Office and special thanks to Trustee Cook for an incredible 4th of July event; feedback was remarkable positive.

Trustee Cook – Thanked everyone for all of their work with the 4th of July Fireworks including DPW, Parks Dept, Police, Fire and Clerk's Office; will present report of event at August meeting. Formal committee will need to be formed for event. Police Department-Looking to hire Police Officer; reach out to Chief Harrigan if know of candidate interested. Freedom Park Season ongoing-concerts held Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays; thanked Parks Department for their work. School District – wished all teachers a safe and enjoyable summer; Officer Ecker, SRO will be attending additional training over the summer months.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to approve the Budget Adjustments for the month of June.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Tabled until July 15th meeting.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated July 10, 2024 be allowed and ordered paid in full, in the amount of \$108,181.34 charged to the following funds.

A-General Fund	\$ 76,649.99
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F-Water Fund	\$ 30,089.58
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G-Sewer Fund	\$ 1,441.77
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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, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING HELD JUNE 4, 2024

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that the minutes of the June 4, 2024 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 12, 2024

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that the minutes of the June 12, 2024 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING HELD JUNE 17, 2024

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that the minutes of the June 17, 2024 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor stated that the Village is now under Summer Hours.

Court Clerk will be resigning end of next week; court will go on this week as scheduled. Village is looking to fill this position.

Thanked all departments for their work and coordination of services during fireworks event.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:50p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees