

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

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

APPOINTMENT OF PROVISIONAL POLICE CHIEF

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, Police Chief Harrigan retired on October 31, 2024, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees appointed Sergeant Adam Halbfinger as Acting Police Chief, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees desires to appoint Adam Halbfinger as Provisional Police Chief, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees appoints Sergeant Adam Halbfinger as Provisional Police Chief effective November 13, 2024 at a salary of \$115,000.00 in addition to other agreed upon terms.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Mayor Bucciferro thanked Chief Harrigan for all the work he did for the department; looks forward to Chief Halbfinger moving the department forward.

Mayor Bucciferro swore in Chief Halbfinger and his wife presented him with his badge.

Board took a recess and called meeting back to order at 6:55p.m.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Bucciferro opened the privilege of the floor at 6:55p.m.

Beverly Clark, Historian; Flint House flooded one year ago and has been without heat for 8 months; would like an update as to the plans for this property. Submitted a grant for an engineering study of the property. Contents of the Flint House have been boxed and organized; ready to move into a space to work out of for the winter.

Mayor Bucciferro closed the privilege of the floor at 6:59p.m.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Chief Wook presented the following letter of commendation to Lt. Michael Hampel and FF Kevin Archibald:

On Friday October 18th @ 09:42, The Scotia Fire Department responded to a request for ALS to the scene of a mutual aid incident with Alplaus Fire and Mohawk Ambulance. Scotia FD was requested 16 minutes into the call as the original call had ALS coming from Albany. The initial call was dispatched as a "cardiac arrest" with staff doing CPR. Upon Scotia FD's arrival it was determined that the PT was not in cardiac arrest and had other medical issues going on. CPR had been started on a PT that actually had a pulse. Lt. Hampel and FF Archibald took control of the scene and began necessary treatment and transport. While enroute to the ER the PT did "code" and CPR was initiated. Further findings were found and addressed by Scotia FD. PT was ultimately turned over to ER staff for definitive care. Checking back with ER staff later in the day and the PT was alive and awaiting surgery.

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During the incident the crew remained calm in this challenging situation and handled themselves professionally. Without the diligent efforts of Lt. Hampel and FF Archibald the PT's condition could have been significantly different in a negative way.

I commend the actions of Lt. Hampel and FF. Archibald for an outstanding job done and I am honored to work with such a dedicated and professional firefighters, paramedics, and officers.

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ROUND 9 RESTORE NY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that

WHEREAS, the Empire State Development Corporation is requesting funding proposals for the eighth round of the Restore NY Municipal Grant program; and

WHEREAS, grant funds are available for projects to demolish/deconstruct and/or rehabilitate/reconstruct vacant, abandoned, surplus and/or condemned residential, commercial and/or mixed-use buildings; and

WHEREAS, an important goal of Restore NY is to revitalize urban centers, rural areas, and disadvantaged communities. It is anticipated that upon completion, the projects funded by Restore NY grants will attract individuals, families, and industry and commercial enterprises to the municipality. It is further anticipated that the improved community and business climate will result in an increased tax base thereby improving municipal finances and the wherewithal to further grow the municipality's tax and resource base, lessening its dependence on state aid; and WHEREAS, cities with populations less than 40,000 can apply for up to \$1,000,000 in grant funding;

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the application and properties involved in the application is required prior to submission,

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Scotia Village Board that it hereby schedules a public hearing for the Round 9 Restore NY application for December 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 4 North Ten Broeck St., Scotia, NY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Notice of said hearing will be published for three consecutive days in The Daily Gazette.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it will include the following property assessment list:

Site	Size (sq. ft.)	Building Type	Project Type	Building Category
302 Mohawk Ave.	18,660 sq. ft.	Residential	Reconstruction	Vacant

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of the Anthem Blue Cross Medicare for health insurance effective January 1, 2025.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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**RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY FIRE
MUTUAL AID PLAN**

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the Village of Scotia Board of Trustees elects to participate in the Schenectady County Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan as is now in force and is amended from time to time and certifies to the Schenectady County Board of Legislature, through its County Fire Coordinator, that no restrictions exist against “outside service” by such fire company or department, within the meaning of Section 209 of the New York State General Municipal Law, which would affect the fire company or departments participation in the plan.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Schenectady County Fire Coordinator.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

SURPLUS DAMAGED DOCK

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, the Village dock for the river was damaged and is not usable for Village purposes, and
Whereas, the dock has been identified as no longer needed and surplus, now therefore
Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees declares the damaged Village dock as no longer needed and surplus and further authorizes the damaged dock to be transferred to Raymond Piotrowski in exchange for allowing the Village to dump collected leaves on Piotrowski property at no fee.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

AMENDMENT #14 TO H2M ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray that

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

Whereas, there are additional reimbursable expenses in the amount of \$555.00, now therefore,
Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign Amendment #14 with H2M architects + engineers in the amount of \$555.00.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

CHA CONSULTING, INC PAYMENT #19

MOVED by Trustee Cook, 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 #19 to CHA Consulting, Inc. for professional services related to the Sunnyside Road Rehabilitation or Replacement in the amount of \$4,558.84.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

BUDGET AMENDMENT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown to Amend Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget as follows:

Increase A.51120.2000 by \$54,367.63 for CHIPS Allocation; offset by a decrease to A.3501

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mayor stated that Chief Halbfinger will be adding additional information to the police monthly report.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Mayor will work with Trustee Solotruck will work together regarding space for the Historian and the Flint House documents. Village has been approved for the next phase of the NY Forward Grant process; selected to present in person presentation. Received email from Trustee Solotruck regarding outstanding items; will review items at Monday's meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Cook – Congratulated Chief Adam Halbfinger for his leadership of the department.

Thanked Officer Hajec for all his work with grants he has been successful in securing. Thanked Officer Peck for her active presence in the Village on Halloween handing out candy.

BID – Held Trick or Treating along Mohawk Avenue; event was well attended. Mohawk Avenue Businesses preparing for Holiday on the Avenue.

School District – No Report.

Grants – Looking forward to the interview round of the NY Forward grant.

Mayor Bucciferro stated that he received a message from the school district with two potential dates to hold an open forum regarding safety in the schools and community; Mayor would like entire board to attend.

Trustee Gray – Congratulated Chief Halbfinger; thanked him and all the officers for their leadership in the community. Will be following up with Chief regarding Traffic Safety Committee and Police Reform Committee meetings. Thanked DPW for their leaf pickup.

Trustee Brown – Congratulated Chief Halbfinger; great to see such community support.

Fire Department – continuing contract negotiations.

Special Events Committee – looking for volunteers and leadership for the committee.

Zoning Board – no meeting; board currently has two full time vacancies and one alternate vacancy; encourage anyone would like to get involved to reach out.

Trustee Solotruck – Welcomed Chief Halbfinger; met with Chief prior to appointment regarding his visions for the future of department.

Planning Board – Attended meeting; board members volunteer time and make sure to represent all residents. Looking forward to discussions regarding Historian's concerns.

Community Garden program started with 5 members; currently 75 raised beds are all reserved with Village residents. Bruce Kohout continuing to make improvements to the program.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook to approve the Budget Adjustments for the month of October.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated November 13, 2024 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$35,334.49 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, Cook, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated November 13, 2024 be allowed and ordered paid in full, in the amount of \$1,497,411.15 charged to the following funds.

A-General Fund	\$1,413,752.40
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F-Water Fund	\$ 53,502.72
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G-Sewer Fund	\$ 30,156.03
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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, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 9, 2024

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that the minutes of the October 9, 2024 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING HELD OCTOBER 15, 2024

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that the minutes of the October 15, 2024 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Brown and Trustee Gray

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NEW BUSINESS

Mayor stated that the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project electric transmission project has begun.

Trustee Cook stated that Trustee Brown had send an email regarding an outdoor fitness court; would like to discuss this at a future work session.

Trustee Cook would like to put together a Comprehensive Park Plan to includes all aspects of parkland.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray to adjourn the meeting at 7:25p.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