

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
December 2, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

ABSENT: Trustee Gray

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Brown that *Michael Godlewski* be and he is hereby appointed as Acting Village Justice for a term of one year to serve as such at a salary as adjusted by the Board of Trustees.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that *Kathleen Haug* be and she is hereby appointed to serve as Court Clerk for a term of one year to serve as such at a rate adjusted by the Board of Trustees.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that *Kristen Bode* be and she is hereby appointed as Part-Time Clerk to the Village Justice for a term of one year to serve as such at an hourly rate of \$25/hour.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that *Luis Agüero* be and he is hereby appointed to serve as Building Inspector for a term of one year to serve as such at a salary adjusted by the Board of Trustees.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that *Jamie Stegmann* be and she is hereby appointed as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of five years to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook that *Brett Wery* be and he is hereby appointed as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to complete remaining four years of term to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook that *Cassandra Valiquette* be and she is hereby appointed Clerk to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of one year to serve as such at a salary as adjusted by the Board of Trustees.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that *Gregg Zeman* be and he is hereby appointed as a member of the Planning Board for a term of five years to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown, that *Joe Mulone* be and he is hereby appointed as an member of the Planning Board to complete remaining on year of term to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook that *David Haug* be and he is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Planning Board for remaining one year of term to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Brown that *Lynn Trudell Moore* be and she is hereby appointed Clerk to Planning Board for a term of one year to serve as such at a salary as adjusted by the Board of Trustees.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Mayor Bucciferro, seconded by Trustee Cook that *Joe Talbot* be and he is hereby appointed to serve as member of the Traffic Safety Committee for a term of one year to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Mayor Bucciferro, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that *Nick Macherone* be and he is hereby appointed to serve as member of the Traffic Safety Committee for a term of one year to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Mayor Bucciferro, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that *Ryan Kedzior* be and he is hereby appointed to serve as member of the Traffic Safety Committee – DPW for a term of one year to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Mayor Bucciferro, seconded by Trustee Cook that *Police Officer Jeremy Ecker* be and he is hereby appointed to serve as member of the Traffic Safety Committee - Police for a term of one year to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Mayor Bucciferro, seconded by Trustee Brown that *Police Chief Adam Halbfinger* be and he is hereby appointed to serve as member of the Traffic Safety Committee - Police for a term of one year to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Mayor Bucciferro, seconded by Trustee Brown that *Fire Chief David Wood* be and he is hereby appointed to serve as member of the Traffic Safety Committee - Fire for a term of one year to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Mayor Bucciferro, seconded by Trustee Cook that *Police Chief Adam Halbfinger* be and he is hereby appointed to serve as Chairman of the Traffic Safety Committee for a term of one year to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Mayor Bucciferro, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that *Tom Melander* be and he is hereby appointed to serve as member of the Traffic Safety Committee - DOT for a term of one year to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that *Jeff Williams* be and he is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Examining Board of Plumbers for a term of two years to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook that Tom Gifford be and he is hereby appointed to serve as Chair of the Housing Authority Committee for remaining four years of term to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that *Kim Insogna* be and he is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Housing Authority Committee for a term of five years to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Mayor Bucciferro, seconded by Trustee Brown, to establish a policy review committee comprised of Mayor, Department Heads and Trustee Cook to review Village policies for modification, consistency and efficiency; semiannual reports on findings.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook that the Mayor and the Board of Trustees establish an Ethics Committee consistent with existing Village Code. The committee will be comprised of three village residents, one village employee, one Department Head and one elected official. Interested parties should submit an email to the Mayor by December 31, 2024. Committee will be established at the January 15, 2025 Village Meeting.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Mayor Bucciferro, seconded by Trustee Brown to appoint *Trustee Cook* as Marriage officer for a one-year term to serve as such without compensation.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions:

Mayor Bucciferro hereby appoints *Beverly Clark* as the Village Historian for a term of one year to serve as such without compensation.

Mayor Bucciferro hereby appoints *Bruce Kohout* to serve as Community Garden Coordinator for a term of one year to serve as such without compensation.

Mayor Bucciferro named the following Trustees to serve on the following committees:

Budget Committee

_____ *Entire Board*

Negotiations & Employee Relations

_____ *Mayor Bucciferro and Trustee Gray*

Finance Committee

Trustee Brown and Trustee Solotruck

Mayor Bucciferro named the following Trustees to serve as liaison officer to work with the Board or Commission set forth:

Public Works	<i>Trustee Solotruck</i>
Buildings & Grounds	<i>Mayor Bucciferro</i>
Police	<i>Trustee Cook</i>
Fire	<i>Trustee Brown</i>
City of Schenectady	<i>Mayor Bucciferro</i>
County of Schenectady	<i>Trustee Solotruck</i>
Recycling Coordinator	<i>Trustee Gray</i>
Town Board	<i>Mayor Bucciferro and Trustee Cook</i>
Zoning Board of Appeals	<i>Trustee Brown</i>
Plumbers Examining Board	<i>Mayor Bucciferro</i>
Public Health	<i>Mayor Bucciferro and Trustee Brown</i>
Planning Board	<i>Trustee Solotruck</i>
Village Business District	<i>Trustee Cook</i>
Historic Preservation	<i>Trustee Solotruck</i>
County Watershed Rules & Regulations	<i>Trustee Gray</i>
Traffic Safety Committee	<i>Trustee Gray</i>
Special Events Committee/Fireworks	<i>Trustee Brown and Trustee Cook</i>
Freedom Park Foundation	<i>Trustee Cook</i>
Senior Center	<i>Mayor Bucciferro</i>
Clerk/Treasurer	<i>Trustee Solotruck</i>
Court	<i>Trustee Solotruck</i>
Building Inspection	<i>Trustee Gray</i>
Police Reform Committee	<i>Trustee Gray</i>
Municipal Building Project-Phase 2	<i>Trustee Solotruck</i>

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck seconded by Trustee Brown to ratify the above mayoral appointments of liaisons.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Brown seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the Public Official Bonds are and they hereby are established to be in the following amounts for the designated officers:

Village Clerk-Treasurer	\$1,000,000.00
Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer	100,000.00
Deputy Village Clerk	100,000.00
Deputy Village Treasurer	100,000.00
Clerk to the Village Justice	100,000.00
Village Justice	100,000.00
Acting Village Justice	100,000.00

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Brown, that the *Daily Gazette* is and it hereby is named as the official newspaper of the Village of Scotia beginning this date.

MOVED by Trustee Brown seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the *First National Bank of Scotia, the Bank of America, the Key Bank, TD Bank and NY CLASS* be and they hereby are designated as the official depositories of the Village of Scotia for moneys received by the Clerk-Treasurer and other Village Officials for the official year beginning this date.

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that Maria Schmitz, Clerk-Treasurer, is directed to pay principal and interest on all bonds and other obligations of the Village of Scotia as they become due and payable, including the Village's share of social security, health insurance, dental insurance, contracted lease and rental payments, utility and phone bills, and postage, freight and express charges.

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook that the Mayor, Attorney, and Trustees attend the Annual NYCOM Mayor's Conference, be and it hereby is authorized, that the Clerk-Treasurer attend the Annual NYCOM Fall Training School, be and it hereby is authorized, that the Superintendent of Public Works attend the Annual NYCOM Public Works Conference, be and it hereby is authorized, that the Fire Chief attend the Eastern Association of Fire Chief's Conference, be and it hereby is authorized, that the Police Chief attend the New York State Association of Chief's of Police Annual Conference be and it hereby is authorized, and that the attendance for all those previously mentioned is hereby authorized provided, however, that such attendance be confined to New York State unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Board of Trustees, and that all legal expenses in connection with such attendance be a claim against the Village.

MOVED by Mayor Bucciferro, seconded by Trustee Brown to nominate *Police Chief Adam Halbfinger and Fire Chief Dave Wood* to serve as members on the Town of Glenville's Public Safety Board for a one-year term to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Brown that whereas the Board of Trustees has determined to pay a rate as set and adjusted by the IRS per mile as reimbursement to officers and employees of the Village who use their personal automobiles while performing their official duties on behalf of the Village.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

REVIEW PROCUREMENT POLICY AND READOPT WITH CHANGES.

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to review the Procurement Policy and readopt without changes.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook to adopt the 2025 Meeting Schedule.

Mayor Bucciferro hereby appoints Trustee Gray Deputy Mayor.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER CANCER COVERAGE RENEWAL WITH VFIS

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook to authorize the Mayor to sign the January 1, 2025 renewal agreement with VFIS for Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Coverage.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to adjourn the meeting at 6:16p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions:

Respectfully submitted by,

Maria A. Schmitz
Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees