

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

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

EXCUSED: Trustee Cook

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Bucciferro opened the privilege of the floor at 6:33p.m.

Robert Quinney of 63 Pauling Avenue, Mechanicville; Scotia-Glenville Pride hoping to host an annual Pride event at Freedom Park in June 2026; advised by Village of required permits. S-G Pride will provide additional details once available.

Claudette Herzog of 1158 Ridge Road; Concerned with the condition of the railroad tracks on Sacandaga Road; Superintendent Kedzior stated that CSX is waiting for completion of the CHPE project to repair, advised that property is located in Town of Glenville.

Mayor Bucciferro closed the privilege of the floor at 6:34p.m.

FLINT HOUSE REPORT

Tim Schroeder of Enignuity Engineering & Design performed a structural evaluation of the Flint House and provided the board with a detail report of the findings; in summary:

The Flint house has several structural concerns that need to be addressed to ensure its preservation and continued serviceability.

The primary issues include:

- 1) **Basement:**
 - a) The original foundation walls have movement concerns and cracks noted during the field investigation.
 - b) The basement floor was previously excavated down approximately 10 inches, is contributing to the foundation movement issues.
 - c) The lowering of the basement floor primarily impacts the interior walls.
 - d) Several interior basement walls were noted to have movement.
 - e) The brick sections of foundation wall are deteriorated.
- 2) **First Floor Framing:**
 - a) The first floor beams have excessive deflection.
 - b) The first floor joists are undersized.
 - c) The first floor framing has moisture damage, deterioration, and insect damage.
- 3) **Kitchen Support beam:**
 - a) The beam over the kitchen area, has a deflection of approximately 2 inches and the deflection is anticipated to increase over time.
- 4) **Roof Structure:**
 - a) The original roof structure is not adequate for the current building code prescribed loading.
 - b) Movement of the roof and second-floor knee walls was noted during our inspection.
 - c) Movement of the roof framing has been amplified by the removal of a previously load-bearing wall on the second floor, the settlement of the foundation and first floor framing deflection.
- 5) **Moisture Infiltration:**
 - a) The basement has a dirt floor and shows infiltration through the foundation walls.

Continued use of the building in its current state is of structural concern, as the existing first floor framing is inadequate for the code-required loadings for a residence. Any increases in loading of the building is not recommended due to the excessive deflection and damaged framing observed.

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Damaged framing should be addressed as soon as possible to prevent issues with the building and ensure the safety of the occupants. Utilization of the building as a publicly accessible space is unsafe and should be prohibited until structural remediations are completed.

Furthermore, the proposed change of use into a museum has increased load requirements. The building is not adequate for the proposed change of use without structural remediation and reinforcements.

A full structural evaluation and review of the entire building for intended program and loading is recommended. From a full program and structural evaluation, a comprehensive renovation, repair, and reinforcement program and be developed.

The recommended order of items to address for the long-term serviceability of the building and future program needs are:

- 1) Repair of damaged first floor framing.
- 2) Evaluation and reinforcement of the beam over the kitchen space.
 - a) Reinforcement or replacement of this beam is recommended to prevent a more significant failure.
 - b) It is recommended to install a temporary shoring post under the midspan of the beam until designing installation of the permanent remediations can be completed.
- 3) Moisture mitigation:
 - a) Repair of gutters and down spouts.
 - b) Grading around building to ensure water is drained away from the structure.
 - c) Correcting window wells to prevent water entering basement through windows.
 - d) Continuous dehumidification of basement.
- 4) Stabilization and repair of existing foundations:
 - a) Repair cracks in foundation.
 - b) Install stabilization for existing foundation wall to prevent further movement.
 - c) Repair/rebuild interior load bearing foundation walls.
 - d) Install basement drainage, slab, and French drains.
- 5) Evaluation and remediation of existing first floor framing for current and future program requirements.
- 6) Evaluation and reinforcement of roof framing.
 - a) Further review and evaluation of the roof structure in combination with the entire building framing is recommended to develop a comprehensive reinforcing program.

Additional issues/concerns with the structure may be exposed when working on the structure and should be reviewed and remediated as required by the New York State Building Code.

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WATER RATES LOCAL LAW

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray to introduce Proposed Local Law 2025-B regarding amended Water Rates and to set the public hearing for the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, June 11, 2025 at 6:30p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

BID ASSESSMENT

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize the allocation and collection of the appropriate special assessments on the Scotia Business Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 on June 2025 Village tax bills.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

WATER AND SEWER BILL RELEVY

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Clerk-Treasurer to relevy the unpaid inside village water and sewer bills, as certified by the Village Clerk-Treasurer, onto the June 2025 Village property tax bills.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

PUBLIC WORKS BILL RELEVY

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Clerk-Treasurer to relevy the unpaid Department of Public Works charges, as certified by the Village Clerk-Treasurer, onto the June 2025 Village property tax bills.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

WORKER'S COMPENSATION PLAN

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of PERMA Worker's Compensation Plan in the amount of \$118,494.00.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Be it Resolved, that the Village of Scotia hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	Title	Standard Work Day	ROA Result
George Solotruck	Trustee	6	3.12
Justin Cook	Trustee	6	0.00
Michael Godlewski	Acting Village Justice	6	.55

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

VILLAGE EVENTS

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray to designate the following events as Village Events for insurance purposes:

- a) Memorial Day Parade – May 21, 2025
- b) Crusin' on the Avenue – June 15, 2025
- c) Fireworks – June 27, 2025

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

PRIDE AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Bucciferro stated that last year the Board adopted a resolution to proclaim June of each year going forward as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the Village of Scotia; resolution remains in place.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church celebrating 100 year anniversary; activities will be held throughout the year. Kiwanis Kiddie Park renovations are complete; thanked Schenectady County for their support. Municipal Facilities Project-Phase 2; fence will be installed around building prior to Memorial Day Parade.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Gray – Attended Traffic Safety Committee meeting; committee will be making recommendations to the Village Board

Trustee Brown – Zoning Board meeting will be held later this month. Special Events; Each event has its own committee for organization. Finalizing Fire Department contract negotiations.

Trustee Solotruck – Attended Planning Board meeting; projects to be review by Zoning Board later this month. Looking forward to parade and fireworks. The New York State Canal Corporation is celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal; would like Village to be involved in celebration.

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AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated May 14, 2025 be allowed and ordered paid in full, in the amount of \$248,427.36 charged to the following funds.

A-General Fund \$225,750.01

F-Water Fund \$ 11,040.28

G-Sewer Fund \$ 11,637.07

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.

Abstentions: None

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING HELD MARCH 17, 2025

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the March 17, 2025 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Solotruck & Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Brown & Trustee Gray

Approval will be made at the June 11th meeting

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING HELD APRIL 1, 2025

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the April 1, 2025 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Brown and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Gray and Trustee Solotruck

Approval will be made at the June 11th meeting

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 9, 2025

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that the minutes of the April 9, 2025 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 2025

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the April 15, 2025 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Brown

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MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING HELD APRIL 21, 2025

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the April 21, 2025 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray and Trustee Solotruck

Noes: None

Abstentions: Mayor Bucciferro

NEW BUSINESS

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that Brett Wery be and he is hereby appointed as Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the remaining term of one year, to serve as such without compensation.

Will Seyse be and he is hereby appointed as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to complete the remaining two years of term, to serve as such without compensation.

Linda Dolen be and she is hereby appointed as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to complete the remaining term of one year, to serve as such without compensation.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Gray to enter into executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Mayor Bucciferro reconvened the board with not action.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:05p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees