

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

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Bucciferro opened the privilege of the floor at 6:30p.m.

Kathy Dwyer of 17 Craigie Ave read the following statement:

Hi, my name is Kathy. We have lived in the Village approximately 28 years. We have three beautiful children who have gone through the Scotia-Glenville school system. We have always supported the Village Library, and in the past have always supported keeping the Village Post Office open. First, I'd like to say I have read many positive things about keeping the Flint House open, but at this point my understanding is that it is condemned and also has asbestos in it. I do have some questions; how many people visit it yearly, do schools use the Flint House for field trips, is there any money produced from the house such as selling books regarding village history? If the Village Historian is located there, move historian to the new village offices which we have already had a tax increase for.

I have heard great ideas about fundraising and people doing work at the Flint House itself, I think those are excellent ideas. I am not sure how that could happen now that the building has been condemned and has asbestos in it.

Basically, we meaning myself and my husband have no extra money. The taxes have been increased in the Village, in the Town and County not to mention an increase in food expense at the market as noted on the Scotia website. Many people noted their National Grid bills have gone up, some doubling the amount they owe.

There are a couple of things I'd like to note. Possibly, the Village could sell the property for a dollar to those who want to restore it, and those individuals could seek grants and restore the property. Taxes are definitely not my specialty, but I think in this time villages and towns may have to come up with unique taxing ability such as if a group of residents want to keep a certain building open such as the Flint House, those individuals would incur the taxes; just like I could see individuals in the Village who do not have children in the school getting a small tax break and those moving into the Village in apartments with children having to endure a tax for those children to be in school.

In closing, if this was 20-30 years ago when costs were less, I definitely would be supporting a project like this. But at this time, I can't see how we a property owners can keep paying additional taxes when we know next year the school tax will go up in the village and taxes will go up. Thank you for your time.

Beverly Clark, Village Historian; Meeting was held at the Scotia Library attended by 17 people to discuss the future of the Flint House and the creation of the Scotia Historical Society.

Preservation League has grant funds available with a 50/50 match; letter of intent for this grant must be submitted by Monday. If the Village is accepted to apply, the application is due by the end of November. Asked the Board of Trustees to wait until spring to make any decisions regarding the building.

Lynn Trudell, 221 Glen Avenue; Suggested the Municipal Facilities Project status updates be held at a regular meeting where there is more attendance than a work session. Concerned with the condition of Maple Shade Cemetery; understanding the church is responsible for the property. Would like the Village to look into what can be done to be sure the property is maintained properly.

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Mayor Bucciferro closed the privilege of the floor at 6:40p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF NATHANIEL BEAN

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that

Whereas, there is a vacancy in the position of Laborer in the Department of Public Works, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that Nathaniel Bean is appointed to the position of Laborer effective September 15, 2025.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

VMJR CHANGE ORDER #9

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that

Whereas, VMJR Companies, LLC was the General Contractor for Municipal Facilities Project Phase 1-Firehouse, and

Whereas, Change Order #9 has been submitted by Hueber-Breuer, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves Change Order #9 for an increase in the amount of \$10,950.00.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

VMJR CHANGE ORDER #10

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, VMJR Companies, LLC was the General Contractor for Municipal Facilities Project Phase 1-Firehouse, and

Whereas, Change Order #10 has been submitted by Hueber-Breuer, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves Change Order #10 for a decrease in the amount of \$19,578.00.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

VMJR CHANGE ORDER #11

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that

Whereas, VMJR Companies, LLC was the General Contractor for Municipal Facilities Project Phase 1-Firehouse, and

Whereas, Change Order #11 has been submitted by Hueber-Breuer, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves Change Order #11 for a decrease in the amount of \$39,360.00.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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DPW GARAGE DOOR REPAIR

MOVED by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Brown that

Whereas, the Department of Public Works Garage is in need of door repairs and replacement, and

Whereas, quotes have been received and funds budgeted, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Superintendent of Public Works to enter into agreements for the replacement and repairs to the DPW Garage Doors in a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

CHA CONSULTING, INC PAYMENT #28

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, 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 #28 to CHA Consulting, Inc. for professional services related to the Sunnyside Road Rehabilitation or Replacement in the amount of \$49,113.95.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

KB ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE, PC AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, the Planning Board has approved a project for six new single-family homes on Livingston Avenue, and

Whereas, as part of the approval the developer is required to pay for the Village's engineering services necessary to review the project, and

Whereas, the Village has reviewed the proposal from KB Engineering & Architecture, PC for services related to Livingston Avenue development, now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the proposal from KB Engineering & Architecture for professional engineering services associated with Livingston Avenue in the amount of \$12,362.00 to be paid by the developer and contingent upon receiving the required funds from the developer.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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DPW SURPLUS ITEMS

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, the Department of Public Works has identified the following equipment as no longer needed: Misc old/outdated water main repair clamps and Tack emulsion trailer/sprayer now therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees declares Department of Public Works equipment as listed on a memo from Superintendent Kedzior dated September 4, 2025 as no longer needed and surplus and further authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to sell or dispose of the items in a manner permitted by law.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

NY FORWARD GRANT UPDATE

Mayor stated that Labella is developing a plan and assisting the Village on a second attempt for the NY Forward Grant in the amount of 4.5 million. The Village obtained pro-housing designation and BOA designation, which are needed in order to apply. Mayor outlined the grant process; the Village will put forward a series of private and public projects, after submittal the Village may be asked to do a presentation on the proposal. If approved, the Village works with the State to narrow down the number of projects; the State makes the final decision on which projects are included in the funding. LaBella has met with the Business Improvement District and continues to reach out to business owners on Mohawk Avenue for projects to be included in the application.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

The board will develop an outline and form of the strategic plan.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Working with Superintendent Kedzior to minimize the disruption to residents related to the CHPE project; work is anticipated to be completed by mid-October.

Municipal Facilities Project -Police Department windows have been blocked and being covered with brick. Demolition is almost complete. Next step will be the front entrance and the sally port to have the building closed in by winter. Verizon will be keeping their antenna and equipment where it is currently located.

Glenville Oktoberfest will be held September 27th, the Village will be sharing a booth with the BID.

School District – sent out constant contact related to back-to-school traffic safety. District looking for residents to participate in work groups to address various issues.

Mayor read the following resolution relating to Hunger Action Month:

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**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2025 AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH
IN THE VILLAGE OF SCOTIA**

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray that

WHEREAS, hunger and food insecurity impact 47 million people and 1 in 5 children across the United States, including residents of the Village of Scotia; and

WHEREAS, the *United Way 2025 State of ALICE in New York* report finds that while 7.8 million New York households live below the poverty line, another 33% have incomes above the poverty line but still not enough to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, the same report identifies that nearly one-third of neighbors in the Town of Glenville, including the Village of Scotia, face financial hardship and must often choose between paying bills and buying groceries; and

WHEREAS, it is well documented that food insecurity has negative effects on physical health, mental well-being, child development, and the overall stability of households.

WHEREAS, people in every neighborhood—including ours—work hard to feed themselves and their families, and everyone deserves access to the nutritious food needed to live healthy, active lives; and

WHEREAS, Hunger and food insecurity are problems that can be solved, and collaboration within the community is essential to end hunger in the Village of Scotia.

WHEREAS, various organizations and volunteers in our community—such as the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, the Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry, the Fresh Table Community Pantry, and the School Backpack Programs supported by the First Reformed Church of Scotia and Trinity Presbyterian Church in Glenville, along with Scotia Relief and numerous faith communities and service organizations—are dedicated to bridging the gap between paychecks and plates by providing nutritious food to our neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, by raising public awareness and encouraging community action, we can strengthen local efforts to ensure our neighbors—especially families and seniors—have the food they need not just to survive, but to thrive; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Scotia Board of Trustees hereby declares **September 2025** as **Hunger Action Month** in the Village of Scotia and calls upon all residents, businesses, and organizations to join in efforts to combat hunger and food insecurity in our community.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Solotruck – Municipal Facilities Project is moving forward. Historian held meeting for volunteers to assist with the Flint House.

Trustee Brown – Zoning Board-no meeting held. Special Events-group trying to get together regarding Holiday on the Avenue. Fire Department-Chief provided information in monthly report.

Trustee Gray – Traffic Safety Committee-no meeting held. Wished teachers, students and administration a great school year. High School lacrosse team will be collecting bottle donations on Saturday, September 13th.

Trustee Cook – Police Department-Speed Limit change to 25mph has been posted on website. Speed limit signed will be implemented in a phased approach along with awareness campaign. Officer Ecker is back in the schools. Pedestrian yield sign placed at the Cuthbert and Vley intersection to increase pedestrian safety. School bus safety – must stop on both sides of the road; cameras are in places to issue tickets for violation. Freedom Park- completed a great season at end of August; next year will be celebrating 50th anniversary. BID-Devin from LaBella attended meeting to provide an overview of NY Forward Grant. Tomorrow – National Day of Remembrance to thank all those who responded and honor those that lost their life.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the budget adjustments for the month of August.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AUDIT OF CLAIMS- PHASE 1

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated September 10, 2025 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$71,192.00 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; payment pending final warranties approved by Heuber-Breuer.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AUDIT OF CLAIMS- PHASE 2

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated September 10, 2025 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$162,240.50 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

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AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated September 10, 2025 be allowed and ordered paid in full, in the amount of \$283,644.42 charged to the following funds.

A-General Fund	\$ 271,385.39
F-Water Fund	\$ 7,602.23
G-Sewer Fund	\$ 4,656.80

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, Cook, Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING HELD JULY 1, 2025

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

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Brown & Trustee Cook

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 13, 2025

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that the minutes of the August 13, 2025 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck and Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Gray

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING HELD AUGUST 18, 2025

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that the minutes of the August 18, 2025 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor stated that a 9/11 ceremony will be held tomorrow at Max410 at 5:00p.m.

Mayor stated that the water main break repair on Mohawk Avenue should be complete Friday.

Temporary no-parking signs have been placed on No. Ten Broeck while dumpster is in roadway.

Trustee Cook would like the board to consider creation of a Comprehensive Park Plan; developed with community engaged committee.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:20p.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