

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

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

EXCUSED: Trustee Gray

MS4 PROGRAM ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL

Doug Cole of KB Engineering & Architecture, P.C. provided an overview of the proposal to provide Professional Engineering Services related to the Village of Scotia MS4 Program Assistance for the Period of January 3, 2026 through January 2, 2027, i.e. the third year since the effective date of the new NYSDEC MS4 General permit. Year 3 of the permit is the most intensive year, with many required programs to be developed, inventories to be taken and mapping to be created and updated. Year 4 of the permit (2027) requirements revert back to the minimums required and then the final year (year 5) ramps back up to near year 3 levels. The proposal included an outline of Year 3 requirements; the board will take action on the proposal at the March 11th meeting.

SPECIAL VENDOR EVENT PERMIT

Mayor stated that Attorney Marola will be drafting legislation to be introduced with the new requirements.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Brown to amend FY25-26 Budget to increase G.1940.4000 by \$14,300; offset by G Fund Balance for Bond Counsel fees related to EFC Statutory Installment Bond for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck & Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

FOOD SECURITY RESOLUTION

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that

WHEREAS, the New York State Education Department 2023–24 Student Data Report found that 1 in 3 students enrolled in the Scotia-Glenville CSD qualify for free or reduced lunch; and

WHEREAS, data from the 2023 CNA shows that the Village of Scotia still has one of the higher shares of households earning less than \$25,000 per year, second only to the City of Schenectady in the county; and

WHEREAS, it is the vision of the Schenectady County Food Council that all residents of Schenectady County will have consistent, reliable, and equitable access to a sufficient amount of healthy food for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, as part of achieving that vision, the Council's Advocacy and Empowerment Working Group empowers all stakeholders in the local food system to advocate for changes at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Food Council has engaged with a wide variety of stakeholders from across the food system to develop the following priorities for the NYS FY 2027 Budget:

- Supporting legislation A.1318 and S.665, which would guarantee a minimum Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) monthly benefit of \$100;
- Fully funding the Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) and Nourish NY program at \$75 million each;
- Funding New York Local Food Councils (LFCs) at \$2 million;

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Food Council's Advocacy and Empowerment Working Group sent a letter requesting support for the priorities listed above in the NYS FY 2027 budget to Governor Kathy Hochul; State Senator James Tedisco (NY-44); State Senator Pat Fahy (NY-46); State Assemblymember Phil Steck (NY-110); State Assemblymember Angelo Santabarbara (NY-111); and State Assemblymember Mary Beth Walsh (NY-112); and

WHEREAS, Scotia residents struggling to secure fresh, healthy, and affordable food rely on SNAP each month and find help and support from volunteers at the Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry, the Fresh Table Community Pantry, and several smaller, faith-based food pantries; and

WHEREAS, food providers in the Village of Scotia rely on these programs to sustain local food assistance efforts and ensure that children, seniors, working families, and individuals experiencing hardship have access to nutritious food; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Scotia Board of Trustees formally supports the Schenectady County Food Council's Advocacy and Empowerment Working Group's initiatives as outlined in this resolution and encourages the Governor and NYS legislators to address the priorities listed above in the NYS FY 2027 budget.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck & Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND STRENGTHENING NEW YORK'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook that

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York's strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

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WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Scotia applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York's cities and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Scotia urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Scotia calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York's local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Scotia calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more equitable distribution of resources based upon the level of essential services provided by each municipality and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the Village of Scotia.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck & Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Cook to adjourn the meeting at 6:40p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Brown, Cook, Solotruck & Mayor Bucciferro

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees