

Mayor Bucciferro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Bucciferro announced that the Village received \$4.5 Million NY Forward Grant for downtown development.

Mayor Bucciferro stated that the Village has also received the following grant funding:

- \$500,000 – Congressman Tonko for Park Projects and Waterfront Development
- \$300,000 -Pre-Development BOA Funds -provide design work for streetscape along Mohawk Avenue
- \$20,700 – CRTC -Scotia ADA Self-Analysis and Transition Plan

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Bucciferro opened the privilege of the floor at 7:14p.m.

Tad Boniewski of 503 Charles St; questioned the proposed garbage collection as a fee and what fee structure would be used.

Mayor Bucciferro closed the privilege of the floor at 7:17p.m.

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET

a) Presentation

Mayor Bucciferro presented the proposed Tentative Budget; includes a 10.68% increase to the Tax Rate and a 10.84% increase to the Tax Levy.

b) Public Hearing

Nathaniel Weisenburn of Glen Ave; concerned with the budget increase, attended several meetings, suggested strengthening the volunteers in the Fire Department.

Dominick Macherone of Washington Rd; 50-year resident of the village; attended several work sessions, suggested board work together to maintain services.

Bonnie Belfance of Jay St; 60-year resident, served the Village for 50 years; disappointed with discussions of eliminating crossing guards; what is the life of one child worth?

Luis Aguro; McClellan Ave Amsterdam; Serves as current Building Inspector; outlined his duties. Concerned with boards resolution to make position part-time.

Gina Stiltner of Vley Rd; Concerned with large tax increase; suggested forming a community committee.

FREEDOM PARK CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Cathy Gatta of Freedom Park Foundation provided the board with an overview of the renovations to be made to Freedom Park Amphitheater as part of the 50th Anniversary Capital Campaign. Renovations include ADA accessible pathways, Façade, Storage Rooms, Electrical and Lighting Upgrades, Signage, Sound System, Donar & Presidents Wall and Landscaping. The project is funded through NYS Senate Grant, Schenectady County Grant, Village of Scotia Parks Grant and Private Donations; with no cost to the Village tax payers.

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WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE FOR FREEDOM PARK

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gray to waive the Freedom Park Foundation Building Permit Fee for renovations to Freedom Park Stage.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of the MVP Health Plan for health insurance effective June 1, 2026.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

DENTAL INSURANCE AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of the MetLife Dental Plan effective June 1, 2026 for the administration of the Village's dental insurance program.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

EYEMED VISION CARE PLAN AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of the EyeMed Vision Care Plan effective June 1, 2026 for the administration of the Village's vision care insurance program.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

PERMA WORKER'S COMPENSATION PLAN

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the renewal of the EyeMed Vision Care Plan effective June 1, 2026 for the administration of the Village's Worker's Compensation Plan in the amount of \$103,039.00.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

VILLAGE'S ANNUAL AUDIT AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that
Whereas, the Village has an annual audit conducted by a CPA, and
Whereas, the Village has received a proposal from CHS Wealth Management & CPA's, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with CHS Wealth Management and CPA's, a professional service, for the Village single audit for the period ending May 31, 2026 in the amount of \$18,800.00.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

VILLAGE ANNUAL JUSTICE AUDIT AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that

Whereas, the Village Justice Court has an annual audit conducted by a CPA, and

Whereas, the Village has received a proposal from CHS Wealth Management & CPA's, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with CHS Wealth Management & CPA's, a professional services, for the Village Justice Court single audit for the period ending May 31, 2026 in the amount of \$5,400.00.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

AGREEMENT WITH SCHENECTADY COUNTY FOR DISCOVERY REFORM FUNDING PLAN

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, on January 1, 2020 the reform of the NYS Discovery and Bail laws took effect, and

Whereas, it has been recognized that the new laws have created additional work for local law enforcement agencies, and

Whereas, New York State in an effort to help support local law enforcement through the counties has provided 2025-2026 funding and Schenectady County has \$18,795.00 to distribute to the Village of Scotia, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor and Chief Halbfinger to sign an agreement with Schenectady County for distribution of 2025-2026 funds in the amount of \$18,795.00 to support the Village in relation to NYS Discovery and Bail reform laws.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR USED VACUUM TRUCK

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Cook that

Whereas, a bid opening occurred on March 17, 2026 for Vacuum Truck (combination sewer cleaner and jetter), now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the acceptance of the low bid from J&J Equipment for the purchase of Vacuum Truck (combination sewer cleaner and jetter) in the amount of \$250,000.00 to be paid for with 2026 Statutory Installment bond funds.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH RAYMOND PIOTROWSKI REGARDING SUNNYSIDE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that

Whereas, the Sunnyside Road Replacement Project requires certain temporary easements on adjoining properties, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign a Real Property Purchase Agreement with Raymond Piotrowski for a temporary easement related to the Sunnyside Road Bridge Project.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH BRIAN LOIKA REGARDING SUNNYSIDE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that

Whereas, the Sunnyside Road Replacement Project requires certain temporary easements on adjoining properties, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign a Real Property Purchase Agreement with Brian Loika for a temporary easement related to the Sunnyside Road Bridge Project.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

CHA CONSULTING, INC. EXTRA WORK AUTHORIZATION #2

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that

Whereas, the Village entered into an agreement on July 13, 2022 with CHA Consulting Architectural /Engineering services for Sunnysie Road Bridge Project, and

Whereas, extra work is required for certain unforeseen work as presented in an Extra Work Authorization request document dated March 31, 2026, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves Extra Work Authorization #2 with CHA Consulting, Inc. for professional services related to the Sunnyside Road Rehabilitation or Replacement in the amount of \$93,000.00.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

AGREEMENT WITH COUGHLIN & GERHART

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that

Whereas, the law firm of Coughlin & Gerhard, LLP has provided the Village of Scotia with labor and employment law services for a number of years, and

Whereas, the Village desires to continue these services, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the Engagement Letter from Coughlin & Gerhard, LLP for Labor and Employment Law Services as outlines in an engagement letter dated March 26, 2026 and authorizes the Mayor to sign the same.

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

Noes: None

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Abstentions: None

T2 SYSTEMS AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION SERVICES

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that Whereas, the Village entered into an agreement with T2 Systems on January 30, 2026 for certain parking ticket related services, and

The Village desires to engage T2 Systems for collections services, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign Collections Statement of Work Agreement dated March 11, 2026 with T2 Systems for collection services.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL PURCHASE ORDER AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray to authorize the Mayor to sign a purchase order agreement with Global Industrial in the amount of \$1,485.12 for Storage Cabinet.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

SURPLUS OF DPW EQUIPMENT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that

Whereas, the Department of Public Works has identified certain DPW vehicles and pieces of equipment as no longer needed and surplus, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees declares Department of Public Works vehicles and equipment as listed on a memo from Superintendent Kedzior dated April 2, 2026 as no longer needed and surplus and further authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to sell and dispose of the items in a manner permitted by law.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

LION'S PAVILION WAIVER OF FEES

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that

Whereas, the Schenectady County Public Library has applied for a Park Use Permit for the Lions Club Pavilion in Collins Park on July 10 and 14 and August 7 and 14, 2026 for Story Time, and Whereas, the Schenectady County Public Library has requested that the Park Use fees be waived, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees waives the Park Use Fees for the Schenectady County Public Library for Story Time at the Lions Club Pavilion in Collins Park.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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COLLINS PARK WAIVER OF FEES

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that

Whereas, the Schenectady County Public Library, Scotia Branch has applied for a Park Use Permit in Collins Park on August 20, 2026 for Childres/Family Program event, and

Whereas, the Schenectady County Public Library has requested that the Park Use fees be waived, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees waives the Park Use Fees for the Schenectady County Public Library for a Children's Program event in Collins Park on August 20, 2026.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

DUKESPLEX, LLC VENDING PERMIT APPLICATION

The board discussed an application submitted for vending of sporting equipment during the Little League season; board suggested a pilot program to see how program works; Attorney will review.

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

NY Forward and ADA Accessibility Grants are moving forward. Next Board of Trustees meeting will be held Wednesday, April 15th at 6:30p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Gray – Traffic Safety Committee will discuss parking issues discussed by board.

Trustee Brown – No Zoning Board meeting held. Thanked Fire Chief for his report. Special Events – Parade and Car Show are scheduled.

Trustee Solotruck – No Planning Board meeting held. Thanked Department Heads for all their work on the budget. Looking forward to Village Hall and Police Department opening next month.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated April 8, 2026 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$981,517.24 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 April 8, 2026 be allowed and ordered paid in full, in the amount of \$344,370.77 charged to the following funds.

A-General Fund \$111,980.34

F-Water Fund \$127,568.51

G-Sewer Fund \$104,821.92

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 MARCH 11, 2026

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that the minutes of the March 11, 2026 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 REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 11, 2026

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that the minutes of the March 11, 2026 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 MARCH 16, 2026

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Gray that the minutes of the March 16, 2026 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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MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING HELD MARCH 24, 2026

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Brown that the minutes of the March 24, 2026 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

CDTC MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MOVED by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Capital Region Transportation Council related to the 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program for the Scotia ADA Self-Analysis and Transition Plan.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to adjourn the meeting at 8:40p.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