

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

PRESENT: Trustee Benny, Carpenter, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Kastberg opened the privilege of the floor at 7:01 p.m.

Erica Scott of 215 Rosa Road, Schenectady, member of Save the Geese. Discussed the importance of the use of the border collie in hazing the geese in Collins Park. Asked the Board to consider reimbursing the group for the monthly cost of the dog.

Mayor Kastberg closed the privilege of the floor at 7:03 p.m.

ZONING BOARD ALTERNATE APPOINTMENT

Tabled by Mayor Kastberg.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Clerk's Office is working with Paychex regarding time and attendance. Still to be determined whether to use Paychex or develop an in house central database. Each Department Head will be responsible for reconciling current time records with each employee prior to implementation. Trustee Benny suggested that each department's contract is reviewed with the labor attorney to ensure that the time records are accurate. Met with Tom Cushing, and sent out letters to those violating the snow removal policy. The first set of letters has been sent to those properties that are not maintained and have a direct impact on the path to a school. The second set of letters will be sent to businesses and residents that have not been removing snow properly. Continuing to meet with CPI regarding the current status of our computer system and their proposal to help recreate the data that has been lost. New tables for the meeting room have been purchased with funds from the building repair fund. Reminder to Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee that the proper training must be completed annually for each member. A copy of the Industrial Park Master Plan will be in the Mayor's office for review.

CORRESPONDENCE/LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Rizzo – No report.

Trustee Carpenter – Attended D.A.R.E. meeting. Annual golf tournament will be on June 7, 2008; \$75/per golfer & \$100/sponsor. Town of Glenville officer Kevin Dunbar will be attending D.A.R.E. school. Attended Park Board meeting. Capital District Grass Doubles Volleyball will be using the fields along Schonowee Avenue and in the Meadows for several dates from June thru September. Thomas Corners and Beukendaal Fire Department will be holding a carnival in Collins Park from May 7th thru May 11th. Jim Marx will be supervising the setup of the equipment. Freedom Park Foundation has asked for more police presence in park during performances to discourage the use of alcohol. Signage stating that the use of alcohol is illegal was suggested. Would like a blockade placed behind stage so cars to not attempt to drive behind the stage. Provided the board with a list of dates for activities at the Flint House. The list has been forwarded to Tom Cushing for snow removal. Asked that the Flint House Foundation be included in the budget presentations to the board.

Trustee Benny – The village has received the sewer bill from the City of Schenectady for the period of January 1, 2007 thru November 30, 2007. A total savings of \$139,258 was recognized based upon the implementation of 25% of the cost increase. There is a dispute with certain surcharges that were placed on the current bill, which is being

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worked on with our engineer and the City. Planning Board will be holding a work session on January 22nd at 7:00 to discuss Rite Aid. A wish list of capital expenses for each department will be distributed prior to the January 15th work session. The grant paperwork for the thermal imaging camera has been completed; check should be received in 3-4 weeks. Will be hand delivering the letter to the businesses regarding the revolving loan fund.

Trustee Neals – Attended graduation for new police officer. Thermal imaging camera is in service in the Fire Department. Submitted two funding requests to Assemblyman Tedesco's office for funding for the Park and a monitor for the Fire Department. Ruth Quinn is now the president of the Senior Center.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Trustee Benny asked that the EMS calls be broken out to show the number of calls to Holyrood, Baptist, Scotia Mansion, FD#4 and the Industrial Park.

MOVED by Trustee Neals, seconded by Trustee Benny that the Departmental reports be accepted as presented with thanks.

Ayes: Trustee Benny, Carpenter, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

SUMMARY OF BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR DECEMBER

The Clerk-Treasurer provided the board with a summary of all budget transfers for the month of December.

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to transfer \$10,000 from A.9015.8200 to A.1420.4772 for attorney fees.

Ayes: Trustee Benny, Carpenter, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Neals that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated January 9, 2008, be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amounts claimed. 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 Benny, Carpenter, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2007

MOVED by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Benny that the minutes of the November 14, 2007 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Benny, Carpenter, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 28, 2007

MOVED by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Benny that the minutes of the November 28, 2007 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Benny, Carpenter, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 4, 2007

MOVED by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the December 4, 2007 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Benny, Carpenter, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 4, 2007

MOVED by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Benny that the minutes of the December 4, 2007 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Benny, Carpenter, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 12, 2007

MOVED by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Benny that the minutes of the December 12, 2007 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved with one correction.

Ayes: Trustee Benny, Carpenter, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

NEW BUSINESS

Save the Geese – The Board of Trustees had authorized the payment of \$500 for the reimbursement of the cost of the dog for the month of November at the December 12th board meeting. Regarding the article in the Daily Gazette, Mayor Kastberg stated that at no time did the board agree to pay for the cost of the dog from September thru December and the statements that the board has refused to pay are not accurate. The board has asked for the proper documentation to be submitted along with the completion of a voucher and a W-9 form in order to process the November reimbursement. Save the Geese has asked the board to reconsider the amount of the reimbursement to include the months of September, October and December. Based on the documentation provided, which included the documentation that the hazing did take place, a paid invoice for the use of the dog and a statement from the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation stating that the efforts were successful in reducing the number of geese the following motion was made:

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to rescind the motion made on December 12, 2007 regarding a \$500 reimbursement for the month of November.

Ayes: Trustee Benny, Carpenter, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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MOVED by Trustee Neals, seconded by Trustee Carpenter to transfer \$2000 from the contingency account – A.1990.4000 to A.7140.4190 to reimburse the cost of the dog for the months of September thru December, 2007; contingent upon a signed voucher and completion of a W-9 form.

Ayes: Trustee Benny, Carpenter, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Attorney Marola provided the board with a copy of Schenectady's local law regarding Apartment Owner Registration. Trustee Benny with work with Attorney Marola to develop a similar policy for the Village of Scotia.

Trustee Benny asked the board to consider revising the local law regarding the responsibility of maintaining trees on private property. Attorney Marola will look into this issue.

Trustee Rizzo asked the status of the sailboat issue and 302 Mohawk Avenue. Mayor Kastberg stated that the sailboat case had an adjournment on the first court date and is rescheduled to January 10th and the 302 Mohawk Avenue case is scheduled for trial.

Trustee Carpenter asked the status of the FD#4 contract and stated that she is concerned with only having a one year contract. Mayor Kastberg stated that the RFP that was issued by the Town of Glenville for FD#4 was only for a one year contract. Trustee Carpenter asked the status of the County cutting the hours for the Scotia Library. Mayor Kastberg sent a letter to Susan Savage regarding this issue. The Mayor will invite Andy Kulmatiski to attend the February meeting to discuss the hours of operation for the Scotia branch.

Mayor Kastberg stated that there is an issue with not enough parking for employees in the municipal parking lot. Mayor Kastberg suggested removing the island in the lot to create more spaces and will discuss this with Metroplex, since they provided the funding for the lot.

Mayor Kastberg proposed that the Board of Trustees adopt the original amendment to the local law regarding Outdoor Burning without any revisions. Since there was already a public hearing on this amendment, this local law can be adopted at the February meeting.

The following motion is revised from the previous resolution that was adopted at the November 14th meeting.

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Carpenter

That Kris Kastberg, as Mayor of the Village of Scotia, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Department of State's 2007-2008 Local Waterfront Revitalization Program under Title 11 of the New York State Environmental Protection Fund for the proposed Scotia Waterfront Development Project, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 and is the designated representative authorized to act on behalf of the Village of Scotia in all matters related to this financial assistance. The Village of Scotia commits to the required 50% matching funds for this application, through cash, in-kind and/or land value.

Ayes: Trustee Benny, Carpenter, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

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Abstentions: None

MOVED by Trustee Neals, seconded by Trustee Benny to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Town of Glenville for Fire Protection to District No. 4 for the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 in the amount of \$329,130.

Ayes: Trustee Benny, Carpenter, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that
Be it Resolved, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby establishes 15 days per month as the reportable work days to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System for Mayor Kastberg.

Ayes: Trustee Benny, Carpenter, Neals and Rizzo

Noes: None

Abstentions: Mayor Kastberg

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to adjourn the meeting at 8:35p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Benny, Carpenter, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz
Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees