

At the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
held January 14, 2009

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

PRESENT: Trustee Gifford, Kohout, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

No one wished to speak.

Mayor Kastberg closed the privilege of the floor at 7:02 p.m.

INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW 2009-A

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to
Introduce Proposed Local Law 2009-A regarding the prohibiting of snakes in public places and
to set the public hearing for the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, February 11, 2009
at 7pm.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Kohout, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

a) Acceptance of Credit Cards

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Kohout that
Whereas General Municipal Law Section 5 allows local governments to accept payments by
credit card, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees finds it would promote efficiency and be in the public interest to
allow payment by credit card, now therefore,

Be It Resolved that the Village Clerk/Treasurer may accept credit cards as a means of payment
for fines, civil penalties, rents, rates, taxes, charges, revenues, financial obligations, fees, or other
amounts, including penalties, assessments and interest.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Kohout, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

b) Municipipay Agreement

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that
Whereas, the Board of Trustees has authorized acceptance of credit cards as a method of
payment to the Village, now therefore

Be It Resolved that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract dated January 14, 2009
with Municipipay, Nationwide Payment Solutions for electronic payment services for acceptance
of credit card payments by the Village.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Kohout, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

ROCKIT SCIENCE SOLUTIONS

MOVED by Trustee Gifford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that
Whereas, the Village has determined the best option for the Village computer system servers is
for the servers to be at an outside location, and

Whereas the Village uses Rockit Science Solutions for other computer needs, now therefore,

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Be It Resolved that the Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with Rokit Science Solutions, Inc., dated January 9, 2009 for hosting two Village servers and initial installation services.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Kohout, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

ACCEPTANCE OF LANSING PROPERTY-SCHONOWEE AVENUE

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Kohout that

Whereas, Mark Lansing has offered to donate the portion of his corporation's property (Jumpin Jacks Drive-In, Inc.) along Shonowee Avenue near Washington Avenue to the Village of Scotia, and

Whereas, it is in the interest of the Village to accept this property to further a potential erosion control project of the river bank, and

Whereas, the legal documents for the transfer have been completed and given to the Village, now therefore,

Be It Resolved that the Board of Trustees accepts the parcel of land (Tax ID. # 39.46-1-28) between Schonowee Avenue and the Mohawk River at the corner of Washington Avenue from Jumpin Jacks Drive-In, Inc. in a deed dated November 28, 2008 and directs that the same be filed with the County Clerk and authorizes payment of the County Clerk filing fees.

ZONING & PLANNING BOARD TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Trustees received a copy of the number of training hours received for the current members of the Zoning Board and Planning Board.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

The canvas letters for the firefighter position have gone out. The Mayor asked Trustee Gifford to provide the Board of Trustees with a copy of the minutes from the Scotia Fire Department meetings. There will be a dinner on March 25, 2009 held by the Tobacco-Free Coalition, honoring the communities that have designated certain areas to be smoke free. Sue Lombardi is working on two member item grants; one for police department equipment and a second for a pavilion in the park. The heating system will be worked on at the Flint House on Thursday, funding for the work is through the grant received by the Friends of the Flint House. There will be a Fire Captain and Fire Lieutenant exam held in March by Schenectady County Civil Service.

CORRESPONDENCE/LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Neals – No report.

Trustee Gifford – Attended Planning Board meeting. Chairman Jim Basil discussed the priorities for the board for the upcoming year. Attended Scotia Fire Department meeting.

Trustee Kohout – Attended Park Board meeting. Schenectady County Conservation Council will be holding an ice fishing derby for youths on Collins Lake on Saturday, February 21st from 8:00 am to noon. Ray Gawlas, of the Conservation Council, asked the boards permission to use power augers on the day of the event. The Board of Trustees did not wish to alter the code to allow power augers to be used on the lake. The Park Board has proposed changes to the Schedule of Park Fees that they would like to have approved prior to the February meeting. The Board of Trustees will review the changes and discuss at the February work session. Park Board member, Cathy Gatta, will be working with a student from the Russell Sage graduate program on a publicity campaign for the improvement of water quality of Collins Lake. The Park Board suggested that the Board of Trustees adopts code that gives the Park Board the legal authority to reserve areas of the park; a code that could be enforced by the police if necessary. The Scotia Historical Society will be meeting on January 15th. There was no Zoning Board meeting.

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Trustee Rizzo – Attended Special Events Committee. The committee discussed the possibility of a Fall Festival instead of Holiday on the Avenue. Sent letter to Kathleen Rooney asking for Schenectady County to approve a property tax exemption for the pump station located on Vley Road. Thanked Tom Cushing, Superintendent of Public Works, for the outstanding job his department did during the current ice storm.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Kohout, 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.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Neals, seconded by Trustee Gifford that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated January 14, 2009, 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 Gifford, Kohout, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 10, 2008

MOVED by Trustee Neals, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the December 10, 2008 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved with one correction.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Kohout, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 6, 2009

MOVED by Trustee Gifford, seconded by Trustee Neals that the minutes of the January 6, 2009 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Kohout, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to provisionally appoint Charles Keller to the position of Fire Chief with the provision that he pass the Fire Chief's exam.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Kohout, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Neals that the Village's business offices will be closed on Martin Luther King Day.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Kohout, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

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Abstentions: None

Mayor Kastberg stated that the Village's web page administrator suggested offering to host a link to any village business through the Village of Scotia's website. Attorney Marola suggested a policy be adopted for any links.

The Board of Trustees will be holding a work session on Saturday, January 17th at 8:00 a.m. to work on minor building repairs.

MOVED by Trustee Neals, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to enter into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Kohout, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Mayor Kastberg reconvened the board at 8:00 p.m. with no action.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Neals to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Kohout, Neals, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees