

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

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

The Mayor thanked Michelle and Dave Norris for providing the refreshments for the 106th Birthday Celebration of the Village.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Kastberg opened the privilege of the floor at 7:11 p.m.

Ted Munn of Empire News Exchange stated that he will no longer be covering the board meetings for the Times Union and he thanked the Mayor and the Board of Trustees for all of their cooperation.

Mayor Kastberg closed the privilege of the floor at 7:13 p.m.

UNSAFE BUILDING AT 8 FIFTH STREET

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gifford that

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has received a report from the Building Inspector dated January 21, 2010 regarding 8 Fifth Street, Scotia, NY, and

Whereas, the report finds the building on said property to be unsafe due to a dangerous and unsafe chimney and recommends that the chimney be repaired or demolished and removed, and

Whereas, the building has not been posted condemned as unsafe by the Building Inspector, and

Whereas, the report of the Building Inspector has been duly considered by the Board of Trustees and the building viewed by the Board of Trustees, now therefore,

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees finds that the building located at 8 Fifth Street unsafe and hereby orders that the chimney be repaired or demolished and removed and that such repair or demolition and removal work must be commenced by March 15, 2010 and be completed by March 22, 2010 or the Village may use its authority to demolish and remove the chimney and assess the expenses against the land as provided by law, and

Be it further resolved that the Village Clerk is directed to send notice of such order to the property owner as required by law, which notice shall include notice of a hearing to be held on March 9, 2010 at 7:00p.m. at Village Hall.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

MOVED by Trustee Gifford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, the Planning Board term of Gregg Gibbons has expired, and

Whereas, Mr. Gibbons is not eligible for reappointment because he has not completed or submitted proof of training as required by Village policy and was given the opportunity to correct the same,

Now therefore, be it resolved that alternate, Deanna Hitchcock be appointed to a full Planning Board member with a term to expire December 2014.

Further, the Mayor appoints Jenny Moon-Lippmann to fill the vacancy created in the alternate Planning Board position with a term to expire December 2010.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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SHELTER PLANNING

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gifford that

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has met with Shelter Planning to discuss various grant opportunities,

Now therefore, Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes a contract with Shelter Planning and Development in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the submission of a 2010 grant application for a housing rehabilitation program and authorizes the Mayor to sign any necessary documents, and

Be it further Resolved that the \$6,000.00 be taken from the Revolving Loan Fund as authorized by law.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Chief John Pytlovany will be retiring from the Scotia Police Department on February 26th. The Mayor stated that Chief Pytlovany served the Village with great distinction and thanked him for his dedication.

CORRESPONDENCE/LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Gifford – Attended Fire Department meeting. No Planning Board meeting was held.

Trustee Rizzo – No report.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

The Mayor appointed Trustee Rizzo to the finance committee for tonight's meeting only; to review the audit of claims.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Gifford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated February 9, 2010, 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, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 5, 2010

MOVED by Trustee Gifford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the January 5, 2010 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 12, 2010

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gifford that the minutes of the January 12, 2010 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 19, 2010

MOVED by Trustee Gifford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the January 19, 2010 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Mayor Kastberg reconvened the board at 7:35p.m. with the following action:

MOVED by Trustee Gifford, seconded by Trustee Kohout that

Whereas, the Village of Scotia participated in a First Time Home Buyers Program, and

Whereas, one of the recipients of a grant under the program has developed financial difficulties and the bank holding the first mortgage has commenced foreclosure proceedings and

Whereas, the Village holds a second mortgage, and

Whereas, the recipient through her attorney is trying to resolve the matter in the most beneficial way for all interested parties and intends to sell the property, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees, in satisfaction of the terms of the second mortgage accepts the payment of \$5,000.00 from or on behalf of the recipient (Emily Betts) plus any additional money (if any) beyond the amount owed to the holder of the primary mortgage and fix-up expenses, and

Further, authorizes the Mayor to execute an Agreement and Satisfaction of Mortgage in a form acceptable to the Village Attorney.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees