

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.

Ray Gawlas, 23 Concord Street; Schenectady County Conservation Council spoke regarding the recent ice fishing contest held on Collins Lake. The event was successful, although the cost of the insurance would make it prohibitive for the council to hold the event again. Mr. Gawlas asked the Board of Trustees to consider this a village event for insurance purposes if held along with a winter carnival and also to consider the use of power augers on the lake for this event. Andrew Wisoff, 850 Oregon Avenue spoke regarding the recent window bid for Village Hall/Firehouse. Mr. Wisoff felt that the board did not have sufficient reason to award the bid to the highest bidder and did not feel that the specs for the project were complete. After personal attacks against Attorney Marola and Mayor Kastberg, the Mayor terminated Mr. Wisoff's privilege to speak.

Mayor Kastberg closed the privilege of the floor at 7:09 p.m.

LOCAL LAW 2009-B RELATING TO WIND ENERGY FACILITIES

Mayor Kastberg opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

No one wished to speak.

Mayor Kastberg closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Action pending response from Schenectady County Planning.

INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW 2009-C RELATING TO OUTDOOR BURNING

MOVED by Trustee Neals, seconded by Trustee Gifford to

Introduce Proposed Local Law 2009-C relating to Outdoor Burning allowing the use of meat smokers and to set the public hearing for the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, April 8, 2009 at 7pm.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW 2009-D RELATING TO WATER METER READING

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Neals to

Introduce Proposed Local Law 2009-D regarding the Public Water System and Water Meter Reading requirements and the enforcement thereof and to set the public hearing for the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, April 8, 2009 at 7pm.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

MOVED by Trustee Neals, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, the Village has utilized the services of Community Development Resources for approximately 2 years, and

Whereas, the current contract is due to expire on March 31, 2009, and

Whereas, the Village would like the contract to coincide with the Village's fiscal year, now therefore,

March 11, 2009

Be it Resolved that the Village Board approves a two-month extension of the current contract with Community Development Resources in the amount of \$6,550.00 for grant writing services and authorizes the Mayor to sign the extension agreement.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

Attended BID meeting; discussed snowfall removal along sidewalks and bank cuts along Mohawk Avenue, advised BID that the Village is working on providing a map of the businesses on the Village's website, Special Events Committee is looking at possible changes to Holiday on the Avenue. Attended Schenectady County Bicentennial Gala on March 7th with Trustee Rizzo. Fire District #4 Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00p.m. at the S-G Middle School. Reminded the liaisons to the Planning and Zoning Boards of the training requirements that must be met by it's members. SACC, Channel 16 will begin video taping the meetings on April 8th. Congratulations to the Scotia Glenville Boys Basketball team for their Class A Section 2 Championship.

CORRESPONDENCE/LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Neals – Attended D.A.R.E. meeting. Annual Golf Tournament will be held on June 6th.

Trustee Gifford – Attended Planning Board training session. Attended Fire Department meeting.

Trustee Kohout – Attended Park Board meeting. Several applications were improved including S-G Baseball Team use of fields in the park and Canal Fest. The application for Canal Fest was approved with a charge of \$4,260 for overtime expenses incurred by the Village. Jim Marx provided the board with copies of the recreation budget that was presented to the Mayor.

Trustee Rizzo – Special Events Committee is working on the Memorial Day Parade. Attended School Board meeting regarding an exemption of taxes to the pump house property located on Vley Road. The board denied a full exemption, but will continue discussions on a possibly phasing the exemption in over a certain number of years. SanSouci restaurant celebrated its first anniversary on March 5th.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

MOVED by Trustee Neals, seconded by Trustee Rizzo 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 FEBRUARY

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Neals, seconded by Trustee Gifford that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated March 11, 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

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2009

MOVED by Trustee Neals, seconded by Trustee Kohout that the minutes of the February 11, 2009 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Kohout, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: Trustee Neals

NEW BUSINESS

A RESOLUTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE VILLAGE OF SCOTIA ACCEPTING LEAD AGENCY STATUS PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) REGULATIONS 6NYCRR PART 617.

MOVED by Trustee Neals, seconded by Trustee Kohout that

Whereas, the Village of Scotia is in the planning stages for a Riverfront Stabilization and Revitalization project necessary to stabilize the riverbank between the Western Gateway Bridge and the Old Bridge Abutment at the Intersection of Schonowee Avenue and Washington Avenue in the Village; and

Whereas, the proposed improvements include installation of a hard armoring erosion control system, heavy stone rip-rap, fishing access and overlook; and

Whereas, the Village of Scotia has received a funding offer from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for this riverfront stabilization project, and

Whereas, the Village of Scotia Village Board must comply with regulations required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Scotia hereby accepts lead agency status pursuant to SEQRA regulations 6NYCRR Part 617 and authorizes John M. McDonald Engineering, P.C. to complete the coordinated review of this project, and other matters related to SEQRA.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Trustee Kohout, seconded by Trustee Gifford that

Whereas, heretofore the Board of Trustees (which includes the Mayor) has been afforded health and dental insurance benefits if desired, and

Whereas, currently no member of the Board of Trustees is participating in the Village health or dental insurance program, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees finds it is not in the public interests for members of the Board of Trustees to be able to participate in the Village health and/or dental insurance program, now therefore,

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees shall not be eligible to participate in the Village health and/or dental insurance program effective immediately.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gifford to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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