

Mayor Kastberg called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

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

308 ROOT AVENUE

Mayor Kastberg opened the hearing at 4:34 p.m.

No one wished to speak.

Mayor Kastberg closed the hearing at 4:35 p.m.

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas , the Board of Trustees received an unsafe building report from the Building Inspector dated April 9, 2008 regarding 308 Root Avenue, Scotia NY owned by Barbara Cormack, and

Whereas, the report found the building on said property to be unsafe and recommended that the building be demolished and removed, and

Whereas, the building was posted as unsafe and condemned by the Building Inspector, and

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

Whereas, on April 9, 2008 the Board of Trustees found that the building located at 308 Root Avenue is unsafe and ordered the building be demolished and removed and that such demolition and removal work must be commenced by April 25, 2008 and be completed by April 30, 2008 or the Village may use its authority to demolish and remove the building and assess the expenses against the land as provided by law, and

Whereas, the required notices of such order were served and filed as required by law, which notice included notice of a hearing to be held this night, April 22, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at Village Hall, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has held a hearing this night, April 22, at which the Building Inspector's evidence in support of the demolition was presented and no other party attended the hearing or presented evidence to the contrary, now therefore,

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees finds as to the house at 308 Root Avenue that the structure is deteriorated and unstable as more fully set forth in the Building Inspector's report. Further the structure is close to the public right of way and neighboring houses thereby presenting a serious danger to the public and private property. No evidence was presented to the contrary. Therefore, the Board of Trustees confirms its finding of April 9, that the building located at 308 Root Avenue is unsafe and must be demolished and removed as required in the Notice.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Mayor Kastberg opened the privilege of the floor at 4:36 p.m.

E. Melvin Burger, Jr., Schenectady County Farm Bureau Market Association – Stated that the Association would like to hold a Farmer's Market in the village from the beginning of June to the beginning of October.

Al Lansing, Schenectady County Farm Bureau Market Association – Stated that the Association would like to apply for the permit instead of each individual vendor.

Karen Knuth, 125 N. Holmes St. – Supports to fund the Fire Chief's position in the budget & feels that the people should be allowed to vote for the services they receive instead of the decisions being made by the board.

Nancy Kelly – Holyrood House – Would like to see the fire department stay in the Village of Scotia.

Mayor Kastberg closed the privilege of the floor at 4:42 p.m.

FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 BUDGET

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Benny to decrease the following lines: A1910.4000 – Unallocated Insurance by (\$1,500); A3120.4400 – Police Insurance by (\$5,000); A3410.4400 – Fire Insurance by (\$7,000); A5010.4400 – Transportation Insurance by (\$1,500); A7140.4400 – Park & Recreation Insurance by (\$1,500); A9040.8000 – Worker’s Compensation by (\$7,500) and decrease the tax levy, for renewal of Worker’s Compensation Insurance with PERMA.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Benny to decrease F9040.8000 – Worker’s Comp by (\$1,500) and G9040-8000 – Worker’s Comp by (\$500).

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to decrease line A1990.4000 – Contingency Account by (\$20,000) and decrease the tax levy, for grant cost sharing.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Benny to decrease line A3410.2300 – Fire Motor Vehicle Equipment by (\$23,500) and decrease the tax levy.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to transfer \$70,000 from A9015.8200 – Retirement Fire to A3410.1000 – Fire Personnel Services, to fund the Fire Chief position.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Mayor Kastberg to decrease line A1110.1000 – Judicial Personnel Services by (\$5,000) and decrease the tax levy, for court security.

Motion withdrawn by Trustee Benny.

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Kastberg to decrease line A1620.4550 – Building Repairs by (\$10,000) and decrease the tax levy, for building repairs.

Ayes: Trustee Carpenter, Benny and Neals

Noes: Trustee Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Neals to decrease line A3120.4700 – Police Misc. Expense by (\$27,000) and decrease the tax levy, for the digital plate scanner and video cameras

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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MOVED by Trustee Neals, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to increase line A3120.4700 – Police Misc. Expense by \$2,200 and increase the tax levy, for GPS units to be installed and monitored in three police cars.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Mayor Kastberg to decrease line A3410.2530 – Fire Nozzles and Lights by (\$7,000) and decrease the tax levy, for the life ropes.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Mayor Kastberg announced that the village has received a letter of preliminary funding from Senator Farley's office for \$6,000 to fund the rescue harness and ropes.

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Mayor Kastberg to decrease line A3410.4550 – Fire Building Repairs by (\$20,400) and decrease the tax levy, for the cleaning and painting of the bays in the Fire Department. Trustee Benny suggested that the funding come from the capital reserve account. Attorney Marola stated that the project would not be eligible for capital reserve funds.

Motion withdrawn by Trustee Benny.

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Neals to decrease line A3410.4550 – Fire Building Repairs by (\$17,400) and decrease the tax levy, for the painting of the bays in the Fire Department.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Mayor Kastberg to decrease line A3410.4565 – Fire Information Technology by (\$1,000) and decrease the tax levy, for the purchase of a laptop.

Motion withdrawn by Trustee Benny.

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Neals to decrease line A7140.2000 – Parks and Recreation Equipment by (\$15,450) and decrease the tax levy, for the purchase of equipment to maintain the outside lots that are owned by the Village, with the funds to come from the capital reserve account.

MOVED by Trustee Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Benny to decrease line A7140.2000 – Parks and Recreation Equipment by (\$15,450) and decrease the tax levy, for the purchase of equipment to maintain the outside lots that are owned by the Village.

Ayes: Trustee Rizzo, Carpenter, Benny and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: Trustee Neals

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Neals to increase line A1010.4000 – Board of Trustees Contractual by \$2,400 and increase the tax levy, to record the meetings and allow them to be viewed on SCTV.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Carpenter to create a line item to allocate \$30,000 of the money that is received from Metroplex, and increase the tax levy this fiscal year only, with the money to be used annually for economic development and with the intent to use the funds this year to pave John Street.

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Carpenter to amend the above motion to an amount of \$20,000.

Mayor Kastberg stated that he would prefer to table the motion until the Board of Trustees develops an Economic Development Plan.

Ayes: Trustee Carpenter, Benny and Neals

Noes: Trustee Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Mayor Kastberg to decrease line F8320.4540 – Pump House Repairs by (\$20,000) and decrease the rate increase of the water rates.

Ayes: Trustee Carpenter, Benny and Neals

Noes: Trustee Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Abstentions: None

Trustee Carpenter suggested that the board review the total cost to the village to maintain the residence at the pump house.

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Neals to decrease line G8120.2000 – Sanitary Sewers Equipment by (\$32,000), for the purchase of the rod machine and allocate the unused funds to fund balance.

Trustee Benny suggested that the rod machine be purchased with funds from the capital reserve account or the sewer fund balance.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Neals to decrease line G8120.4550 – Sanitary Sewer Repairs by (\$20,000) for the purchase of the grinder pump for the Flint House, with the funds from the purchase to be \$6,000 from the dredge account and \$14,000 from capital reserve.

Motion withdrawn by Trustee Benny.

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Carpenter to enter into executive session regarding personnel issues at 7:00 p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Mayor Kastberg reconvened the board at 8:12 p.m. with the following action:

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Carpenter to increase the schedule of salaries and wages in the budget by fund by \$62,475 as listed on the replacement schedule of salaries and wages by fund, dated April 22, 2008 and to reflect the changes in the corresponding line items, with the Fire Chief's position included as stated in a previous motion.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Benny to decrease line F2140 – Metered Water Sales by (\$21,368) to represent an increase in the water rates of 7%.

Ayes: Trustee Rizzo, Benny, and Carpenter

Noes: Trustee Neals and Mayor Kastberg

Abstentions: None

Trustee Neals suggested that a public hearing be held before adopting the budget, so the taxpayers can see the changes that have been made.

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has met multiple times to prepare the tentative budget for fiscal year 2008/2009 and

Whereas a public hearing had been conducted on April 9, 2008, as required by law, and

Whereas, after the public hearing the above amendments to the budget were made.

Now therefore, be it Resolved that the tentative budget, (as amended in the above motions), with corresponding adjustments necessary to revenues, cash surplus and reserves, is hereby adopted as the Budget of the Village of Scotia for Fiscal Year 2008/2009.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Trustee Benny, seconded by Trustee Neals to introduce Proposed Local Law 2008-C to adopt a local law regarding the position of the Fire Chief and set a public hearing at the next regular Board of Trustees meeting, May 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Benny to approve the following Firematic Officers for the Scotia Fire Department:

Captain CJ Squires

1st Lt. Jim Basil

2nd Lt. Mike Schemerhorn

3rd Lt. Jon Wayand

Trustee Carpenter stated that she is disappointed in who the Scotia Fire Department has chosen to elect based on attendance and training.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MOVED by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to allow the operators of the carnival to spend overnight in the park from May 4th thru May 11th only.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees