

Mayor Kastberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustee Gifford, Lockwood, Mathes, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

### **BOARD PRIORITIES FOR 2016**

The Mayor and Board of Trustees developed the following Initiatives and Priorities for 2016:

- Bike Trail \*
- B & M Bridge \*
- New Sewage Treatment Plant \*
- New Village Hall/Fire House \*
- Burr Bridge\*
- Make Use of Dock Piece/Fishing Pier \*
- Promote Municipal Docks\*
- Albermarle Sidewalk
- Security Cameras in Collins Park
- Village Open House 2017
- Attract Businesses to Mohawk Avenue
- Implement a Roofing Permit and Other Fees
- Review Overnight Parking
- Mohawk Avenue Gateway Median
- Village Property Inventory and Plan
- Solar Panels on Municipal Buildings
- Review Clerk Compensation
- Review Code Enforcement
- Storm Sewer Catch Basin Maintenance

\*Projects rolled over from last year.

### **ZONING BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets to grant use variances or area variances. The Board is also an appeal board for zoning of a certain area. New York State requires members to receive 4 hours of training annually. The Mayor has received two resignations; Emily Kohout, Chair and Adrienne Levinthal, Alternate member. The Mayor asked the Trustees to provide him with any possible candidates; the members must be Village residents.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR 2016**

The Village is currently viewed as a “large group” because of having over 50 employees. Effective January 1, 2016, due to the Affordable Health Care Act, a “large group” must have more than 100 employees. This will cause the Village to move from an experience rated plan to a community rated plan. Since the Village has had low utilization; this will most likely cause a large increase in premiums. For the Village renewal on June 1, 2016, CDPHP is no longer offering the current Village Health Plan. The Mayor is working with our health insurance broker and unions to come up with a comparable plan.

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**DISCUSSION OF 2016 TAX CAP**

The Mayor stated that the Allowable Levy Growth, as set by New York State, for fiscal years beginning June 1, 2016 is .12%.

The Mayor will be working with the Department Heads on their 6 month projections for the current fiscal year.

**PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEE**

The Mayor would like to hire a part-time seasonal employee to help with enforcing property maintenance regulations; such as snow removal, garbage and grass/brush. The board will make the appointment at the regular board meeting.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FINANCING**

The Mayor stated that he received a letter from New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation stating that the Village of Scotia is eligible for Clean Water State Revolving Fund(CWSRF) interest-free financing for a term up to 30 years for all or a portion of the proposed Clean Water project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Gifford, Lockwood, Mathes, Rizzo and Mayor Kastberg

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz

Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees