

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

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

**DISCUSSION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY APPLICATION**

The Board of Trustees discussed application for the NYS Municipal Restructuring Fund Program. The program is available to local governments and school districts for projects that reduce government operational costs and related property tax burdens on a permanent basis. The application for the fund is due July 12<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed possible projects for the fund.

**UPDATE ON FIRE NEGOTIATIONS**

The negotiating team for the Village and the Scotia Permanent Firefighters Association have agreed to a settlement for their contract which expired May 31, 2015. The board will vote to ratify at the regular meeting held on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**DISCUSSION OF ZBA APPOINTMENTS**

The resignation of several members of the Zoning Board of Appeals has left vacancies that need to be filled. The Mayor will be making appointments at the regular meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor, Attorney Marola, Cathy Busher, Liaison Rizzo and Zoning Board of Appeals members will meet on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss their roles and the training requirements.

**VACANT PROPERTY FEE**

The Mayor met with City of Schenectady and County representatives to discuss the issue of an increasing number of vacant properties that the taxes are not being paid on and the property is not being maintained. The City currently charges a vacant property fee for properties such as these. The Mayor will work with Attorney Marola to discuss a program for the Village.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz  
Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees