

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

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

HEARING RELATED TO UNSAFE BUILDING AT 20 SACANDAGA ROAD

Mayor Kastberg opened the hearing at 6:05pm

Parris Rousselle of 20 Sacandaga Road stated that he has made some repairs to the property and he is currently looking for financial assistance for the additional repairs needed for the home. Luis Aguero, Building Inspector stated that all repairs need to be complete in order for the home to be habitable, including the drainage issue.

Mayor Kastberg closed the hearing at 6:19pm

MOVED by Mayor Kastberg, seconded by Trustee Tiberio that

Whereas, the Board of Trustees received an unsafe building report from the Building Inspector dated August 10, 2018 regarding 20 Sacandaga Road, Scotia, NY, last know owners Parris and Julie Rousselle (mortgage held by JPMorgan Chase Bank), and

Whereas, the report found the building on said property to be unsafe and recommended that the building be repaired and brought into Code compliance or be demolished and removed, and demolished and removed by the Village if the owner fails to comply with the order, and

Whereas, the building has been condemned since August 1, 2018, and

Whereas, the report of the Building Inspector was duly considered by the Board of Trustees and the building is familiar to the Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, on August 13, 2018 the Board of Trustees found that the building located at 20 Sacandaga Road is unsafe and ordered the building be repaired or demolished and removed and that such work must be commenced by September 10, 2018 and be completed by September 28, 2018 or the Village may use its authority to demolish and remove the building and assess the expenses against the property as provided by law, and

Whereas, the required notices of such order were served on Parris and Julie Rousselle and JPMorgan Chase Bank and filed as required by law, which notice included notice of a hearing to be held this night, September 4, 2018 at 6:00p.m. at Village Hall, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has held a hearing this night, September 4, 2018 at which the Building Inspector's evidence in support of the repair or demolition and removal was reviewed and the owner Parris Rousselle had an opportunity to be heard but not provide testimony or evidence that all the issues set forth by the Building Inspector were resolved, now therefore,

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees finds as to the structure at 20 Sacandaga Road that:

The structure is deteriorated, unfit for habitation, and otherwise unsafe as more fully set forth in the Building Inspector's report and

Further, the structure is a detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the public,

And further, The Board finds that no statement or proof was presented to the contrary of these findings,

Now therefore be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees confirms its finding of August 13, 2018 that the structure located at 20 Sacandaga Road is unsafe and must be repaired or demolished and removed as required in the Notice of Unsafe Building previously served on the owners by the dates stated above and the Village may use its authority to demolish and remove the building and assess the expenses against the land as provided by law if the owners fail to comply with the order of the Building Inspector.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

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SAFER GRANT

Chief Almy stated that the Scotia Fire Department has been approved for the Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grant (SAFER) Grant. The SAFER grant is to assist local fire departments with staffing in order to respond to emergencies, and assure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. The grant was approved for two firefighters in the amount of \$453,198; as a condition of the award, the Village's contribution amount is \$173,724 and the Federal share is \$279,474. There is a three-year period of performance for grants awarded under the Hiring of Firefighters Activity. The amount of Federal funding provide for hiring a firefighter in any fiscal year may not exceed:

- Year One – 75% of the annual cost of a first-year firefighter
- Year Two – 75% of the annual cost of a first-year firefighter
- Year Three – 35% of the annual cost of a first year firefighter

The Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to accept the grant at the next regular board meeting.

VILLAGE OF SCOTIA/TOWN OF GLENVILLE VISIONING COMMITTEE

The Mayor stated that the appointments for this committee expired in August. The committee does have a proposal to present to the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting on September 12th. The board discussed continuing the appointments through the end of the year in order for the committee to follow through with their initiative; the board will take action at the regular meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Mayor stated that he met with Loretta Rigney, Chair of the Special Events Committee. Since volunteers for each event have been difficult to recruit, the Mayor proposed that the Village Board of Trustees appoint a formal Special Events Committee at the December organizational meeting. The Elks currently help with the organization of Crusin on the Avenue; the Mayor suggested other service groups helping with the Memorial Day Parade and Holiday on the Avenue. The Mayor stated that Loretta Rigney supported this concept.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mayor Gifford, seconded by Trustee Tiberio to adjourn the meeting at 7:25p.m.

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz
Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees