

Mayor Gifford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Gifford opened the privilege of the floor at 7:01p.m.

No one wished to speak.

Mayor Gifford closed the privilege of the floor at 7:02p.m.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2018

Steve Lubbe of Steven J. Lubbe, CPA, PLLC reviewed the financial statements for the Village of Scotia for fiscal year ending May 31, 2018.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO THE JUSTICE

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray that

Whereas, the Justice Court Clerk, Kristen Bode, has resigned effective end of business on December 14, 2018,

Whereas, the Village Justice has consented to Victoria Ferrante as Clerk to the Village Justice, now therefore,

Be it Resolved that Victoria Ferrante be appointed Clerk to the Village Justice effective December 17, 2018 for the remainder of the official year.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME CLERK TO THE JUSTICE

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck that

Whereas, the Part-time Justice Court Clerk, Victoria Ferrante, has resigned effective end of business on December 14, 2018, and

Whereas, the Village Justice has consented to Kristen Bode as Part-time Clerk to the Village Justice, now therefore,

Be it Resolved that Kristen Bode be appointed Part-time Clerk to the Village Justice effective December 17, 2018 for the remainder of the official year, subject to final approval by civil service.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

AGREEMENT WITH PRIME ENGINEERING

MOVED by Trustee Tiberio, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, the Village has received a proposal from Prime Engineering for engineering services for the Collins Lake Water Quality Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$13,700.00, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the proposal from Prime Engineering for engineering services for the Collins Lake Water Quality Improvement Project and authorizes the mayor to sign an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$13,700.00.

December 12, 2018

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

CHUBB ACCIDENT & HEALTH

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Solotruck to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Chubb Accident & Health for Volunteer Firefighter Enhanced Cancer Insurance effective January 1, 2019 in the amount of \$822.00.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE WITH NATIONAL GRID

MOVED by Trustee Tiberio, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that

Whereas, the Village previously contracted with Computel Consultant to conduct an audit of various village utility accounts, and

Whereas, a review of the village account with National Grid, including street lights, has found some discrepancies and a settlement has been proposed, and

Whereas, a settlement agreement and general release is required, now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the Settlement Agreement and General Release with Niagara Mohawk Power Company d/b/a National Grid and authorizes the Mayor to sign the same.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

SCOTIA DEPARTMENT HEADS ASSOCIATION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

MOVED by Trustee Solotruck, seconded by Trustee Rizzo to approve the Scotia Department Heads Association Collective Bargaining Agreement dated December 13, 2018,

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

The Building Inspector had condemned a property at 125 Sanders Avenue. The owner has made amazing progress in the cleanup of the property. Attended Fire Department meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE, LIAISON AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Tiberio – No BID meeting or Zoning Board meeting held.

Trustee Rizzo – Holiday on the Avenue was very well attended; DeMarco's Rt.5 Pizza won the chowder contest.

Trustee Gray – No report.

Trustee Solotruck – Attended Planning Board meeting; discussed progress at Cumberland Farms and lighting at CVS.

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

MOVED by Trustee Tiberio, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the Departmental reports be accepted as presented with thanks.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOVED by Trustee Mathes, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that be it resolved that all claims against the Village dated December 12, 2018 be allowed and ordered paid in full in the amount of \$89,693.50 charged to the following funds:

A-General Fund \$ 58,824.89

F-Water Fund \$ 8,686.82

G-Sewer Fund \$ 22,181.79

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 Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 3, 2018

MOVED by Trustee Tibereo, seconded by Trustee Rizzo that the minutes of the December 3, 2018 Village of Scotia, Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Tiberio suggested that a committee be formed to review the current village code and come up with ways to better enforce those codes.

Trustee Solotruck would like to look into consolidation of communication services; Clerk Treasurer Schmitz will prepare a list of all vendors and the amount paid to each.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Tibrtio to adjourn the meeting at 7:25p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck, Tiberio and Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz
Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees