

**Meeting of the Town Board
Town of Glenville
December 7, 2022
At The Glenville Municipal Center
18 Glenridge Road, Glenville, NY**

Supervisor Koetzle Calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Julie Davenport, Town Clerk

Present: Supervisor Koetzle, Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilmen Ramotar, Councilman Martin.

Absent: Councilman Godlewski

Also present: Jason Cuthbert- Comptroller, Vicki Hillis- Director of Human Services, Craig D'Allaird- Commission of Public Works, Anthony Tozzi- Director of Planning.

Town Council Reports

Councilwoman Wierzbowski: It's been a light couple of months; the Town Chiefs meeting was postponed until next month. The Fire Training Center progress is taking a little break for the holidays. So, we should be resuming those meetings back in January. There's also been a little less in Traffic Safety meetings because Annie has been out on medical leave.

Councilman Martin: Just a couple of things. I'll defer to Councilman Ramotar about the meeting with the Legacy Park Planning Committee, but I did attend that with some more progress. I reviewed the draft RFP request for proposals for the wider town hall project, that's kind of bubbling under the surface, so to speak. We expect the request in the next week or so with the response time frame of late January or early February, so we'll see where we stand on proposals relating to that potential project.

Councilman Ramotar: To add to what Councilman Martin mentioned he and his company are going to help with the Legacy Park folks with just pretty much just outlining and planning the project out a little bit more in a structured way. I think it's just becoming more solidified with that effort, so thank you Jim for setting that up. We are going to have more updates probably next month.

On the Department of Public Works side; electric services to the new town sign were installed on 11/28 and the new town sign was installed and the old one removed on November 30th, and most of you probably saw it first time during the Tree Lighting. Electric services were installed from Edmel Rd into Indian Meadows for future improvements to the recreation field and water is going to be hooked up next month and

we're going to be voting on that resolution today. We've also approved Delaware Engineering to move forward with the design of the water system improvement which includes industrial park improvements.

The other good news is Freemans Bridge railroad track, CSX and DOT are closing Freemans Bridge to replace the railroad, which is awesome. The paving repairs that were needed based on watermain breaks earlier this year, that's all done. There were two new outlets added to the new sign to help support anything that needs to be plugged in, including the tree light. There was a new control panel that's been installed at the Town's water tanks to allow remote monitoring of the water levels. Verizon is no longer providing a service; we're dealing with Spectrum and because of that we replaced the control panels. Finally leaf pickup is complete, so anyone that has not put out their leaves too late.

Public Hearing: Open 7:07 Close: 7:08

Councilman Martin gave a brief description. No one else spoke.

A Public Hearing at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, at which time it will hear all persons interested in the proposed Local Law No. 9-2022 Amending Chapter 139, "Fees" of the Code of the Town of Glenville.

Privilege of the Floor: Open 7:08 PM

Adam Henry, 2239 Waters Rd. A Lieutenant with Scotia Fire Department and a member of the Executive Board of the Scotia Permanent Firefighters Association.

Lt. Henry spoke to address comments made on social media by Councilman Jim Martin. The comments were made within a congratulatory post to Mayor Bucciferro, that included the following; "a fire department with employees who don't even live in the community yet demand high wages and benefits that the taxpayers bear and they do not, as they live in another town" and "What is needed is men and women who provide such service with caring for those individuals who sacrifice to pay for its cost."

Lt. Henry stated as a Scotia firefighter he was frustrated by the comments and as a town resident was upset. Lt. Henry stated he often ignores what he reads on social media, and feels everyone is entitled to their own opinions. However, felt Councilman Martin is an elected official who represents all the residents of the Town of Glenville including many of the Scotia Firefighters and feels his statements warrant a rebuttal. Lt. Henry stated he felt these statements were false. He questioned Councilwoman Martins ability to make impartial decisions regarding the Village of Scotia.

LT. Henry stated it is true that most Scotia Firefighters do not live in the village, but many live in the Town of Glenville. He stated that where someone chooses to live is a personal, private decision. While individually they live in other areas, they all work at 148 Mohawk Ave., the Village Fire Department. They are there every day/night, weekends, holiday's, birthday's, snow days, worked even through a global pandemic. He stated we know our community and we support businesses, their employees,

neighbors, community leaders, and organizations. They donate their time to local charities, events and causes and care about the community.

LT. Henry said he did not care if all Town employees were residents but noted that pursuant to the 2022 Town Board meeting minutes 45% of this year's hires do not reside in Glenville, all of which were unanimously approved by the Town Board. He questioned whether Councilman Martin was holding Scotia Fire Fighters to a different standard. He stated public employment should hire the best candidates to the position not where you pay taxes.

LT. Henry stated the most frustrating part of Councilman Martins comments were the insinuation that the Scotia Firefighters do not care about the residents of the Village of Scotia. People do not go into emergency services to get rich or to take advantage. But do so because of a deep sense of service and duty to the community. That is why their members perform the many dangerous tasks involved in firefighting as well as involve them selves in community out reach and education and are active participants in community events. He stated the members are proud to be members of the Scotia-Glenville Community.

LT. Henry concluded by stating that being an elected official carries a burden, to make factual statements and do what is in the best interest of the community. He stated that Councilman Martin failed to meet that burden. As a result, he believes Councilman Martin has a bias against the Scotia Fire Department and as such requested the Supervisor and the Town Board to be sure Councilman Martin recuse himself from participating in any votes pertaining to the Scotia Fire Department including the upcoming district 4 contract vote.

He thanked the Board for the time and consideration and wished Happy Holidays to all.

Keith Phillips, 17 Liberty Drive Milton, New York. A Captain at the Scotia Fire Department and Union President of the Scotia Permanent Firefighters Association.

Captain Phillips also spoke in response to the social media post made by Councilman Martin. He stated he will speak on behalf of all Scotia Firefighters who wish to be heard on this serious topic. He stated that the Scotia Firefighters do not nor have they ever demanded high wages and benefits. Their bargaining unit contracts have been established through negotiation between them and the Village without the need for mediation or arbitration.

While as public employees they are used to being criticized by the public, his concern for this board are; (1) Are Councilman's Martins feelings shared by the other board members; and (2) the timing and targeting of this post are suspect due to the current District 4 contract negotiation and subsequent vote.

Captain Phillips stated that anyone's opinion that their wages are too high or their benefits too great is fine but the social media post was not a true statement scrutinizing their wages and benefits. He stated that the post was seen by us and others thru-out the Scotia Glenville Community in an attempt to smear the reputation of the fire fighters. We are not Tammany Hall union members or Jimmy Hoffa's teamsters. He stated other departments have better wages and working conditions that our firefighters could choose to work for, but because we are invested in the community and its residents we chose to work at Scotia.

Our last contract we negotiated with the Village was similar with the Police and Department of Public Works contracts. With ours being the most financial beneficial for the Village. Captain Phillips invited anyone to discuss with him the details of their current contract.

Captain Phillips stated that the last contract for the Glenville Police Department set wages higher than the Scotia Villages Firefighters and higher than the average income of the residents of Glenville. The contract was negotiated and approved by the Town Board with no negative uproar or social media posts.

Captain Phillips questioned why the Scotia Firefighters were specifically named in the post. He stated the post was unprovoked and concerning considering the upcoming District 4 contract vote. He stated that hits contract impacts the operational budget of the fire department and the safety of the residents of District 4.

Captain Phillips related the difficulty in hiring fire fighters throughout the capital region and the country. He stated the difficulty is because it's a job less and less people want due to increased call volumes, budgetary constraints and health issues. Social media attacks on public employees also impact our ability to recruit.

Captain Phillips encouraged the Board to sit down with the union and the fire department administrations to discuss any concerns as expressed in Councilman Martin's post. He also stated that these discussions could help solve the problems involved in the emergency services with impact the wellbeing of the residents in the Scotia Glenville Community.

This Board supported the candidates in the most recent election seeking an increased working relationship with the Town. He stated Councilman Martins statements did not serve to better this relationship and reflected a bias towards the Fire Department. He asked that Councilman Martin recuse himself from the Village of Scotia Fire Department and the Village of Scotia.

No one else spoke at privilege the floor. Closed 7:21 PM

Supervisors Comments to the Board

The new sign is up, it looks great and we are getting a lot of compliments. I want to thank and congratulate the Board because as you all know this was money came out of the ARPA fund, came in over \$50,000, so without that funding, that's something we wouldn't be able to do. It's a great opportunity to post community events, but also public safety announcements. It's a place for Police and Fire Departments to post messages so please contact us if you want to post anything.

The design for the water project is going forward and this includes not just the business and Tech Park, below the Ave also. That is being now designed, we are one step closer to having the reality of that water come from the expansion of the town system into that area. I have alerted Mayor Bucciferro of this and talked about the urgency at which we do need to get to the table and talk. I understand that he's only been a mayor since Monday, however Town business doesn't stop. and we can't wait too long. I cannot impress upon anyone enough the time is of the essence on this project.

I do want to thank, County Legislator Ostrelich for being here today and her work on the Alplaus sidewalk. We've been working with the County on that and I met with two county legislators Frisoni and Constantine, we had a good meeting. We're trying to figure out how we capture the DEC Climate Smart Money, \$388,000, and do this jointly. We're working on that and I had a nice talk with Michelle (Ostrelich), said she sees no problem. So, we're going to be working on the Alplaus sidewalk project and hopefully we will be in the ground in the spring.

Councilman Ramotar mentioned the Tree Lighting, I do want to thank the committee that was a wonderful event. Julie, as part of the committee with Susan, Cassie, and Ginger and all the folks that work on that. the staff, Rob. Everyone did a really good job on that, great chowder, great tree lighting, Santa came, the shed was beautiful. A great setup, so thank you that it was a wonderful night.

I was able to attend park planning with Vicki there were a lot of good discussion. We did have a good discussion on pickleball which has become very popular in the town and all around actually, we're looking at how we can expand some pickleball opportunities. The Veterans gave a discussion on Legacy Park, we're working towards an agreement with them so that we have the park and they understand how they can utilize the park. Disc golf and softball were discussed and those are things that we were going to be working on fairly quickly.

The last thing I want to bring up is the Champlain Hudson Power Line has been approved by the State of New York. You might be getting calls on this, as our residents are being approached regarding easements they want on their properties. They're offering somewhere between \$3000 and \$7000 to take permanent easements on these properties, particularly down Maple, into Woodhaven and out towards Hetcheltown. This is the power line that is going to go from Montreal to Brooklyn. It's approved, we can't stop it and my office has been getting a lot of calls about what to do about this? I

reached out and we'll be having a meeting with the folks from the Champlain Hudson Power Line Company on Friday and we'll get more information. It is a situation, I think Courtney can back this up, that they will eventually have eminent domain rights. It's something we are going to help facilitate communications on, but if you get calls, we're in communication with the company and we'll try to get it public communication out about that. Lastly, I reached out to Senator Breslin's office to Congratulate him on his win and to welcome him to the beautiful Town of Glenville. We're going to have a meeting next week and I'm going down there to meet with him and talk about the issues that the Town is facing and how the Senator can be helpful to that, I will keep you up to date on that as well.

Sponsored by: Jim Martin, Town Councilman
Submitted by: Courtney Heinel, Attorney for the Town

RESOLUTION NO. 225-2022

Moved by: Councilman Martin
Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Glenville is introducing Local Law No. 9-2022 to amend Chapter 139, "Fees", with accompanying amendments to the Code of the Town of Glenville (a copy of which is attached hereto); and

WHEREAS, this proposed Code amendment is the product of much study and discussion by Town of Glenville staff; and

WHEREAS, the Local Law clarifies the existing regulations, and constitutes a Type II Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) which does not require further review; and

WHEREAS, a duly scheduled public hearing must be held in order to amend the existing code by Local Law; and

WHEREAS, a duly scheduled public hearing was held at the Glenville Municipal Center on December 7, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. to hear all persons interested in the proposed Local Law No. 9-2022 amending Chapter 139, "Fees" of the Code of the Town of Glenville;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby adopts Local Law No. 9-2022 and increases the fees for services provided by the Town of Glenville, effective immediately.

Ayes: Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilmen Martin, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Godlewski
Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Town Board Decision on December 7, 2022

ATTACHMENT A

FEE CHANGES

<u>Sewer Fees</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
City of Schenectady-Residential	\$0	\$270
City of Schenectady-Commercial	\$0	\$660
<u>Water Fees</u>		
Water Meter ¾"	\$200	\$320
Water Meter 1"	\$200	\$600
Double Check Valve ¾"	\$50	\$160
Double Check Valve 1"	\$50	\$290
Service Permit-Residential	\$100	\$200
Service Permit-Commercial	\$150	\$300
City of Schenectady-Residential	\$200	\$0
City of Schenectady-Commercial	\$500	\$0

Sponsored by: Christopher Koetzle, Town Supervisor
Submitted by: Stephen V. Janik, Chief of Police

RESOLUTION NO. 226-2022

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, in recent years Schenectady County has received millions of dollars in grant funding to upgrade outdated emergency communications systems across the County; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year the County announced completion of the multi-year public safety radio system project; and

WHEREAS, as result of this project, emergency communications towers and locations utilized by the Town of Glenville have been made redundant and no longer serve a purpose for Town operations; and

WHEREAS, the Town engaged Capital Digitronics, Inc. to conduct an inventory of Town-owned communications equipment and make recommendations on which equipment should be kept and which should be deemed surplus; and

WHEREAS, the equipment recommended to be deemed surplus is attached as "Schedule A"; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police agrees with the recommendations of Capital Digitronics, Inc to surplus the equipment listed in "Schedule A";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Glenville communications equipment listed in the attached "Schedule A" is hereby declared surplus and the Town Comptroller is authorized to dispose of said equipment in the most cost-effective manner possible.

Ayes: Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilmen Martin, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Godlewski

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Town Board Decision on December 7, 2022

SCHEDULE A

Old Radio System Equipment to be deemed surplus

- 48VDC power supply for microwave radios (6)
- 800 MHz Antenna & Coaxial Cable (4)
- Alcatel MDR8000 Microwave radios & Antennas & associated cabling (total of 11)
- Audio Distribution Bridge (1)
- Bird-TX\RX Systems Tower Top Amplifier (4)
- Bogen PA system (1)

- EnviroBuilding 10'x12' equipment shelter (1)
- EnviroBuilding 6'x8' equipment shelter (2)
- Equipment racks, 7' (12)
- Harris T1 MUX shelves (7)
- JPS SNV-12 Voters (2)
- M/A-Com desktop radios (7)
- M/A-Com MASTR 3 800 MHz base station (6)
- Old Logging recorder (1)
- Old UPS (1)
- Spectracom GPS receiver (5)
- Tower, 150' (1)
- Tower, 40' (1)
- Various VHF, UHF, 800 MHz antennas
- VHF Antenna & Coaxial Cable (1)

Sponsored by: Sid Ramotar, Town Board Member
Submitted by: Jason Cuthbert, Town Comptroller

RESOLUTION NO. 227-2022

Moved by: Councilman Ramotar
Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works advises that the Town requires the purchase of five fire hydrants; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Water & Sewer and the Commissioner of Public Works also advise that vendors have notified the Town of hydrant price increases in 2023;

WHEREAS, Ferguson Waterworks, 612 Pierce Road, Clifton Park, New York 12065 provided the lowest quote at a cost of \$3,446.44 per hydrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby authorizes payment of \$17,232.20 to Ferguson Waterworks for the purchase of five fire hydrants with the expense charged to Water District #11 as included in the 2022 amended budget.

Ayes: Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilmen Martin, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Godlewski

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Town Board Decision on December 7, 2022

Sponsored by: Gina Wierzbowski, Deputy Supervisor
Submitted by: Vicki Hillis, Director of Human Services

RESOLUTION NO. 228-2022

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, in order to provide for maintenance and supervision of Indian Meadows Park and its skating rinks during the winter months, seasonal recreation attendants are annually employed by the Town of Glenville;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Human Services of the Town of Glenville is hereby authorized to employ up to two (2) seasonal Recreation Attendants for the time period of December 17, 2022 through March 25, 2023, with a workload between the two positions of not more than forty hours per week in total, at the budgeted rate of \$15.00 per hour with no benefits.

Ayes: Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilmen Martin, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Godlewski
Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Town Board Decision on December 7, 2022

Sponsored by: Sid Ramotar, Town Councilman
Submitted by: Craig D'Allaird, Commissioner of Public Works

RESOLUTION NO. 229-2022

Moved by: Councilman Ramotar
Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville has solicited sealed competitive bids for the Indian Meadows Park Water Service Connection Improvement Project with said bids being returnable to the Town Clerk on November 18, 2022 to be publicly opened and read on that date; and

WHEREAS, the work put out to bid includes the equipment, labor and materials for installation of a new water service lateral of approximately 900 linear feet of new 6" HDPE DR 11 pipe and all appurtenances; and

WHEREAS, this project will expand water service within Indian Meadows Park for the benefit of residents, visitors, and youth sports leagues; and

WHEREAS, six sealed bids were received for the project; and

WHEREAS, B.E.B. Drilling LLC, 7235 Mutton Hill Rd, Auburn, New York, was the low bidder at \$82,000 with a bid that met all required specifications;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby accepts the bid from B.E.B. Drilling LLC as the lowest qualified bid and authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with B.E.B. Drilling LLC, 7235 Mutton Hill Road, Auburn, New York for the Indian Meadows Park Water Service Connection Improvement Project in the sum of \$82,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said expenditure shall be made from account BB-999-4010-4009 ARPA as included in the 2022 amended budget.

Ayes: Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilmen Martin, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Godlewski

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Town Board Decision on December 7, 2022

Sponsored by: Christopher A. Koetzle, Town Supervisor

Submitted by: Julie Davenport, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 230-2022

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Board meeting held on November 16, 2022 are hereby approved and accepted as entered.

Ayes: Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilmen Martin, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Godlewski
Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Town Board Decision on December 7, 2022
Sponsored by: Christopher A. Koetzle, Town Supervisor
Submitted by: Courtney E. Heinel, Attorney for the Town

RESOLUTION NO. 231-2022

Supervisor Koetzle made a motion to amend the Resolution to add Anthony Tozzi, Director of Planning and Nicholas Chiavini, Planner 1 to the position of Stormwater Management Officer along with Craig D'Allaird, Commissioner of Public Works.

Moved: Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Second: Councilman Ramotar

Ayes: Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilmen Martin, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Godlewski
Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Town Board Decision on December 7, 2022

Moved by: Councilman Ramotar
Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Glenville is responsible for designating a Stormwater Management Officer who shall accept and review all

stormwater pollution prevention plans and forward such plans to the applicable municipal board; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works would be the individual overseeing the MS4 activities for the Town as the department that oversees the Town's stormwater management overall; and

WHEREAS, due to the appointment of Craig D'Allaird as the Commissioner of Public Works he is most suitable to the position as Stormwater Management Officer;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby designates Craig D'Allaird to the position of Stormwater Management Officer.

Ayes: Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilmen Martin, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Godlewski

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Town Board Decision on December 7, 2022

Sponsored by: Christopher Koetzle, Town Supervisor
Submitted by: Vicki Hillis, Director of Human Services

RESOLUTION NO. 232-2022

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville Park Master Plan, dated November 18, 2022, has been prepared over a period of two years and is now before the Glenville Town Board for consideration of adoption; and

WHEREAS, the November 18, 2022 Park Master Plan provides the first comprehensive narrative of the Town Park system to include history, conditions, and goals, beyond the engineered drawings for said parks; and

WHEREAS, the November 18, 2022 Park Master Plan is the product of considerable effort by a collective of committees and individuals, including the Park Planning Commission, Town Board, and staff of the Parks and Planning Departments; and

WHEREAS, the November 18, 2022 Park Master Plan is also a product of input from the Town's residents, whose feedback provided through the community survey, numerous meetings, and person to-person interactions helped shaped many of the policies and recommendations of the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville is hereby pleased to adopt the November 18, 2022 Town of Glenville Park Master Plan.

Ayes: Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilmen Martin, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Godlewski

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Town Board Decision on December 7, 2022

New Business:

Councilwoman Wierzbowski: Shared the Scotia Cross Country girls team placed 4th and the boys placed 6th at the Federation, which is all high schools within New York State public & private. She is going to reach out to Coach Crow to get their actual season record because it's impressive and is hoping we can recognize them formally at an upcoming board meeting either on Dec. 21st or in January.

Councilman Martin: Councilman Martin addressed the comments made by the LT. Henry and Captain Phillips of the Scotia Fire Department. He stated that he was entitled to his opinion which he shared with Keith. He indicated in his messages that there was no greater supporter among the elected boards for the services they provide. However, he said it is also incumbent on his position as an elected official to have a scrutinizing

eye on the cost of services and he will continue to do so. He stated that for over 40 years he's worked as a Senior Planner and Economic Specialist and in that role, he has looked at over 150 separate town and villages budgets across upstate New York. That experience is part of the reason he ran for this board and to provide some knowledge and perspective that would be useful to this constituency here in conducting this town government and that's why he ran.

So, he will never stop apologizing for looking out the for the cost to constituency which is part of his role. Sometimes its not a pleasant one and will point out things that are not popular and won't stop doing that when it happens. This is one of these, he stated he had done his research and that's what he does and he updated his research in this regard and shared it with Keith. It revealed this is the most expensive department in the Village Budget. It's costing on average, salaries and benefits \$141,000. per year, for the starter fire fighter, a little less, for those whose who've been a little longer or take more overtime it's a little more. However, on average its \$141,000 per fire fighter. The per capita income in the Village is \$38,000 which is nearly four times as much, and is more than twice the household income in the village. These are census figures which anyone can look up, the cost and benefits is in the most recent village budget. So, he didn't think that was sustainable. It was not a comment on the service the firefighters provide or their personal integrity that is completely separate.

The other effect of this is that the "per" \$1000 tax rate in the village is the highest he found in the region. Also, he stated that the research reviewed it s \$42 per thousand combined tax rates. All he was seeking was acknowledgement of the cost that is borne by the tax payer in meeting these expenses. That was his intent but if he is attacked for his ethics that may be how one feels but it is not how he felt towards the firefighters. He was just pointing out an unsustainable fact and meant it to be constructive. That was the context in which he made the statement and that it cannot continue, as there won't be a Village government. He stated that was his personal opinion based on the work he does and the perspective he has formed. He stated it was never intended to be an attack and it is a long-term condition that cannot continue. If it was taken as an affront, it was not meant to be and he apologies for that. He stated he was not going to apologize for pointing out a fiscal issue that cannot be sustained. If it improves, he will be the first one to point that out, but it is not a healthy condition. He shared that is what he was trying to say.

Councilman Ramotar: No new business

Supervisor Koetzle: The Supervisor shared he wanted to talk quickly about the opportunity we all have, every one of us right now, one that we have not had in many, many years. We have an opportunity to bridge the gulf between the Village and the Town right now. What happens next is going to be on all of us, all of us here, all those in Scotia government, on everybody. We have an opportunity to work together. We have our differences, there is no question about that. He shared that he and the Mayor have had very, very good conversations and he had an idea that he shared with the Mayor about how to get Scotia more revenue by doing services with the Town of Glenville.

We're ready to talk. We're ready to work, I don't want these types of things to get in the way of the opportunity we have. He continues to say that he feels we have a great opportunity with the County, moving forward, working with the County on the Alplaus sidewalk which is so important. This is an opportunity for us to go out, talk about how the State, the County and the Town came together and did something that could not get done in 40 years. It was done because we all worked together. We have to work together too. We are going to have disagreements, there's no question about it. It's an opportunity for us to work together and we can't stop talking to each other about it. He doesn't think we can lose this opportunity

His goal is to get everyone working together, and is going to do everything he can to do that. He gave his word on that, it's always been a goal and thinks now we have some folks in place to make that happen. He hopes we all leave this meeting knowing we have a disagreement, but we have one community here, let's work together and figure this out. He shared he generally likes to have people stay off social media, as he gets his share of attacks on social media. But let's take this opportunity to work together. A New Year's coming and it's going to be incumbent on all of us to make this happen. So hopefully that is a little bit more of a positive note.

Supervisor Koetzle makes motion to adjourn,

Moved: Councilman Martin

Second: Councilman Ramotar

All in favor

Meeting is adjourned at 7:49 PM.

ATTEST:

Julie Davenport

Julie Davenport

Town Clerk

