



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Deputy Mayor Louis Perazzini. Present were Deputy Mayor Louis Perazzini, Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Trustee Bob Carson, Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox, Village Clerk Fred Warrick and Treasurer Angela Ventra. Also present were was Sergeant-in-Charge Ethan Mosher. There were approximately 2 other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Schuyler County Historian Gary Emerson sought the input of the Board on where he could have a historical marker placed. The Board concluded an area behind Jerlando's Ristorante & Pizza Co. was an agreeable location. Mr. Emerson will speak with Jerlando's and follow-up if needed.

Kirk Smith presented to the Board the Schuyler County Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Board's review and adoption of the plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on December 06, 2022

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on December 06, 2022. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve all Department Head reports. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

VOTING ITEMS

Hazard Mitigation Plan

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the resolution to adopt the Schuyler County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2022-2027. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion.

WHEREAS the Board of the Village of Watkins Glen recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Village of Watkins Glen ("Village"); and

WHEREAS the Village has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the Schuyler County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2022-2027 in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS Schuyler County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2022-2027 identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Village from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Board of the Village of Watkins Glen demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Schuyler County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2022-2027.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN, NEW YORK, THAT:
The Board of the Village of Watkins Glen adopts the Schuyler County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2022-2027. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to

re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Advertisement to re-bid DRI Project](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to approve advertising on January 4, 2023 the-bidding of the three (3) Downtown Revitalization Initiative projects for E. 4th Street, Gateways, and LaFayette Park. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Town of Reading – Water Billing Policy](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the Town of Reading’s request for a change in the water billing policy between the Village and the. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all opposed. Motion denied.

[Police Trainning](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to approve the Instructor Development & Field Training Officer course from 3/6/23 – 3/17/23 for \$25.00 for Officer Bryce Bush. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all approved. Motion carried.

[LOSAP 2013](#)

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the resolution to abolish the SAFER Service Award Program (2013) for Active Volunteer Firefighter Members of the Watkins Glen Fire Company, Inc. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion.

WHEREAS; The Watkins Glen Fire Company and the Village of Watkins Glen were awarded a SAFER Grant to fund a Service Award Program for active volunteer firefighter members of the Watkins Glen Fire Company, Inc. for the four-year period 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013; and,

WHEREAS, active volunteer firefighter members of the Watkins Glen Fire Company earned SAFER Grant Service Award Program service credit under a point system; became Program Participants by earning such credit; an individual Program Account was established for each Program Participant; the individual Program Account of a Participant was credited with a share of the annual SAFER Grant contribution for each year of service credit earned for 2010, 2011, 2012 and/or 2013; and, each Participant earned a non-forfeitable right to his or her Program Account Balance in accordance with a vesting schedule set forth in the SAFER Grant Service Award Program Document; and,

WHEREAS, The Village of Watkins Glen established a second Service Award effective January 1, 2019 as authorized by Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law; and,

WHEREAS, there are key differences between these two programs such as allowable funding sources, limits on annual additions to Participant Accounts, the income tax treatment of distributions from these programs to participants and their beneficiaries making it practically impossible to merge these two Service Award Programs; and,

WHEREAS; There have been no additional contributions added to the SAFER Grant Service Award Program for years ended after January 1, 2014; and,

THEREFORE NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen by the adoption of this resolution abolishes the SAFER GRANT Service Award Program and directs the Village Treasurer to: forfeit the Program Account Balances of those Program Participants who had not attained a 100% fully non forfeitable right to their Program Account Balance as of December 31, 2013; and, to update the Program Account Balances of those Participants who had attained a 100% nonforfeitable right to their Program Account Balances as of December 31, 2013 adding unallocated investment income earned on the funds in the Service Award Program Trust Fund account now on deposit at the Community Bank of Watkins Glenn plus adding these forfeitures to their Program Accounts; and, to then distribute those updated Program Account Balances to such December 31, 2013 vested Program Participants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees directs the Village Treasurer to pay Penflex Actuarial Services, LLC. the firm retained by the Village to assist in the administration of the SAFER Grant program, the fee Penflex Actuarial Services will charge the Village to assist the Village to abolish the Program and to pay the Program Account Balances to December 31, 2013 vested Program Participants. Such fee shall be paid from the current SAFER Grant Service Award Program Trust Fund assets.

The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Parks Grant Contract Amendment](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the submission of a contract amendment for a Parks grant to utilize the remaining \$25,000 for a permanent improvements project. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all approved. Motion carried.

[Hire – Motor Equipmnet Operator](#)

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the transfer of Mason Neira out of Parks Dept. and into Streets to fill the Motor Equipment Operator position at \$19.10/hr starting December 27, 2022. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all approved. Motion carried.

[Hire – Temporary Seasonal Laborer – Skating Rink](#)

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the hiring of Brent Miller as Temporary Seasonal Laborer making \$15/hour starting Dec 21st for weekend coverage at the ice-skating rink. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all approved. Motion carried.

[Establishing CDBG Bank Account](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to approve the resolution to establish a new bank account with Community Bank for the CDBG Clute Park Pump Station Planning Grant. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, funds for the CDBG will be received for the Clute Park Pump Station Planning Grant for the Village of Watkins Glen Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, a separate non-interest-bearing bank account is required for the said funds; and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be received and deposited.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees does hereby direct the Village Treasurer to establish a bank account with Community Bank, N.A. specifically for the funds received for the CDBG Clute Park Pump Station Planning Grant.

The Board then voted on the motion and all approved. Motion carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to approve the general audit dated December 16, 2022 in the following amounts:

General	\$72,530.00	Sewer	\$109,923.43
Electric	\$158,349.84	Water	\$23,764.02
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$17,397.20		
Water Improvements	\$600.00		

Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

Christmas Luncheon

Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox reminded the Board that he will be hosting an employee luncheon at the Event Center at noon on Thursday, December 22nd.

Dog Control Services

Trustee Laurie DeNardo updated the Board that she was looking into the cost to the Village after Barbara Cook's request to the Board on 12/6, but she has not received back any information yet.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Fred Warrick
Village Clerk