



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Laurie DeNardo. Present were Mayor Laurie DeNardo, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Trustee Bob Carson, Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox, Village Clerk Fred Warrick. Also in attendance were Sergeant in Charge Ethan Mosher, Water Supervisor Meghan Fox, Electric Supervisor Tom Ballard and Parks and Recreation Coordinator Chantal Fitzgerald. There were approximately fifteen other people in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Alex Gill representing the village Planning Board reviewed with the Board of Trustees their current findings and recommendations on the current developers requests regarding the Waterside on Seneca project in the Planned Development District. Board of Trustees to review prior to going to the county planning board.

Robert Woods recapped his conversation from the last board meeting and asked if there was a way campers could pay a monthly fee rather than pay the full fee prior to the season. He also asked for speed bumps on Clute Park Road to control traffic and expressed his desire again to see more playground equipment in the campground area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on September 5, 2023

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on September 5, 2023. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made the motion to approve all Department Head reports. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

VOTING ITEMS

Parks & Rec Coordinator Wage Increase

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to approve the annual increase for Chantal Fitzgerald of \$0.75/hr, with a temporary add-on of \$2.50/hr for being the Lead during the absence of a manager. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Bilco Door for LaFayette Pavilion

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve the purchase of a Bilco door for the eastside pavilion in LaFayette Park from BT Concrete Construction for \$2,750. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Compressor Replacement

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve the purchase of a compressor replacement from the Refrigeration Company for \$1,267. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

MEUA & NYMPA Conferences

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve electric supervisor Toma Ballard to attend the Municipal Electric Utilities Association 93rd annual conference and the NY Municipal Power Agency semi-

annual meeting – October 10th – 12th at a cost of \$430 for registration and \$324 for hotel stay. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Resolution to appoint delegate for MEUA conference](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve Tom Ballard as the delegate to the semi-annual conference of the MEUA.

WHEREAS, The Village of Watkins Glen is a municipal member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State has been called on October 10, 2023, and October 12, 2023 to be held at the Harbor Hotel in Clayton, NY and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the bylaws of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Thomas Ballard be and is hereby designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Watkins Glen, New York.

Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Odd/Even Parking](#)

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to approve the abolishment of the Odd/Even Parking law effective immediately and to be made permanent in the upcoming changes to the traffic laws. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Taser & Body Cam](#)

The request to purchase Taser & Body Cams for the Police Dept. was again tabled until the budget could be reviewed for funds.

[Parks Dept. Changes](#)

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to approve 1) the rate change for the Parks Dept winter boat storage to \$300 (all other Clute Park rates for 2024 remain as previously voted on), and Parks Maintenance is hereby placed under the management of the Superintendent of Public Works and renamed Buildings & Grounds. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor, expected Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock, who opposed the boat storage change only. Motion Carried.

[AUDIT](#)

[General Audit](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made the motion to approve the general audit dated September 19, 2023 in the following amounts:

General	\$87,898.39	Sewer	\$113,086.83
Electric	\$35,381.02	Water	\$16,098.89
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$11,620.85	Water Improvements	\$15.00

Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

Resignation

The Board announced the resignation of Craig Bond effective 9/13/2023.

Cameras in the Campground

The Board was informed that the village attorney finds no reason not to allow campers to use security cameras as long as they remain focused on that campers own area and not infringing on the privacy of neighbors.

Traffic Laws

The committee continues to focus on updates to the current laws and hopes to conclude by late October.

Village Halloween

Village Halloween is October 31st from 6-8 p.m.

EXECUTIVE

Trustee Bob Carson motioned to move into an executive session for personnel. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

RE-ENTERING PUBLIC SESSION

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to re-enter the public session to vote on a change to the 2024 Clute Park rates. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Bob Carson motioned to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock 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