



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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 Bob Carson, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi, Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox, and Clerk Fred Warrick. Also in attendance were Sergeant Aaron Jumper, Code Enforcement Officer Scot Cole, and Parks and Recreation Coordinator Chantal Fitzgerald. Absent was Trustee Nan Woodworth. There were approximately two other people in attendance.

### PRESENTATION

Michael Brown of Cornell Cooperative Extension presented on the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program.

### PUBLIC BE HEARD

Dominic Spaccio, owner/operator of Hanalei's Dispensing came to touch base with the board since his last visit at the September 20, 2023 meeting. Dominic informed the board of his intent to bring to Watkins a legal marijuana dispensary. Mayor Laurie DeNardo explained to him that he would be required to apply for a variance from the zoning law if he was determined to open a shop inside the zone designated as Village Center, otherwise such business is only allowed outside Village Center zone.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on December 5, 2023

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on December 5, 2023. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

### VOTING ITEMS

#### Employee Increase

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve an increase for Ken Barber to \$54,213.97/yr effective 01/02/2024. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### Settlement and Release Agreement

The Settlement & Release Agreement between Martin Wojcik and the VOWG was tabled until the 1/2/24 meeting.

#### Sewer Credit Request

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve the sewer credit request for \$1,360 by Susan Larson of Magee Street. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. In further discussion, the Mrs. Larson's water softener became faulty while out of town. All water did go directly into the sewer and therefore was received and processed. The current policy does not allow for credit under this circumstance. The Board then voted on the motion. All opposed. Motion denied.

#### Training

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve Basic Investigative Photography training from 2/26/24 – 3/01/24, 8a-4p at a cost of \$50 for Officer Hines. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### Planning Board Appointment

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to appoint Alice Dalrymple as a member of the planning board, replacing Phil Bond. One vacancy remains. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### AUDIT

#### General Audit

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made the motion to approve the general audit dated December 18, 2023 in the following amounts:

General	\$36,384.63	Sewer	\$2,831.23
Electric	\$181,442.39	Water	\$7,091.82
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$20,345.50		

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

### BOARD CONCERNS

#### STR Cap

The Board and Codes is currently confirming the total units in the village to assess the current cap.

#### Ice Rink

Weather is still the top cause of delay. The rink is ready to make ice, but the temperature is not ideal to begin yet.

#### DRI Projects – LaFayette & Gateways

LaFayette scheduled to be complete by 12/22. Seeding will have to be done in the spring. Lights will be completed by the village's electric team. The Gateways project is behind schedule.

#### Summer Recreation

Next meeting with Nan and Margaret is January 9<sup>th</sup>. Currently working towards outreach for donations.

#### Fire Dept. Ladder Truck

Grant assistance has been found to be scarce. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock and Trustee Bob Carson are working with the Chief and his team on options.

### EXECUTIVE

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to enter an executive session for a legal matter. 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 7:10 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