

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009

The public session of the meeting was called to order by Mayor Judith H Phillips at 7:00pm. Present were Trustees Gregory A Coon, William E Smagner and Wayne N Weber. Also present were Superintendent Mark L Specchio, Clerk/Treasurer Donna J Beardsley and Account Clerk/Typist Rhonda E Slater. There were four other people in attendance. Absent was Trustee Nicholas P Kelly.

PUBLIC
SESSION -
ATTENDANCE

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Roger Ort and a few others were in attendance to discuss the concept for the Community Garden project. Much discussion followed as to possible sites, the size of the proposed garden, etc. Trustee Coon made a motion in support of the Community Garden concept. Trustee Weber seconded. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC
CONCERNS

JUSTICE REPORTS:

Judge McElligott's monthly report for December was approved with a motion by Trustee Coon, a second by Trustee Weber and all being in favor. Motion Carried. Trustee Coon then made the motion to approve Judge Dugo's annual report for 2008. Trustee Smagner seconded this motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

JUSTICE
REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Trustee Weber made the motion to accept the police department report of activities for the year 2008 as presented. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

POLICE
DEPARTMENT
REPORT

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS:

Trustee Smagner made the motion to accept the department heads' reports. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT
HEADS'
REPORTS

CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

Trustee Coon made the motion in favor of having Superintendent Specchio, Water Supervisor Harley Connelly and Sewer Department worker Ed Berry attend the FLWWA conference on Feb 5, 2009 in Geneva at a cost of \$22 per person. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE
REQUESTS

Trustee Weber made a motion for Park Manager Hyde to attend a park conference at a cost of \$250 plus hotel accommodations. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in concurrence. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS:

The slow intake of campground reservations was discussed by the Board.

BOARD
CONCERNS

None of the Trustees had any Board Concerns.

A member of the Census Bureau faxed a request to rent the Community Center for eight weeks, Monday thru Friday from 8am-4pm at no cost. The Board unanimously agreed that the company would have to pay the non-for-profit fee for use of the building. Request denied.

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley reminded the Board of the SCOPED banquet to be held on Feb 12, 2008.

The Schuyler County Historical Society put in a request for donations from the Village. The Clerk reminded the Board that as a tax-payer supported entity, the Village can not give out donations.

The Clerk/Treasurer then distributed the festivals policy proposal. Much discussion followed. Trustee Smagner made a motion to accept the policy as presented. Trustee Coon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

The proposed Fire Department grant applications were tabled.

The Clerk also discussed a NYCOM memo for 2009 changes.

Superintendent Specchio discussed a pole attachment agreement. The agreement itself was approved, along with the Mayor to sign said agreement, with a motion by Trustee Coon, a second by Trustee Smagner and all being in accord. Motion Carried.

Trustee Coon made the motion to declare the small leaf machine currently down at the park surplus. Trustee Weber seconded all were in favor. Trustee Weber then made the motion to sell the leaf machine to the Town of Montour pursuant to shared services at a cost of \$400. Trustee Smagner seconded this motion and all were in accord. Motions Carried.

Trustee Weber made a motion to commend Dale Heichel for his completion of the 4-year Linemen training course. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in accord. Trustee Coon then made the motion to recognize the 25 years of continuous service for Minard LaFever. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motions Carried.

Trustee Coon then made the motion to increase pay for Tom Ballard and Chris LeRoux, per the contract, for completion of their first year of service. Wastewater Supervisor David Burt also received a \$1,000/year increase for completion of his 18 month probation. Trustee Smagner seconded this motion and all were in concurrence. Motion Carried.

Mayor Phillips updated the Board on the Watkins Glen State Park concept plans for the renovation project stating that the demolition of the buildings on the Franklin Street and Tenth Street properties would begin this year.

She then reminded the Board that Schuyler Steps Out starts in February.

Meeting and banquet dates and times were given along with updates from previous meetings.

RESOLUTIONS:

The first budget resolution adopted by the Board for the Parks Department was approved with a motion by Trustee Smagner, a second by Trustee Weber and all being in favor. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS-
BUDGET
TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, the Village contracted with SCT BOCES for the purchased of a new building for the Clute Park Office, and

WHEREAS, the Building needed a new foundation and finishing work done, and

WHEREAS, the payments for such have been made from Account AA.7110.20R, and

WHEREAS, the Village has an established Capital Reserve Account to cover such costs,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer be and hereby is, authorized to transfer the sum of: \$54,517.63 from the Capital Equipment Reserve AA.0231-200 to General Fund Account AA.7110.20R.

PARKS – NEW
OFFICE

The second budget transfer for the Police Department was approved with a motion by Trustee Coon, a second by Trustee Smagner and all being in accord. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the board of Trustees approved an expenditure of \$25,400.00 to purchase a 2008 Dodge Durango, and

WHEREAS, there are not sufficient funds in the Police Department Equipment Expense Account A3120.200R to pay for said 2008 Dodge Durango, however, there are funds in the Capital Reserve Fund A231-200 for same,

POLICE – NEW
VEHICLE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk/Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer the sum of \$23000.93 from Capital Reserve Fund A231-200 to the Police Department Equipment Expense Account A3120.20R.

The final budget transfer for the Sewer Department was approved with a motion by Trustee Weber, a second by Trustee Smagner. All agreed. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the Village has purchased Radio Transmitter Equipment to monitor the Sewer Lift Stations in the village, and

WHEREAS, the equipment will centralize the alarm system and eliminate the phone dialer system, and

WHEREAS, the cost of such equipment is \$7,258.80, and

WHEREAS, the Village has an established Capital Reserve Account to cover such costs,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer be and hereby is, authorized to transfer the sum of: \$7,258.80 from the Capital Equipment Reserve GG.0231-100 to General Fund Account GG.8120.20R.

SEWER – RADIO
TRANSMITTER
EQUIPMENT

MINUTES:

Trustee Weber made the motion to accept the minutes from the January 5, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Coon seconded the motion. All were in accord. Motion Carried.

MINUTES

AUDIT:

Trustee Coon made the motion to accept the abstract of unaudited vouchers, along with the add-ons, for January 20, 2009 at the following amounts:

General	\$39,051.75	Water	\$5,115.31
Electric	\$146,042.42	Sewer	\$12,227.85

AUDIT

Trustee Smagner seconded and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business, Trustee Coon made the motion to adjourn at 8:03pm. Trustee Smagner seconded and all agreed. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater

ADJOURNMENT

