

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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 Clerk/Treasurer Donna J Beardsley and Account Clerk/Typist Rhonda E Slater. Absent were Trustee Nicholas P Kelly and Superintendent Mark L Specchio. There were three other people in attendance.

PUBLIC
SESSION -
ATTENDANCE

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

There were no public concerns.

PUBLIC
CONCERNS

JUSTICE REPORTS:

Judge McElligott's monthly report for January 2009 was approved with a motion by Trustee Coon, a second by Trustee Smagner and all being in favor. Motion Carried.

JUSTICE
REPORTS

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS:

There were no comments on the Department Head's Reports. They were approved with a motion from Trustee Weber, a second by Trustee Coon and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT
HEADS'
REPORTS

CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

There were no conference requests.

CONFERENCE
REQUESTS

BOARD CONCERNS:

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley had three utility requests that she brought before the Board. The first request was for Andrew & Phyllis Gardner, residents of 140 Corning Road. An outside spigot was left running. Per the recommendation of Superintendent Specchio, Trustee Weber made the motion to credit the account 57 sewer credits at a cost of \$256.50. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in accord. The second request came from Raphael Specchio, Jr. because of a burst water pipe. Trustee Weber made the motion to credit his account 26 units at a cost of \$117.00. All agreed. The final request was for Dennis Overbeck. He requested that a \$24.48 late fee be waived. Trustee Smagner made the motion to deny the request stating that it was not Village policy to waive late fees. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motions Carried.

BOARD
CONCERNS

UTILITY SEWER
CREDITS

She then brought up a request from Phil Barnes to pay for the water testing bills on his behalf. Trustee Coon made the motion to refer the request to Superintendent Specchio. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

Clerk Beardsley then discussed a written request from a Michael Ciccotti asking for permission to install nesting boxes in Clute Park. Trustee Weber made the motion to refer the request to Park Manager Michelle Hyde for her recommendation. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

After some discussion on the type of transformer to purchase, Trustee Smagner made the motion to award the transformer bid to the lowest bidder – T&R Electric – and to purchase the transformer with the copper coils. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All were in agreement. Motion Carried.

TRANSFORMER
BIDS AWARDED

Trustee Coon made the motion to purchase a truck for the Village Meter Reader from Dave's Autoworld in the amount of \$6,900. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. Trustee Smagner opposed the motion stating he felt the truck was not a good purchase because of the age and mileage of the proposed vehicle. Mayor Phillips voted in favor of the motion. The vote was 3 to 1 in favor of the motion. Motion Carried

METER READER
TRUCK
PURCHASE

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley had two contractual items and one personnel item for executive session.

Trustees Coon, Smagner and Weber had no Board concerns.

Mayor Phillips shared the agenda for the March 2nd meeting regarding the waterfront revitalization plan.

RESOLUTIONS:

Trustee Weber made the motion to approve the following budget transfer for the Fire Department. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the Fire Department did receive a grant for \$2,000 for equipment; and

WHEREAS, those funds were received and have been credited to the General Fund account number A2705; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department did purchase equipment which has been charged to A3410.4;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk/Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to amend the 2008-2009 budget by increasing Revenue Account Number A2705 and Appropriations Account Number A3410.4 in the amount of \$2,000 to provide for the purchase of Fire Department Equipment.

The following resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the *Restore NY* Communities Initiative Grant Authorization was approved with a motion by Trustee Smagner, a second by Trustee Coon. All agreed. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) has announced a third round of funding under the Restore NY Communities Initiative to help municipalities demolish, deconstruct, rehabilitate, or reconstruct vacant, abandoned, condemned, and surplus properties for the purpose of revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen is eligible to submit an application for one project totaling no more than \$2.5 million; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen has identified the development of the property at 65 Salt Point Road as an effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and

WHEREAS, the Village has been working with Magee Point Associates LLC, a developer desiring to rehabilitate these buildings as part of a mixed use project (to be known as "Magee Point Landing") with commercial space on the lower level and residential apartments on the upper floor; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Magee Point Landing project is consistent with the Watkins Glen Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan which calls for encouraging the redevelopment of buildings in the lakefront area; giving priority to the development of water-enhanced businesses, including restaurants; and supporting the protection, upgrading and restoration of historically significant buildings and sites; and which specifically identifies this property as a target for renovation, and;

WHEREAS, a feasibility study for this property has been prepared by Johnson-Schmidt & Associates Architects indicating that that the maximum \$2.5 million grant through the Restore NY Communities Initiative Program is needed in order to make this project economically viable, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed financing is both appropriate for the specific project and facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public and private resources so as to promote both economic development and the preservation of community resources; and

RESOLUTIONS

BUDGET
TRANSFER

RESTORE NY
GRANT
SIGNATURE
AUTHOR-
IZATION

WHEREAS, the Magee Point Landing project develops and enhances existing infrastructure in a manner that will attract, create and sustain employment opportunities and serve as a catalyst for future investment in the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Mayor to submit an application to Empire State Development Corporation seeking funds to rehabilitate the property at 65 Salt Point Road.

MINUTES:

Trustee Weber made the motion to accept the minutes from the February 2, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion. All were in accord. Motion Carried.

MINUTES

AUDIT:

Trustee Coon made the motion to accept the abstract of unaudited vouchers for February 17, 2009 at the following amounts:

AUDIT

General	\$33,598.03	Water	\$84,638.45
Electric	\$173,757.09	Sewer	\$4,299.64

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

With no other public business, Trustee Coon made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 7:26pm. Trustee Smagner seconded and all agreed. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Trustee Smagner made the motion to end executive session and return to public session at 7:49 p.m. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Coon made the motion to approve the hiring of Robert DuPay as a full time patrolman effective February 18, 2009 with his salary to be pursuant to the starting salary in the existing contract. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

POLICE
DEPARTMENT
HIRE

Trustee Coon made the motion to proceed with having internet access installed at the buildings for all departments. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Smagner made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

ADJOURNMENT

Rhonda E Slater

