

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010

The public session of the meeting was called to order by Mayor Judith H Phillips at 7:00 pm. Present were Trustees Gregory A Coon, William E Smagner, Nicholas P Kelly and Wayne N Weber. Superintendent of Utilities Mark L Specchio and Superintendent of Streets, Parks and Cemeteries Donald R Perry, Clerk/Treasurer Donna J Beardsley and Account Clerk/Typist Rhonda E Slater were also present. Absent was Police Chief Thomas R. Struble. There were approximately seven people in attendance.

PUBLIC
SESSION -
ATTENDANCE

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

As the first order of business, Mayor Phillips presented Eagle Scout Adam Rice with a framed copy of the following resolution in recognition of his design, assembly and installation of a new park sign at Clute Park Campground.

PUBLIC
CONCERNS

WHEREAS, Adam Rice is a Village of Watkins Glen resident and a junior at Watkins Glen High School, and

WHEREAS, Adam is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 2674, Watkins Glen, New York, and

WHEREAS, Adam has distinguished himself among his peers, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scout's highest honor, and

WHEREAS, Adam completed a special Eagle project in which he supervised the design, assembly and installation of a new park sign at Clute Memorial Park and Campground,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Watkins Glen Board hereby honors Adam Rice on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, commends him for his accomplishments, extends congratulations, and best wishes for the future.

Kelsey Jones and Tania Werbizky, representatives from the Historic Preservation League of New York, were present to provide information on creating historical districts and the NYS rehabilitation tax credits that are available for both commercial and residential properties. An application was presented to the Board to apply for funding for survey work to distinguish possible districts. The deadline for the application is May 17th. Trustee Kelly made the motion to fill out the application and have the survey done. Trustee Coon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

NYS REHAB
TAX CREDITS

Gregg Bittler came to make the Board aware that he was able to strike an agreement with Mr. Chicken to utilize a portion of their lot to load and unload passengers for his travel buses and that he has an agreement to store his buses at a location on Twelfth St. Trustee Coon made the motion to approve travel of the buses over Eleventh St, Twelfth St, Fifteenth St and the portion of Decatur St between Twelfth and Fifteenth St upon completion of a permit for overweight vehicles. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion. All were in concurrence. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS:

Trustee Smagner made the motion to approve the department heads' reports as presented to the Board. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT
HEADS'
REPORTS

Trustee Kelly brought up the placement of the buoys and the permit application. Much discussion ensued. It was noted that all of the documentation regarding the permit issued by the State in 1966 that the Village has on file has been forwarded to Albany. The Village is awaiting a reply.

BUOYS

A request from Michael Hartney for the removal of water/sewer rent fees to his rental property at 355 N Glen Avenue was brought before the Board. The property currently receives water from the line that runs from his main house at 210 Reading and is not currently connected directly to the Village water main. Superintendent Specchio informed the Board that his recommendation would be to deny request stating that now that he has annexed into the Village, the 355 N Glen Avenue address should be connected to the main

WATER/SEWER
REQUEST-
HARTNEY

and that the way the line is currently set up is against the Village's policies for water/sewer regulations. There is currently a hook-up available for this house and now that he is a Village resident he should come into compliance with our regulations. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Trustee Smagner made the motion to deny his request and to have a letter sent stating the above. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All were in accord. Motion Carried.

Trustee Coon tabled the Parks Department staffing request to executive session.

John Dahl, owner of 229 S Jackson St, was present to discuss the erosion issues caused by the removal of brush on his property.

JUSTICE REPORTS:

Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve the Justice Reports as presented by Judge McElligott and Judge Dugo. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

JUSTICE
REPORTS

POLICE REPORT:

Trustee Smagner made the motion to approve the report of activities for the month of February as presented by Police Chief Struble. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in agreement. Motion Carried.

POLICE REPORT

CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

Trustee Weber made the motion for Sr. Account Clerk/Typist Rhonda Slater to attend an Executive Customer Committee meeting for the Spectrum product line for Harris Software in Churchville, NY on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. There is no cost for the meeting. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE
REQUESTS

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley reminded the Board of the upcoming conference to be held at Corning Community College on April 15th and Mayor Phillips mentioned the Main Street meeting to be held Wednesday, April 21st at the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel.

BOARD CONCERNS:

Trustee Weber had no Board concerns.

BOARD
CONCERNS

Trustee Coon had one personnel item for executive session.

Trustee Smagner gave a commendation to Superintendent Specchio for a job well done on striping the lines on Porter Street.

Trustee Kelly discussed his recent conversations with Barb Cook regarding the insurance issue for a dog park. He then made the suggestion to discuss and to come up with a response to the dog park issue brought up by Barbara Cook. Much discussion ensued. Trustee Smagner made the motion to deny the request for locating the proposed dog park down at Clute Park, Tank Beach or anywhere at Lakeside Park. Trustee Coon seconded the motion further stating that he did not feel it was an appropriate location due to traffic concerns, noise concerns and the proximity of other events that go on down at the Park. Trustee Smagner voted in favor of the motion. Trustee Coon voted in favor of the motion. Trustee Kelly voted against the motion. Trustee Weber voted against the motion. Mayor Phillips voted in favor of the motion clarifying that the motion was made to deny the location, only and not against the concept of the dog park. The vote was three in favor and two against. Motion Carried.

DOG PARK

Trustee Kelly then informed Police Chief Struble of his request from the Italian Festival committee to hold a meeting with him to get clarification on the Police Department and Sheriff Department involvement in the event.

A proposed vendor fees/permit policy was discussed by the Board. The issue was tabled for more consideration.

Trustee Weber requested that David Burt attend the special Landfill Committee meeting to be held on April 7th during the day on his behalf.

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley informed the Board of a retirement party for Tom McGarry at Southern Tier Central on March 18th.

The Board approved the Clerk/Treasurer to schedule a wellness clinic, at no cost to the Village, for employees.

Superintendent Specchio had one executive session personnel item.

Police Chief Struble had one executive session personnel item.

Mayor Phillips requested attendance to the Wednesday, April 7th ribbon cutting ceremony for the new shared services building located at 910 S Decatur Street.

She then briefly discussed the budget meetings, stating no decisions have been made and that the individual departments would have to share staffing and work together to accomplish goals for the upcoming year. The next budget workshop meeting was scheduled for Monday at 7pm.

RESOLUTIONS:

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Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley brought a HSBC banking resolution for the Judges' accounts before the Board. The Board requested that she inform Judge McElligott and Judge Dugo to move their Judicial accounts to Chemung Canal.

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley updated the Board on a meeting held with a representative from JP Morgan Chase to discuss the acceptance of credit card payments for Village bills. In order to have a credit card account through JP Morgan Chase, the Village must have a checking or savings account also. Trustee Coon made the motion for the Clerk to transfer all remaining funds out of HSBC and open an account with JP Morgan Chase. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

MINUTES:

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Trustee Smagner made the motion to accept the minutes for the March 1, 2010 regular meeting of the Village Board. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. Trustee Kelly abstained from the roll call. The rest were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT:

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Trustee Coon made the motion to accept the abstract of unaudited vouchers, along with the add-ons, at the below listed amounts. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

General	\$35,861.86	Water	\$6,332.46
Electric	\$145,263.85	Sewer	\$2,607.77
Cap Projects - CVT	\$1,522.75	Cap Projects - RWI	\$750.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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With no further concerns brought before the Board, Trustee Coon made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session for the aforementioned item at 8:35pm. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

Trustee Weber made the motion to exit executive session and return to public session at 9:27 pm. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Smagner made the motion to post for hiring the position of Lineman's Helper at the starting salary of \$14.52. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

NEW POSITIONS/ HIRES

Trustee Coon made the motion to accept the resignation of Sean Lambert as a part-time patrolman. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Coon at 9:30 pm. Trustee Smagner seconded and all were in accord. Meeting Adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater

