

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, MARCH 16, 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, Nicholas P Kelly 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 three other people in attendance.

PUBLIC  
SESSION -  
ATTENDANCE

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Fire Chief Dominick Smith was present to request permission to move forward with a FEMA grant in the amount of \$57,000. This would require the Village to put up \$3,000 as our share of the grant. The money would be used to purchase apparatus mounted fans/filters for exhaust. Trustee Smagner made the motion for the Fire Chief to accept the grant and to go out to bid for the equipment. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC  
CONCERNS

JUSTICE REPORTS:

Trustee Weber made the motion to approve the reports of activities for the month of February for Judge Dugo and Judge McElligott. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

JUSTICE  
REPORTS

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS:

Trustee Kelly made the motion to accept the department head's reports as presented. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT  
HEADS'  
REPORTS

Superintendent Specchio informed the Board that spring cleanup is scheduled to begin at the start of April, the brush pickup has already begun, the Catherine Valley Trail cleanup over by the High School will begin this week and the Shared Services Complex project has broken ground.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

Trustee Coon made the motion for Martin Pierce, Stanley Swarhout and Ed Berry to attend a FLWWC conference in Newark on April 2, 2009 at a cost of \$20/person. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE  
REQUESTS

The motion to approve Superintendent Specchio attending a Purchasing Forum in Albany on May 21, 2009 and then staying overnight to go to a PERMA meeting the following day in Lake George at no cost, other than the hotel stay was approved with a motion by Trustee Kelly, a second by Trustee Weber and all being in concurrence. Motion Carried.

The final conference request for Minard LaFever to attend the semi-annual MEUA conference at a cost of \$100 for the conference and \$109 for the hotel stay was approved with a motion by Trustee Kelly. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Specchio shared that the representation to the meeting in Albany in hopes of keeping the CHIPS funds at the same level as last year was good and that the meeting went well. Some increase in the current proposal may be seen.

BOARD CONCERNS:

Trustee Kelly asked when street sweeping would begin. Superintendent Specchio stated that he will be coordinating with the other local municipalities, but it should begin by the end of June, beginning of July.

BOARD  
CONCERNS

Trustee Kelly then brought up the purchase of the jet/vac truck to be purchased at Auctions International. Superintendent Specchio stated that it would be shared with the County and Montour Falls. Trustee Kelly voiced his opinion that sharing a truck that has this mileage and age may not be in the best interest for the Village.

Trustee Weber asked about the water leaks on the corner of Franklin Street and Fourth Street. Superintendent Specchio said the repairs would start this month.

The Landfill Commission is looking into purchasing liquid level controls/alarms for their groundwater containment tanks. They will be getting estimates from AFTA controls.

The Board then discussed whether or not to schedule another dumpster day for May. No decisions were made.

Trustee Smagner made the motion to authorize Superintendent Specchio to put out to bid for the Municipal building boiler replacement. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Smagner also made the motion to authorize Superintendent Specchio to install a radio read system for the alarms at the substation at a cost of \$2500. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion Carried.

Trustee Coon had no Board concerns.

Trustee Weber made the motion to trade in the current Xerox machine and lease a new machine for the front office. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion. All were in concurrence. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kelly made the motion for Kevin Smith, Amedeo Fraboni, Jim Adesso, Joseph Fazzary, John Vona, Judith Phillips, Gordon Wright and Nicholas Dugo to attend a leadership conference at CCC at a cost of \$25/person. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

A request from Cornell Cooperative Extension to waive the rental fee for their scheduled dog training classes being held at the Community Center was denied by the Board. Much discussion followed regarding animals inside the center. Trustee Kelly made the motion to require prior Board approval before allowing groups with animals of any kind to rent the Center. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

Trustee Weber made the motion for the Village to purchase the jet/vac truck from Auctions International. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all agreed. Motion Carried.

A request from Freedom Village to host a concert at LaFayette Park was tabled with a motion from Trustee Coon, a second by Trustee Kelly and all being in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kelly made the motion to grant permission for our men to erect a porch on the front of the park office. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. Discussion followed, in which Trustee Smagner wanted to assure that the project would be completed in a timely manner. Superintendent Specchio stated that the Park Office porch project would be completed by the end of May. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Phillips spoke briefly about the newest NYPA bill and the walking trail that will run through the Village and be marked with symbols in the shape of race cars.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no resolutions.

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MINUTES:

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

MINUTES

AUDIT:

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Trustee Coon made the motion to accept the abstract of unaudited vouchers, along with the add-ons, for March 21, 2009 at the following amounts:

General	\$52,717.13	Water	\$3,237.07
Electric	\$180,697.18	Sewer	\$6,576.91

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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With no other business, Trustee Kelly made the motion to adjourn at 7:53pm. Trustee Weber seconded and all agreed. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater

