

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, APRIL 20 2009

The public session of the meeting was called to order by Mayor Judith H Phillips at 7:02pm. 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. Absent was Trustee Nicholas Kelly.

PUBLIC
SESSION -
ATTENDANCE

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Jylle Benson-Gauss was present and updated the Board on last year's events at the Farmer's Market and requested permission to host the market again this year, opening on Fri, May 22 and ending on Oct 30th. Trustee Weber made the motion to approve the request. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC
CONCERNS

David Wyre of 409 Twelfth Street was present regarding an issue with his water usage. He requested that the Board allow him to wait two months to see what his water bill was doing before paying the high bill he received this month. The Board agreed.

Trustee Smagner made the motion to approve the mobile vending request from Joe's Hots to set up in LaFayette Park. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

The Board informed the public that there would be Local Law public hearings on the Local Waterfront Revitalization and the Village water rates on May 4, 2009.

A request to host a battle of the bands fundraiser at Clute Park on May 31st was tabled as the Board members wanted further information.

JUSTICE REPORTS:

The report of activities for the month of March from Justice McElligott was approved with a motion by Trustee Smagner, a second by Trustee Coon and all being in accord. Motion Carried.

JUSTICE
REPORTS

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS:

Fire Chief Dominick Smith was present to submit the Fire Department 2008 yearly report of activities to the Board. Trustee Smagner made the motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding for the SAFER grant and to have the Mayor sign aforementioned MOU (as worded below). Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT
HEADS'
REPORTS

This Memorandum of Understanding pertains to the SAFER Grant that the Village of Watkins Glen Fire Department may be awarded. It is the understanding that the SAFER grant will be geared towards establishing a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) pursuant to the terms and conditions of the grant and the terms and conditions of the rules for the LOSAP program established by the Federal Government.

MOU FOR SAFER
GRANT

It is understood that representatives from both the Fire Department and the Board of Trustees will work together to establish the eligibility requirements for the members of the Village of Watkins Glen Fire Department and that the local eligibility requirements will be within those allowed for this program by the Federal Government.

It is further understood that the duration of this program will be as outlined in the guidelines of the grant and that there is no guarantee that this program will continue once the term of the grant award has expired.

Trustee Weber made the motion to approve the department heads' reports as presented to the Board. Trustee Coon seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion Carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley opened the single bid received for the exhaust removal systems for the fire trucks. The Bid was from Ward Diesel Filter Systems and came in at

\$51,444. The bid was referred to Code Enforcement Officer Gordon and Fire Chief Smith to review and submit their recommendations.

Trustee Smagner made the motion to appoint Tobias Smalley as a part-time patrolman. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

Trustee Weber made the motion to hire the following park office and ticket booth staff for the 2009 camping season. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

	Start Date	Status	Pay Rate	SEASONAL HIRES
Sarah Bianco	May 12 th	Part-time – Full time	\$7.50/hr	
Melissa Teed	May 12 th	Part-time	\$8.00/hr	
Ernest Brennan	May 19 th	Part-time – Full time	\$7.50/hr	
Benjamin Peterson	June 22 nd	Part-time – Full time	\$7.50/hr	

Trustee Smagner made the motion to accept a request from Marty Roberts to mow at the Reading Town Hall under *Shared Services*. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Coon made the motion to declare the zero turn mower and the Kubota tractor from the Parks Department surplus. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion Carried.

Trustee Weber then made the motion to surplus the 2004 backhoe and the 2007 Bobcat skidsteer. Trustee Coon seconded this motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

Trustee Smagner then made the motion to sell the Kubota tractor to the Village of Montour Falls at a fee of \$14,000. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All were in concurrence. Motion Carried.

A request from Arnot Ogden for reimbursement of a \$1,015 backed-up sewer line charge that was ultimately found to be a Village line issue was rejected with a motion by Trustee Weber, a second by Trustee Smagner and all being in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

There were no conference requests.

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BOARD CONCERNS:

Trustees Weber, Smagner and Coon had no Board Concerns.

BOARD CONCERNS

Trustee Weber made the motion to approve a request from Freedom Village to host their July 4th event at Lafayette Park on July 4, 2009. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley presented a draft of the 2009-2010 proposed general fund budget. The budget, if adopted, would entail a 1.25% tax increase from last year's budget. Trustee Coon made the motion to hold a special meeting for the public hearing on the budget on April 30th at 7pm. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Coon made the motion to change the meeting start times to 8pm for May through August and to go to one meeting a month in June, July and August to be held on the third Monday of the month. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all agreed. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Specchio informed the Board that the Street Department would start cleaning the streets next week, that dumpster day will be May 9th, and updated the Board on the Park Office porch and roof progress. He further stated that Cargill was working on cleaning up in the park.

Trustee Smagner made the motion for ARC to take care of the welcome sign flowers, as was done last year. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

Mayor Phillips reminded the Board of the invitation to the ARC annual dinner on May 1st and the Monterey Shock Incarceration meeting on May 28, 2009 at 9:30am. Trustee

Weber will be attending the latter.

Trustee Weber made the motion for the Village to sponsor Robert Rondinaro, a 15year old resident of the Village, in order for him to receive a scholarship to attend a trip to Washington DC. No cost will be incurred by the Village. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no resolutions.

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MINUTES:

Trustee Smagner made the motion to accept the minutes from the April 6, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Coon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

MINUTES

AUDIT:

Trustee Coon made the motion to accept the abstract of unaudited vouchers, along with the additional amount to be added to the Village utility bill, for April 20, 2009 at the following amounts:

AUDIT

General	\$44,252.96	Water	\$3,670.05
Electric	\$138,304.56	Sewer	\$2,351.82
Capital Proj - CVT	\$3,286.33	Capital Proj – Water Intake	\$2,136.06

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Coon made the motion to end public session and to enter executive session at 7:50pm for a contractual issue. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Smagner made the motion to exit executive session and enter public session. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm with a motion by Trustee Coon, a second by Trustee Weber and all being in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater

