

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009

Prior to the public session, the Board held an executive session that began at 7:30 pm.

The public session of the meeting was called to order by Mayor Judith H Phillips at 8:01pm. 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 P Kelly. There were approximately 30 other people in attendance.

PUBLIC  
SESSION -  
ATTENDANCE

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

The first public concern of the evening was brought forward by Brenda Warren-Fitch and her husband Tom Fitch, who reside at 107 South Avenue. The topic was the water run-off coming from Route 414, running down South Ave and pooling in the southerly junction of South Ave and Decatur Street. This run-off has caused water damage to their home. Ernest Drake of 105 South Ave also commented on the water damage to his adjacent property on South Ave. The request was to have curbside and proper drainage installed to curtail the problem. Mayor Phillips referred the matter to Superintendent Specchio and to the Department of Transportation to locate the source of the run-off and to rectify the issue.

PUBLIC  
CONCERNS

Louise O'Shaughnessy of O'Shaughnessy Antiques located at 300 N Franklin Street then opened the discussion of two hour parking in the Third Street parking lot. Ms. O'Shaughnessy would like to see more handicap parking in that lot and to have at least a portion of the lot remain all day parking. David Sidle and his son David Sidle, Jr., owners of Sidle Insurance company located on Franklin Street then spoke out against the proposed two hour parking and presented the Mayor with a petition with names of others opposing it. Bill Tague, operator of the Jerlando's Restaurant, requested the Board to look into creating new parking lots, such as tearing down the Methodist Church, or leasing property down on the old Pudgies lot. Chris Franzese, owner of the Villager Hotel, Floyd Hunter, manager of the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel, James Guild, owner of the up-and-coming Mercantile, and Mike and Ann Hoyt spoke in favor of the two hour limit. The Mayor read three letters, at the request of James Guild, that were sent to her regarding the parking issue. All in all, most of the public and business owners were in favor of some sort of compromise with a mix of unrestricted and two hour limitations within the four row parking lot. No decisions were made by the Board at this time.

THIRD STREET  
MUNICIPAL  
LOT PARKING

Kevin Smith then stood and requested that the Village crew come and look at the tree that large limbs came off from during Saturday's big storm. The tree is located between the sidewalk and the curb on his property and he is concerned about safety.

JUSTICE REPORTS:

Trustee Weber made the motion to accept Judge McElligott's report of activities for the month of April. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

JUSTICE  
REPORTS

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS:

Trustee Coon made the motion to accept the report of activities as submitted to the Board from the Department Heads. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT  
HEADS'  
REPORTS

Trustee Weber asked for clarification on the inability to deliver water service to the requested home on Burrell Place.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

Trustee Coon made the motion for two employees from the Water Department and one employee from the Sewer Department to attend the Finger Lakes Water Works Conference spring workshop in Geneva on Thursday June 4, 2009 at a cost of \$20 per person. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all agreed. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE  
REQUESTS

Superintendent Specchio then requested permission for Minard LaFever to attend a MEUA meeting in Hamilton, NY, if he is interested, on June 16, 2009. The cost for the conference is \$40. Trustee Coon made the motion to approve the request. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

**BOARD CONCERNS:**

Trustee Weber had no concerns.

**BOARD  
CONCERNS**

Trustee Smagner made the motion to approve the entering into a 10 year Fixed Price Transmission Congestion Contract with NYISO, per the recommendation of Clement Nadeau, the Village’s electrical consultant, and to go ahead and pay the 2009-2010 agreement in the amount of \$69,114.98. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Trustee Smagner made the motion to award the Fire Department exhaust removal systems bid to Ward Diesel at \$51,444. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all agreed. Motion Carried.

**EXHAUST  
REMOVAL  
SYSTEM BID  
AWARDED**

The recycling bi-weekly bid proposal was awarded to Arrowhead Disposal at a monthly fee of \$3,000 with a motion by Trustee Weber, a second by Trustee Coon. Trustee Smagner stated that he would be voting against the motion as he would like to see it re-bid in hopes of receiving bids for once a month pick-up. Trustee Weber, Trustee Coon and Mayor Phillips voted in favor. Trustee Smagner voted against. The motion was carried with a 3 to 1 vote in favor.

**RECYCLING  
BID AWARDED**

Trustee Coon had no concerns.

Trustee Weber made the motion to approve payment request #1 from Edger Enterprises for the improvements to the Catherine Valley Trail. The payment request was for \$42, 427. Trustee Coon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

**PAYMENT #1  
EDGER  
ENTERPRISES**

Trustee Coon then made the motion to approve and have the Mayor sign the CVT amendments for Hunt Engineers at a cost of \$33, 586.74. This amount is still within the contracted proposal. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

**CVT  
AMENDMENTS**

Several special meetings were scheduled for the next few weeks and updates were given. A special meeting was scheduled for May 28, 2009 at 8:30 am for end of the fiscal year matters and a second special meeting was scheduled for June 1, 2009 at 6 pm to hear reports from the architect and engineer regarding the renovations to the Municipal Building and to act on any resolutions/contracts related to the USDA application for financial assistance for the Raw Water Intake project.

Superintendent Specchio stated that the crews were still picking up after Saturday’s storm damage and that the clean-up would continue for a few more days.

Trustee Smagner made note of the repairs needed to the electric lines traversing the Lakeside pavilion roof.

A request from O’Susannah’s to host an event on Saturday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at LaFayette Park was referred to the Police Department.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

The following resolution for the raw water intake project was approved with a motion by Trustee Weber, a second by Trustee Coon and all being in favor. Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Watkins Glen plans to improve and relocate the Raw Water Intake System; and

WHEREAS, the Village does not have sufficient funds on hand to pay for all improvements necessary for this project; and

WHEREAS, this project may be eligible for federal government funding through the USDA/Rural Development to relocate and improve the Raw Water Intake System; and

**RAW WATER  
INTAKE  
SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the public to obtain low interest loans and/or grants for the relocation and improvements to the Raw Water Intake System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Clerk of the Village of Watkins Glen are hereby authorized to cause an application to be prepared to obtain funding from USDA/Rural Development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all application documents and forms required to determine funding eligibility and to obtain specific funding for the project from USDA/Rural Development.

RESOLUTIONS  
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Trustee Coon made the motion to approve the following resolution for utility account write-offs. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the following electric utility accounts are over 18 months old and therefore, deemed to be uncollectible; and

WHEREAS, proper accounting procedures require that any uncollectible accounts be written off occasionally so that they do not impact the current receivables of the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following accounts be written off as uncollectible balances:

Account	Name	Location	Total
F1330.01	RUMSEY, CHASTAIN	200 1/2 N MADISON	\$59.44
G1680.01	BURKE, THEODORE	123 FIFTH 3	\$385.75
H0190.01	LEPP, CRYSTAL	403 N PERRY	\$213.50
I0080.01	BRILL, ELLEN C	222 E SECOND 108	\$30.24
G0450.01	DINKLAGE, INGEBORG	206 N DECATUR 3	\$125.83
B0915.01	GREAT HARVEST BREAD CO	407 S FRANKLIN	\$763.15
E0010.01	ECTOR, JIM	100 1/2 N PERRY	\$2.52
F0840.01	LABONTE, DEDE	409 S MADISON	\$581.28
H1750.01	STACKHOUSE, ANDREW	707 N DECATUR 1	\$60.77
G0390.01	DICKERSON, THOMAS	136 E SECOND 3	\$24.12
H1300.01	CARRUTHERS, MELISSA	602 N PORTER 1	\$73.97
H2070.01	MCGRAIN, KEVIN	107 E SIXTH 1	\$110.64
G0310.01	DILIBERTO, JOEL	125 E SECOND A	\$6.67
H0120.01	PEREIRA, CHESTER	124 FIFTH LOWER	\$3.98
E0600.01	FIELD, RICHARD	306 NINTH ST	\$53.22
F0290.01	CONGDON JR, DAVID	208 N MONROE	\$66.16
I0410.01	SCHMIDT, NANCY	222 E SECOND 120	\$9.85
A0710.01	WILBUR, JOEL D	611 N FRANKLIN	\$15.93
G0390.02	WELLER, DELTON	136 #3 E SECOND	\$80.81
F0880.01	GREENIER, JUDY	417 #1 S MADISON	\$115.48
A0740.00	PUDGIES PIZZA	715 N FRANKLIN	\$269.46
F0880.02	STIMMERMAN, LARRY C	417 #1 S MADISON	\$71.95
F1060.01	SCHUBMEHL, JESSIE	115 1/2 W FOURTH	\$15.84
G1460.01	CLARK, JOSEPH	311 E FOURTH	\$113.28
H0840.02	WILLIAMS, RONELLE	800 N PERRY	\$33.69
B1020.01	MEYER, KARYN	223 S FRANKLIN	\$9.63
			\$3,297.16

UTILITY  
WRITE-OFFS

MINUTES:

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Trustee Coon made the motion to accept the minutes from the April 20, 2009 and May 4, 2009 regular meetings of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT:

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Trustee Coon made the motion to accept the abstract of unaudited vouchers for May 18, 2009 at the following amounts:

General	\$60,237.60	Water	\$2,336.15
Electric	\$93,816.40	Sewer	\$9,273.00
Cap. Projects - CVT	\$43,493.10		

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

At 10:07pm, Trustee Coon made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session for one personnel issue. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

Trustee Weber made the motion to end executive session and return to public session at 10:35 pm. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Smagner made the motion to approve the Agreement for Services regarding security for all Village buildings and for the Mayor to sign said Agreement. Trustee Coon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

With no other business to come before the Board, Trustee Weber made the motion to adjourn at 10:40 pm. Trustee Smagner seconded and all agreed. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater

