

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009

Prior to the public session, the Board held an executive session that began at 7:00 pm.

The public session of the meeting was called to order by Mayor Judith H Phillips at 8:00pm. Present were Trustees William E Smagner, Nicholas P Kelly and Wayne N Weber. Also present were Superintendent Mark L Specchio, Police Chief Thomas R Struble, Clerk/Treasurer Donna J Beardsley and Account Clerk/Typist Rhonda E Slater. Absent was Trustee Gregory A Coon. There were approximately 14 people in attendance, including the press.

PUBLIC  
SESSION -  
ATTENDANCE

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Mayor Phillips opened the floor for discussion about the Third Street municipal lot. The first to speak in favor of two hour parking was Junior Specchio. This was followed by the Mayor's reading of three new letters she received, all in favor of the proposed parking limit. Rick Carroll, Charles Peacock, Chris Franzese, James Guild and Mark Stephany also spoke briefly in favor of the entire lot being two hours. Trustee Kelly and Trustee Smagner both spoke stating consistency was necessary and that all other parking areas are two hour and this lot should be also. Trustee Weber gave is desire to see the lot have 3 rows of 2hr and 1 row of all day parking to best accommodate all those involved and who have voiced their opinions. Mayor Phillips shared her feelings that 2 hours is not always an adequate amount of time to visit shops and to catch a bite to eat. After much discussion, Trustee Kelly made the motion to declare the Third Street municipal lot all two hour parking. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion with the acknowledgement that the issue will be reviewed for efficiency within one year. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC  
CONCERNS

THIRD STREET  
PARKING  
DEBATE

The Committee to Organize the Watkins Glen Waterfront Festival requested permission to hold the Parade of Cardboard Boats for the Cardboard Boat Regatta on June 20, 2009 starting at 11:00am. They further requested the use of Fifth Street and Decatur Street for the parade route. Trustee Kelly made the motion to accept the request as presented to the Board. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in agreement. Motion Carried.

Trustee Weber made the motion for Freedom Village to host a "Gospel Sing" concert at LaFayette Park on July 11, 2009 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

FESTIVAL  
REQUESTS

The Thunder in the Glen Committee, along with Watkins Glen Promotions requested permission to hold *Thunder in the Glen* on Friday, August 7, 2009 from 4:00pm to 9:00pm and to have the sections of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> Streets between Franklin Street and Decatur Street closed. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve the request. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in concurrence. Motion Carried.

Trustee Smagner made the motion for Watkins Glen Promotions to host their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual *Vintage Grand Prix Festival* on Friday, September 11, 2009 and to have the Village Streets closed from 1:00pm to 10:00pm as presented to Police Chief Struble, and noting that the request for the Village to clean a private parking lot was denied. with the acknowledgment that the Village cannot clean private parking lots. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve the Indy Car Fan Club request. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Dominick Smith entered and quickly gave a fire dept update orally to the Board. The exhaust removal grant was discussed, which ended in a motion by Trustee Smagner to adjust the contract before the Board to include the purchase of twelve filters with the total cost not to exceed \$2,340.00. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion. All were in accord. Motion Carried.

FIRE  
DEPARTMENT  
UPDATE

Mark Stephany was present to request assistance from the Village Board to have the vacant property at 216 Lakeview Ave secured. The property is currently unsecured, with broken-out windows. It is also a youth hangout and is animal infested. Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley stated she would contact the Health Officer and Mayor Phillips assured him the Board would look into resolving the problem.

Kevin Smith was present to request that the Village address the saw cut in the street that was prepared for the water hookup to 303 Sixth Street. Superintendent Specchio replied that he will have the Street Department tackle the issue, but no permanent fix would be done until blacktop season begins.

Trustee Smagner made the motion to approve the installation of a street light on West Second Street, per the request of Philip C Barnes, to help curtail criminal mischief and public congregation during the evening hours. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

JUSTICE REPORTS:

Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve Judge Dugo’s and Judge McElligott’s reports of activities for the month of May. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

JUSTICE  
REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Trustee Weber made the motion to approve the Police Department report for May. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

POLICE  
DEPARTMENT  
REPORT

DEPARTMENT HEADS’ REPORTS:

Trustee Kelly made the motion to hire the following list of employees, with their corresponding titles and rates, for lifeguards at Clute Park. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT  
HEADS’  
REPORTS

Thomas Blake	Full-time Co-Head lifeguard	\$11.00
Steven Combs	Full-time Co-Head lifeguard	\$11.00
Kathryn Martin	Full-time lifeguard	\$10.00
Jacob Roth	Full-time lifeguard	\$10.00
Anna Chicone	Part-time lifeguard	\$10.00
Celeste Shaffer	Part-time lifeguard	\$10.00
Katie Richardson	Part-time lifeguard	\$10.00
Adam Rice	Part-time lifeguard	\$9.50

PARK HIRES  
  
Lifeguards

The following list of summer recreation staff hires for the 2009 program was approved with a motion by Trustee Weber, a second by Trustee Kelly and all being in concurrence. Motion Carried.

Returning Staff (at \$7.50/hr):		New Staff (at \$7.25/hr)	
Ernie Brennan	John Dahl	Jake Doty	Justin Ehrhart
Kari Ann Kelly	Ben Peterson	Jessica Santobianco	
Lisa McWilliams	Jessica Westlake		
Jennifer Santobianco			

\*pre-approval given for Judah Baker and Kara Mathews at \$7.25/hr if needed

Summer Rec Staff

Trustee Smagner then made the motion for Park Manager Hyde to offer the currently employed part-time Crossing Guard/Cleaner more hours to clean for Clute Park or to hire Lynelle Cleveland at a rate of \$7.50. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Park Cleaner

The security request for the newly constructed park office was imparted to Superintendent Specchio to review. Discussion followed. Trustee Kelly made the motion for the Village to install some sort of emergency button/panic switch. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

Trustee Kelly made the motion for Water Department employee Martin Pierce to attend a New York Rural Water conference in Penn Yan on June 30<sup>th</sup> at a price of \$13.00. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE  
REQUESTS

Trustee Weber made the motion for Mayor Phillips and Trustee Weber to attend the Office of the New York State Comptroller’s Local Government Leadership Institute Conference on Aug 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$80/person to be held at the Cornell University campus. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS:

Trustee Kelly had no Board concerns.

BOARD  
CONCERNS

Trustee Weber asked if the Street Department was still doing brush pickup. Superintendent Specchio stated that they were, but that the back hoe is broken and that they had been busy cleaning up the Catherine Valley Trail.

Trustee Smagner had no Board concerns.

Trustee Weber made the motion to authorize payment #2 to Edger Enterprises for improvements to the Catherine Valley Trail at a fee of \$49,390.50. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all agreed. Motion Carried.

EDGER  
PAYMENT #2

Trustee Smagner made the motion to approve the 2009-2010 budgets for the Water and Sewer Departments. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All concurred. Motion Carried.

2009-2010  
WATER /  
SEWER  
BUDGETS  
APPROVED

Trustee Coon entered at 9:11pm

Trustee Weber made a motion to request a rate study to be done for the Electric Department. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley distributed copies of the Civil Service change titles/job descriptions. No action was taken.

Superintendent Specchio shared a request from Lauren W Lodge, of 210 E Sixth Street, to obtain a sewer credit for a hose that was left running over night to fill the pond in his back yard. Trustee Kelly made the motion to award four units of sewer credit to Mr. Lodge. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Police Chief Struble had no concerns.

Mayor Phillips asked if the Village had responded to a letter from DOT regarding stop signs. Trustee Coon stated the work has been done.

RESOLUTIONS:

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The following cemetery trust resolution, that is in conjunction with the resolution adopted at the April 6, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, was adopted with a motion by Trustee Kelly, a second by Trustee Coon and all being in accord. Motion Carried.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen is hereby authorized to accept funds distributed by Bank of America, N.A. f/k/a Security Trust company of Rochester, Trustee, in connection with the termination of the Trust under the Will of Hebe Beach Harris, deceased, for the benefit of Glenwood Cemetery (the "Will"), pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph Second of the Will, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A; and

CEMETERY  
TRUST  
RESOLUTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen shall hold the money received from the termination of the Trust as a restricted fund to be used for the purposes and pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph Second of the Will and pursuant to a decree to be issued by the Schuyler County Surrogate's Court, a copy of which proposed decree is annexed hereto as Exhibit B.

MINUTES:

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Trustee Weber made the motion to accept the minutes for the May 18, 2009 regular meeting of the Village Board along with the May 28, 2009 and June 1, 2009 special meetings of the Village Board. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT:

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Trustee Smagner made the motion to accept the abstract of unaudited vouchers along with the add-ons, for June 15, 2009 at the following amounts:

General	\$143,552.44	Water	\$9,967.51
Electric	\$108,368.68	Sewer	\$2429.81
Cap. Projects - CVT	\$62,730.00		

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

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to be brought before the Board, Trustee Coon made the motion to adjourn at 9:25pm. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater

ADJOURNMENT

