

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 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 8:00 pm. Present were Trustees William E Smagner, Nicholas P Kelly and Wayne N Weber. Also present were Superintendent of Utilities Mark L Specchio, Clerk/Treasurer Donna J Beardsley and Account Clerk/Typist Rhonda E Slater. Absent was Trustee Gregory A Coon. There were approximately 8 people in attendance.

PUBLIC
SESSION -
ATTENDANCE

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Tony Compese, of 229 N Glen, came before the Board to discuss the noise disturbance caused by the Village Marina Bar & Grill over the weekend that lasted until approximately 1am every night. Mayor Phillips stated that there were no Village ordinances for volume control. Much discussion followed. County Administrator, Tim O'Hearn, who was also present stated that he would speak to them, as the landlord of the Village Marina Bar and Grill, to help address the issue.

PUBLIC
CONCERNS

Lori Gezzi, of 408 Twelfth Street, was present to discuss a pole that was caused to tilt when a tree branch fell on it during the preparation of the Catherine Valley Trail. She requested that the Village fix/replace the pole. Superintendent Mark Specchio agreed that it is the Village's responsibility to fix the pole. Trustee Kelly made the motion to replace the pole, at the Village's cost. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in agreement. Motion Carried.

Jim Guild, owner of Famous Brands, made a public apology for the inappropriate action of blocking off Fifth Street prior to the IRL weekend and insured that it would not happen again.

Brian Vanderburgh, the owner of the new BV's Bar & Grill that will be opening in early September, came to thank the Village for its role in the reconstruction of his new place and to request the installation of a pedestrian sign for his corner, which he would gladly share in cost.

Tim O'Hearn, as a representative from the Council of Governments (COG) task force, discussed at length the newly proposed plan for funding SCOPED. The plan calls for the County to take 5% of the sales tax earmarked for each municipality and apply that amount to the SCOPED budget. This plan would eliminate the current plan whereby each municipality is requested to pay a fixed amount as their share in the SCOPED budget. The Village currently pays approximately \$6,000 to SCOPED each year. The new plan would take approximately \$13,000 of sales tax revenue from the Village.

JUSTICE REPORTS:

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

JUSTICE
REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

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

POLICE
DEPARTMENT
REPORT

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS:

Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve the Department Heads' reports as presented to the Board. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT
HEADS'
REPORTS

Trustee Smagner questioned the Superintendent about the loose tiles in the new restrooms located in the back of the new park office. Superintendent Specchio stated they would be looking at alternatives for flooring. Discussion then followed discussing the possibility of installing handicap stalls within the bathrooms at Lakeside Park.

Trustee Weber made the motion to accept the following sewer credit requests. Trustee

Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Pool Filling Sewer Credits – Village of Watkins Glen						SEWER CREDITS
Acct #	Name	Readings		# of Units	Credit Requested	
G0610	Nancy Ehler	1574.9	1590.7	15	\$67.50	
Sewer Credit Requests - Town of Dix						
	Town of Dix			127	\$115.57	

CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

Trustee Weber made the motion for Clerk/Treasurer Donna Beardsley, Deputy Clerk Naomi Kingsley and Account Clerk/Typist Rhonda Slater to attend the annual NYCOM conference Sept 21-24th at a cost of \$240/person for the conference and \$720/person for the hotel stay. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE
REQUESTS

Trustee Kelly made the motion for Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor David Burt and Sewage Treatment Plant Operator Ed Berry to attend a NYRWA confined space course at a cost of \$75/person in Vernon, NY on September 30, 2009. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

Trustee Weber made the motion for Electric Department Supervisor Minard LaFever and one member from the Board to attend the MEUA conference in Corning, NY at a cost of \$100/person. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS:

Trustee Kelly left the meeting at 9:46pm.

BOARD
CONCERNS

Trustee Weber quickly discussed the LOSAP grant with the Board. The Board members were given copies of the paperwork regarding the LOSAP program as prepared by the Fire Chief.

Trustee Coon entered at 9:48pm

Trustee Smagner requested that the tree on Decatur Street, in the southbound lane, be trimmed for easier viewing of the new “no turn on red” sign.

Trustee Smagner then asked if Police Chief Struble could have Mr. Lembeck remove the bag off the “no parking” sign in front of his residence.

Trustee Smagner’s last appeal of the evening was for the Village to purchase six no parking signs for Decatur Street to be installed the length of road between Fourth Street to the lakefront along the for east side for CVT.

Trustee Coon had no Board concerns.

The Board set the date for the next Village dumpster day as October 17, 2009.

Trustee Smagner made the motion to reimburse Police Chief Struble in the amount of \$750 for a credit card payment to attend the 22nd annual Colonel Henry F Williams Homicide Seminar held on September 12-17, 2009 in Albany. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion Carried.

Trustee Smagner made the motion to increase Motor Equipment Operator Tom Ballard’s rate of pay to \$13.69 for completion of his 18 month probationary period, per the contract, effective July 8, 2009. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

Trustee Coon made the motion to award the bid for the HVAC equipment for the Municipal Building to the low bidder, Postler & Jaeckle Corp, with a bid of \$74,231. The only other bid received by the deadline was from Frey & Campbell with a bid of \$78,000. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

The Board gave permission for the Mayor to sign the final packet documents for the completion of the First Street reconstruction project.

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley had two personnel items for executive session.

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley reminded the Board members that the 2010 Fire Protection agreement amounts for the Town of Dix and the Town of Reading should be sent by September 1st.

Trustee Weber gave Superintendent Specchio permission to obtain legal representation for the Village from Harris Beach for the contracts with Time Warner Cable at a cost of no more than \$1000. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Smagner made the motion to accept the proposal from Dean Power, the same company that worked on the Sewer Plant, for installation of a security system for the new park office at a fee of \$480. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Specchio shared an email confirmation from NYPA stating that the Village is not obligated, at this time, to assess the 2% state utility assessment tax to our customers.

Superintendent Specchio further informed the Board that the DEC inspection of the sewer plant is available for review and that the Village did very well. He further stated that Mr. David Wyre requested that his old water meter not be sent out for testing, and that he would pay his bill as previously billed.

Mayor Phillips read two letters from the public. The first letter was a copy of a letter sent from Gary Funk of the Department of Transportation to James Cain, owner of Tobe's. The letter was in response to requests Mr. Cain had made regarding parking spaces near his diner following the change of traffic flow at the corner of Fourth and Decatur Streets. The other was requesting changes to the new timed parking in the Third Street Municipal lot.

The Mayor also discussed two proposed agreements from the Town of Dix Water district that were received. Changes would be made to the proposals before being sent back out.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution for the completion of the First Street Reconstruction project was approved with a motion by Trustee Coon, a second by Trustee Smagner and all being in favor. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen has received all the final reports, releases and other paperwork from the contractor that did the reconstruction work on First Street; and

WHEREAS, the Village's engineers, Hunt Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, Inc. have completed all inspections and have reviewed all required reports, releases and other paperwork for the said project.

FIRST STREET
RECON-
STRUCTION
PROJECT
COMPLETION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen, New York hereby accept the First Street Reconstruction project as complete and does further recommend that the final payment for the project be made.

MINUTES:

Trustee Weber made the motion to accept the minutes for the July 20, 2009 regular meeting of the Village Board. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

MINUTES

AUDIT:

Trustee Weber made the motion to accept the abstract of unaudited vouchers along with the add-ons, for August 17, 2009 at the following amounts:

AUDIT

General	\$59,747.88	Water	\$37,595.23
Electric	\$93,069.15	Sewer	\$10240.20
Cap. Projects - CVT	\$23,396.88		

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Weber made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 10.25pm for the aforementioned items. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

With no further business to be brought before the Board, Trustee Coon made the motion to adjourn at 11:25 pm. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater

