

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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 8:03 pm. Present were Trustees William E Smagner, Nicholas P Kelly and Wayne N Weber. Also present were Superintendent of Streets, Parks and Cemeteries Donald R Perry, Police Chief Thomas R Struble, Clerk/Treasurer Donna J Beardsley and Account Clerk/Typist Rhonda E Slater. Absent were Trustee Gregory A Coon and Superintendent of Utilities Mark L Specchio. There were approximately 3 people in attendance.

PUBLIC
SESSION -
ATTENDANCE

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Dwayne Followell, a representative from the Catholic Charities Teen Center, was present to submit a request for waiver of rental fee for the Community Center. The Teen Center will be hosting an auction fundraiser to raise money for their organization on September 17, 2009. Trustee Kelly made a motion to waive the rental fee. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. Trustee Smagner voted against the motion stating that he felt the Board needed to be consistent. He stated that the Village charged Strong Kids/Safe Kids to host their event and, therefore, the Village should charge Catholic Charities. Much discussion followed. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote on the open motion. Trustee Kelly voted for the motion. Trustee Smagner voted against the motion. Trustee Weber voted against the motion. The motion failed. Discussion followed on the need for clarification on Village classifications for youth events.

PUBLIC
CONCERNS

Katherine Nemeth, owner of 306 N Glen Ave, was present to discuss multiple water leaks within her home and to see if she could receive some sort of reprieve on her upcoming water bill. Her normal household average is 11 units of water, this new reading puts her usage at 23 units. Much discussion followed, in which Ms. Nemeth stated that she was collecting the water in giant buckets and dumping them down the drain. Because of this, the Board was unable to give any sewer credit and stated that she may want to try to speak with a representative from Catholic Charities to get some help with her bill.

JUSTICE REPORTS:

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

JUSTICE
REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

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

POLICE
DEPARTMENT
REPORT

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS:

Superintendent of Streets, Parks, and Cemeteries Perry informed the Board that he has purchased more leaf bags and that he and his crew would be tree trimming on Decatur Street on Wednesday and Thursday to prepare the Street for the influx of traffic from the Grand Prix Festival.

DEPARTMENT
HEADS'
REPORTS

Trustee Smagner asked him if the "No Parking" signs had been purchased for Decatur Street. Superintendent Perry replied that they have the signs in stock, but the ufpo's need to be completed.

Trustee Smagner made the motion to approve the following pool credits at their corresponding amounts. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

Acct #	Name	Readings	# of Units	Credit Requested
C0090	David Wilbur	857	858	1 \$4.50
D0520	Joseph Orbin	1946.6	1950.5	4 \$18.00
B1200	John Vona	1604.2	1605.2	1
		1605.7	1606.7	1 } \$18.00
		1609.2	1611.2	2 }

SEWER
CREDITS

A rate classification change request was submitted by Gui Xiang Lian, the new owner of 511 N Franklin Street. The old owners were classified as an industrial user. Because the building is currently vacant and the usage is extremely low (less than 200kwh's a month), the aforementioned owners requested that they be dropped down to commercial rate for their electric. The Board requested that Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley contact NYPA for their guidelines in this area.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

Trustee Weber made the motion for Police Chief Thomas R Struble and Sergeant Steven Decker to attend the Annual New York Highway Safety Symposium sponsored by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee on October 18-20th. The fee for the hotel is \$106 a night and the conference fee is \$100/person and are reimbursable. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

BOARD CONCERNS:

Trustee Kelly asked about the choice of law enforcement staff at the Italian/American Festival. Police Chief Struble confirmed that no other officers were available.

BOARD CONCERNS

Trustee Weber had no Board concerns.

Trustee Smagner then discussed the boater problems that occurred during the Italian/American Festival. Police Chief Struble verified that approximately 90% of all the problems at festival arose from the boaters. The issues ranged from indecent exposure, to vulgar language, to the bringing in of alcoholic beverages. Trustee Smagner made the motion to move the buoys out to the 1,000 ft range one week before the Italian/American festival and to have them remain their until one week after the festival. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion Carried.

MOVING OF BUOYS FOR ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Trustee Smagner had one item for executive session.

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley confirmed that Dumpster Day is scheduled for Oct 17, 2009 and that foreclosure action on properties with unpaid taxes has begun. Three property owners have already been in to pay. The actual foreclosure proceedings will begin in March.

She then requested permission to hire Andy Barth to design new websites for the Village of Watkins Glen and the Clute Park Memorial Campground. The cost for the work to be done for all aspects of the Village is \$4,500. Trustee Smagner made the motion to move forward with the hiring of Andy Barth. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

FINAL PAYMENT – FIRST STREET PROJECT

Trustee Weber made the motion to approve the final payment request from Hunt for Airport Striping's completion of the First Street reconstruction project. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kelly made the motion for Mayor Phillips to sign a one year extension document for the grant for the Municipal Building and to deny the current bids for the HVAC unit. This will ensure a proper sequence for the reconstruction. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in concurrence. Motion Carried.

The following resolution for the grant to update Clute Park was adopted with a motion by Trustee Smagner, a second by Trustee Kelly and all being in accord. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen has received a special grant in the 2008-2009 New York State Budget; and

WHEREAS, there are specific requirements and regulations governing the expenditure of these funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen, New York hereby resolves the following:

1. Administration of all funds under this grant will be in accordance with all terms and conditions contained in "Guidelines for projects over \$50,000 or involving construction or bidding – Fiscal Year 2008-2009," provided by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.
2. That Judith H. Phillips, Mayor of the Village of Watkins Glen is

RESOLUTION FOR MAYOR TO SIGN DOCUMENTS FOR CLUTE PARK CAMPGROUND UPDATES GRANT

hereby authorized to sign legal documents on behalf of our organization and that such signature is acknowledgement of the acceptance by this body of compliance with all terms and conditions of the grant agreement to be executed for the grant.

RESOLUTION
(con)

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley had one item for executive session.

Mayor Phillips briefly discussed a bill from Hunt Engineers for specs for an all-inclusive video surveillance system for the Village buildings/grounds. The specs would cost \$2500. No action was taken.

Various meeting times and dates were given by the Mayor.

RESOLUTIONS:

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The following resolution to name the MEUA delegate was approved with a motion by Trustee Weber, a second by Trustee Smagner and all being in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, The Village of Watkins Glen is a municipal member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State; and

WHEREAS, The Annual Conference of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State has been called on September 15, 16, 17 and 18, 2009 to be held at the Radisson Hotel, Corning, New York; and

MEUA
DELEGATE

WHEREAS, in accordance with the bylaws of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen hereby designates Minard LaFever, with Mark Specchio as an alternate, as the accredited delegate of the Village of Watkins Glen, New York.

MINUTES:

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Trustee Weber made the motion to accept the minutes for the August 17, 2009 regular meeting of the Village Board. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT:

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Trustee Kelly made the motion to accept the abstract of unaudited vouchers along with the add-ons, for September 8, 2009 at the following amounts:

General	\$53,508.17	Water	\$8,736.66
Electric	\$23520.87	Sewer	\$6,336.10
Cap Projects - CVT	\$6,720.54	Cap Projects – 1 st St	\$39,638.50
Cap Projects – Raw Water	\$5.50		

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

Trustee Gregory Coon entered at 9:28pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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SESSION

Trustee Kelly made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 9:29pm for the aforementioned items. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

Trustee Weber made the motion to exit executive session and reenter public session at 10:24 pm. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

With no further business to be brought before the Board, Trustee Coon made the motion to adjourn at 10:25 pm. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater

