

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009

The public session of the meeting was called to order by Mayor Judith H Phillips at 7:00 pm. Present were Trustees Gregory A Coon, Nicholas P Kelly and Wayne N Weber. Also present were Superintendent of Utilities Mark L Specchio, Superintendent of Streets, Parks and Cemeteries Donald R Perry, Clerk/Treasurer Donna J Beardsley and Account Clerk/Typist Rhonda E Slater. Absent was Trustee William E Smagner. There were five other people in attendance.

PUBLIC  
SESSION -  
ATTENDANCE

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Brian Lotz, on behalf of the Watkins Glen United Methodist Church, was present to request that the Village Board consider allowing churches in the business transitional zones. The Methodist Church is currently selling their church building at 127 E Fourth Street and would like to use their parsonage at 206 E Fourth Street as a church. The way the property is zoned, this is not possible. Mayor Phillips referred them to the Zoning Task Force.

PUBLIC  
CONCERNS

George Sullard, a representative from Hunt Engineers, gave a quick overview of and approximate outsourcing cost proposal for a fiber optic security system for the Village of Watkins Glen. Mayor Phillips shared her thoughts on the possibility of doing parts of the project ourselves, such as running the fiber optic cables. Discussion followed. Trustee Weber made a motion to accept the proposal from Hunt Engineers and to move forward with the next step of implementation. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Phillips then requested the opening of the bids for the replacement of windows for the Municipal Building courtroom. Only one bid was received by the Village. The bid was from Montour Glass at a proposed cost of \$25,000 for the project. This project would be paid from a \$45,000 grant provided by the New York Power Authority. Trustee Coon made the motion to proceed if the bid meets all spec requirements. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

JUSTICE REPORTS:

Trustee Weber made the motion to approve Judge McElligott's report of activity for the month of September. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

JUSTICE  
REPORTS

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS:

Mayor Phillips gave her complements to all the departments that worked on putting out the fire that occurred at 315 N Franklin Street on Sunday, October 18, 2009.

Superintendent Specchio informed the Board of the live valve insertion project done by E J Prescott. Furthermore, he stated that the hydrant can now be changed over.

Trustee Weber asked about the street paving. Superintendent Perry stated that the next area of paving would be down at the shared services building.

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley then asked about the leaf vacuum, stating that many calls are now coming into the office regarding leaf pickup. Superintendent Perry stated that a part broke on the truck, but is on order. He feels that they should be able to start the first week of November.

Trustee Coon requested that the Street Department clean the storm sewer on Division Street and Monroe Street.

A written request from Bill Macnamara for sewer relief do to a water pipe break at his rental property located at 220 Third St was brought before the Board. Trustee Coon made the motion to award him a sewer credit based on the average past usage. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT  
HEADS'  
REPORTS

UTILITY  
ADJUSTMENTS

Superintendent Specchio then brought the request from last meeting back before the Board. John Vandenhurk had been present to inquire about a water and sewer credit

because of the roily water issues he has had this season. Superintendent Specchio made the recommendation to award him eleven units of water and sewer credits at a cost of \$90.75. Trustee Kelly made the motion to award the eleven units of credit. Trustee Coon seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion Carried.

Trustee Weber made the motion to hire the following people for the 2009-2010 skate season. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

Name	Position	Rate per hour	
Ashley Evans	Skate staff	\$8.00	SKATE HIRES
Natasha Evans	Skate staff	\$8.00	
Billy G Hardwick, Jr.	Skate staff	\$8.00	
Linda Clugstone	Skate staff	\$8.00	

Trustee Coon made the motion to hire Charles Bell as MEO for the Streets Department upon completion of a favorable interview with a start date of October 26, 2009. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

Trustee Kelly made the motion for Electric Superintendent Minard LaFever to attend the NYPA meeting in Utica on October 22, 2009 regarding incremental power. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in agreement. Motion Carried.

Trustee Coon made the motion for Meter Reader Martin Pierce to attend a lab session sponsored by NYRWA in Waterloo, NY on November 17, 2009 at a cost of \$35. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS:

Superintendent Specchio had one personnel item for executive session.

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley had no Board concerns.

Trustee Coon had two contractual items and one personnel item for executive session.

Trustee Weber requested that the Street Department cold patch the hole on Scenic Place.

Trustee Kelly requested that the Village set a meeting with the Town of Dix to solve the issue with the water rates. The meeting was scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Trustee Kelly had two personnel issues for executive session.

Trustee Coon made the motion to declare October 23, 2009 as National Business Women's Week. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Phillips shared with the Board that the DOH has approved the Decatur Street project.

Trustee Kelly made the motion to consult with SCOPED for a study to look into the possibility of relocating the sewer plant. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Phillips reminded the Board of several upcoming meetings. One of which was for a public hearing on the Seneca Harbor Place town house project on Nov 18<sup>th</sup>. The public hearing is on the application for a PILOT agreement. Discussion ensued. Trustee Weber made the motion to have the Village attorney look into it and respond back. Trustee Coon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

The \$5,960 annual payment to SCOPED was tabled.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no resolutions.

MINUTES:

Trustee Weber made the motion to accept the minutes for the October 5, 2009 regular meeting of the Village Board. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

MINUTES

AUDIT:

Trustee Kelly made the motion to accept the abstract of unaudited vouchers along with the add-ons, for October 19, 2009 at the following amounts:

AUDIT

General	\$30,528.54	Water	\$3,458.27
Electric	\$119,597.49	Sewer	\$6,596.64
Cap Projects - CVT	\$3,569.05		

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Weber made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 8:25pm for the aforementioned items. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried. Trustee Weber made the motion to exit executive session and re-enter public session at 8:58 pm. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried. Trustee Coon made the motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm, Trustee Weber seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Respectfully Submitted,

ADJOURNMENT

Rhonda E Slater