

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009

The public session of the meeting was called to order by Mayor Judith H Phillips at 6:30 pm. Present were Trustees Gregory A Coon, William E Smagner and Wayne N Weber. Absent was Trustee Kelly. Trustee Weber made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 6:31pm. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried. At 6:58 pm, Trustee Smagner made the motion to exit executive session and reenter public session. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion Carried. The public entered.

PUBLIC  
SESSION -  
ATTENDANCE

At 7:02pm, the Mayor led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance. Along with the above Board members, 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 were present. There were seven other people in attendance.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Having sent a memo to the Board prior to the meeting, the first to speak was Barbara Cook. Her desire, along with several other people is to see the construction of a dog park on the eastern end of Clute Park. Much discussion followed regarding the location of the park, the space needed, the funding available and the necessary insurance for such an endeavor. Ms. Cook would look into providing the Board with more precise information in the future.

PUBLIC  
CONCERNS

Trustee Kelly entered at 7:04pm.

Rose Chicone, chairperson for the *Concerts in the Park* committee, also spoke thanking the Village Board for their support and upkeep of LaFayette park over the years and to inform the Board that after 23 years of service, she was resigning. The Mayor thanked Rose for her years of service and wished her well in finding a replacement. It was noted that the Committee for the Concerts in the Parks is not a Village operated Committee.

JUSTICE REPORTS:

There were no Justice reports.

JUSTICE  
REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

There was no written police report, however, Police Chief Struble verbally informed the Board on his findings regarding the "no turn on red" signage on Decatur Street. According to state guidelines, the sign cannot be removed unless the two parking places in front of Tobey's are removed. He further stated that after observing Madison Ave for several days, no wrong way violations were seen. The last update was to share with the Board that 64 warning tickets had been issued for odd/even parking.

POLICE  
DEPARTMENT  
REPORT

Mayor Phillips requested that Chief Struble speak with DOT regarding the timing of the stop light where Old Corning Road and Franklin Street intersect down by Valero.

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS:

Mayor Phillips read a letter from Dominick Smith, Fire Chief of the Watkins Glen Fire Dept, thanking the DPW crews for their help at fire scene on Franklin Street.

DEPARTMENT  
HEADS'  
REPORTS

Trustee Coon made the motion to hire Amy Scholtisek and Kristy Smith Thorpe as skate staff for the 2009-2010 season at a rate of \$8.00/hr. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

SKATE HIRES

Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve Electric Department Supervisor Minard LaFever to accept an invitation from MEUA President John Bouck to become an ISO committee representative. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

ISO  
REPRESENT-  
ATIVE

Trustee Weber made the motion for Paul Ector, a cemetery staff person, to continue employment for another month to help with leaf/brush removal. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

A brief discussion was made regarding Park Manager Michelle Hyde moving up to the Village office for the winter.

Superintendent Perry then requested that two of the Street Department guys work on Veterans Day and get Friday off instead. The Board was in favor of the request.

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley stated that the request should be approved by the MEA Union.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

There were no conference requests.

CONFERENCE  
REQUESTS

BOARD CONCERNS:

Trustee Kelly stated that the Board should look into receiving extra metal credit for the scrap received on dumpster day or look for another company to help boost the credit received from the scrap metal.

BOARD  
CONCERNS

Trustee Weber had no Board concerns.

Trustee Smagner had one personnel matter for executive session.

Trustee Coon had no Board concerns.

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley informed the Board that the cost for the *LiveVault* online backup provided by Harris, our software company would be \$660 annually. She would look into other companies as well.

Trustee Smagner made the motion to ratify the collective bargaining agreement with the MEA. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

The proposed water rate increase from the Town of Dix meeting that was held earlier was tabled. The proposed increase would have been their old rate x 11% x 1.5.

Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley had one personnel and three contractual items for executive session.

Superintendent Specchio shared a request from Josh Navone for assistance in paying for the cost of sidewalk replacement due to damage done while the Village was removing a tree. Superintendent Specchio felt that \$500 would be a fair reimbursement for the damages. Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley stated she would check with the Village's insurance representative to see if it would be covered under the existing insurance policy.

Superintendent Specchio shared his concern with Clement Nadeau's response regarding the solar incentives. He requested he would like to meet one on one with Mr. Nadeau for clarification.

Police Chief Struble had no concerns.

Trustee Coon made the motion to approve the request from WG Promotions to host the annual Village Christmas on Dec 4, 2009 and to use the Village Hall. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Phillips shared an invitation with the Board to attend a Middle School youth center event on Nov 5, 2009.

Trustee Kelly made a motion to change the Community Center rules to state that all youth events get waived. No second was made. Motion Failed.

The Community Center fees were further discussed, but no other motions were made.

Much discussion occurred regarding the LOSAP program. The Board discussed waiting until a major election to vote on the issue versus having a special election. The matter was tabled. Trustee Weber commented that he would like to see a decision made by January.

Trustee Coon made the motion for the Italian/American festival committee to host their event on July 30, 31 & Aug 1, 2010. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion Carried.

The Hunt Engineers security system proposal was tabled.

The annual SCOPED payment of \$5960 was discussed. Trustee Smagner made the motion to make the SCOPED payment, less the Village Marina tax exemption amount. Discussion followed, in which Trustee Coon stated that the town house project proposal is along the same lines as the Village Marina matter. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion. Trustee Weber voted against the motion. Trustee Coon, Smagner & Kelly voted in favor. The vote was 3:1 in favor of the motion. Motion Carried.

ANNUAL  
SCOPED  
PAYMENT

RESOLUTIONS:

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Trustee Smagner made the motion to approve the following budget transfer for the Police Department. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the Police Department did receive a grant for \$6,758.39 for additional traffic safety enforcement; and

WHEREAS, those funds were received and have been credited to the General Fund account number A3089; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department did increase traffic safety enforcement and has paid the overtime wages for officers out of A3120.1;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk/Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to decrease \$6,758.39 from account number A3089 and to increase account number A3120.1 by \$6,758.39.

BUDGET  
TRANSFER –  
POLICE DEPT

The following budget amendment was approved with a motion by Trustee Smagner, a second by Trustee Kelly and all being in agreement. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, while traveling to a NYRWA training seminar in Vernon, NY on October 22, 2009 a Village vehicle was struck by another vehicle while having stopped at a gas station in Geneva, NY; and

WHEREAS, insurance recoveries in the amount of \$1,527.63 have been received for property damage to the 2006 Chevrolet truck, and was not included in the 2009-10 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk/Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to amend the 2009-2010 budget by increasing Revenue Account G2680 in the amount of \$1,527.63 and increasing Appropriations Account G8120.4 in the amount of \$1,527.63.

BUDGET  
AMENDMENT

MINUTES:

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Trustee Weber made the motion to accept the minutes for the October 19, 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 Coon made the motion to accept the abstract of unaudited vouchers along with the add-ons, for November 2, 2009 at the following amounts:

General	\$16,978.59	Water	\$34,704.73
Electric	\$29135.19	Sewer	\$5,976.46
Cap Projects - CVT	\$4,045.69		

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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SESSION

With no further public concerns, Trustee Kelly made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 8:38pm. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in concurrence. Motion Carried.

At 9:25pm, Trustee Smagner made the motion to end executive session and reenter public session. Trustee Coon seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kelly then made the motion to hire Freed Maxick and Battaglia, PC to do an audit of the Electric Department at a cost of \$5,000 or less. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

With no other concerns to be brought before the Board, Trustee Smagner made the motion to adjourn. The time was 9:27pm. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater