

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009

The public session of the meeting was called to order by Mayor Judith H Phillips at 5:30 pm. Present were Trustees Gregory A Coon, William E Smagner, Nicholas P Kelly and Wayne N Weber. Trustee Weber made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 5:32 pm. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried. At 6:57 pm, Trustee Coon made the motion to exit executive session and reenter public session. Trustee Smagner seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion Carried. The public entered.

PUBLIC
SESSION -
ATTENDANCE

At 7:01pm, the Mayor led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance. Along with the above Board members, Superintendent of Streets, Parks and Cemeteries Donald R Perry, Clerk/Treasurer Donna J Beardsley and Account Clerk/Typist Rhonda E Slater were present. Superintendent of Utilities Mark L Specchio was absent. There were five other people in attendance.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Barbara Cook updated the Board on new information she had gathered regarding the dog park request.

PUBLIC
CONCERNS

Michael Harnas, owner of 3165 Burrell Place, spoke up to request help on the sewer portion of his bill for a water leak. Trustee Kelly made the motion to give Mr. Harnas a sewer credit based off of his average usage. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. The usage was for 33 units at a cost of \$227.70. All were in agreement. Motion Carried.

JUSTICE REPORTS:

Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve the Justice Reports as presented by Judge Dugo and Judge McElligott for the month of October. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

JUSTICE
REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

The Police Department report for the month of October was approved with a motion by Trustee Kelly, a second by Trustee Smagner and all being in favor. Motion Carried.

POLICE
DEPARTMENT
REPORT

DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS:

Trustee Coon made the motion to approve the Department Heads' reports as presented. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT
HEADS'
REPORTS

A request from Mr. MacNamara, owner of 220 Third street for sewer credit due to a water pipe break was denied. The usage for the time frame in question was determined to be less than the minimum of three units.

Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve a sewer credit of twenty-two units for a faulty hot water tank at Ronald Cervoni's property at 311 N Franklin Street. He also motioned for a two month credit to be given for a security light that is no longer functional because of the fire at 313-315 N Franklin Street. The electric credit was given in the amount of \$10.22 and the sewer credit was \$99.00. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All were in accord. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

Trustee Kelly made the motion for Superintendent Specchio and Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Harley Connelly to attend a Finger Lakes Water Works Association conference on Dec 3, 2009 at a cost of \$22/person. Trustee Coon seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE
REQUESTS

Trustee Smagner made the motion for Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor David Burt and Sewage Treatment Plant Operator Ed Berry to attend a Genesee Valley Chapter NYWEA meeting on November 30, 2009 in Campbell, NY at a cost of \$30/person. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS:

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Trustee Kelly had no Board concerns.

Trustee Weber set up a meeting for 8am in the morning with the Department Heads to discuss their individual concerns.

Trustee Smagner shared his concern regarding Felix Dejesus’s comments about not being in compliance with our NYPA contract. Much discussion followed. Clerk/Treasurer Beardsley informed him that our current auditor Laura Landers would be in the office at 2pm tomorrow and he could speak with her then. She further replied that the Village would be going out to bid in the spring for auditing services.

Trustee Smagner had one personnel executive session item.

Trustee Coon had no Board concerns.

Trustee Kelly made the motion for Mayor Phillips to sign, pending attorney approval, the encroachment/easement request sent to the Village by Attorney Josh Navone for the sale of real property at 304 N Monroe Street. Trustee Coon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Clerk/Treasurer shared an email payment request from Michael Zach, with Hunt Engineers, for a \$750.00 easement fee for access across the railroad tracks for the new raw water intake project. Trustee Weber made the motion to authorize the payment. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion. All were in agreement. Motion Carried.

A letter from Mr. Paradiso showing his approval of the “no turn on red” sign at the intersection of Decatur & Fourth Streets was read.

TOWN OF DIX WATER/SEWER AGREEMENT

Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve the Town of Dix water/sewer agreement with the Village of Watkins Glen. Trustee Coon seconded the motion. All were in accord.

SCHUYLER COUNTY INTERNET SERVICE AGREEMENT

Mayor Phillips read the proposed Schuyler County internet agreement for the Village offices at 910 S Decatur St. The agreement is for a maximum of 5 workstations at a fee of \$55/mo. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve the agreement. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All were in accord. Motion Carried.

Meeting times and schedules were given by the Mayor.

Mayor Phillips had an executive session negotiations item.

RESOLUTIONS:

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There were no resolutions.

MINUTES:

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Trustee Coon made the motion to accept the minutes for the November 2, 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 16, 2009 at the following amounts:

General	\$18,522.77	Water	\$1,123.23
Electric	\$104,581.60	Sewer	\$1,489.39
Cap Projects – 1 st St	\$3,268.00	Cap Projects – RWI	\$4,140.00

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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Trustee Kelly made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session for the aforementioned items. The time was 7:51pm. Trustee Weber seconded the motion and all were in accord. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kelly made the motion to exit executive session and reenter public session at 8:15PM.

A motion was made by Trustee Smagner, seconded by Trustee Kelly, to eliminate a fulltime patrolman from the Police Department. All were in favor. Motion carried.

REMOVAL OF
POSITION IN
POLICE
DEPARTMENT

A motion to accept the proposed contract with the Police Department was approved with a motion by Trustee Kelly, a second by Trustee Coon and all being in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kelly then made a motion to increase the salary of part-time patrolmen from \$13.00 per hour to \$16.00 per hour. Trustee Weber seconded the motion. All were in concurrence. Motion Carried.

POLICE
DEPARTMENT
CONTRACT

A motion was made by Trustee Kelly and seconded by Trustee Weber to give a \$300.00 bonus, effectively immediately, to Account Clerk/Typist Rhonda Slater. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion. Motion Carried.

WAGE
INCREASES

Trustee Kelly further motioned to authorize a change of title for Account Clerk/Typist Rhonda Slater to Senior Account Clerk/Typist pending successful completion of the Civil Service Exam and to also increase present salary by \$0.25, with a further increase upon completion of Exam. Trustee Weber seconded this motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM with a motion by Trustee Coon, a second by Trustee Smagner and all being in favor. Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater