

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Samuel Schimizzi who led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance. Present were Mayor Samuel Schimizzi, Trustee Gary Schmidt, Trustee Anthony Fraboni, Trustee Kevin Thornton and Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Superintendent of Streets, Parks and Cemeteries Don Perry, Superintendent of Public Works Mark Specchio, Police Chief Thomas Struble, Village Clerk Donna Beardsley and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present was Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever. Absent were Sewer Treatment Plant Supervisor Terry Wilcox, Park Manager Michelle Hyde, Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Larnard and Water Supervisor Harley Connelly. There were twelve other persons in attendance.

SWEARING OF THE TRUSTEES

Clerk Donna Beardsley swore in Laurie DeNardo and Anthony Fraboni as Trustees for the Village of Watkins Glen.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Boy Scout Troop 2674 was present in order to observe the meeting and earn their Citizens of the Community merit badge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for March 21, 2016

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on March 21, 2016. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the Department Heads' reports as presented. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Parks Report March 19 - 31, 2016, Street Report March 18 – 31, 2016, Codes Report March 19 – April 1, 2016, Water Report March 19 – April 1, 2016, Sewer Report February 21 - March 3, 2016, Electric Report March 4 – April 1, 2016, Superintendent's Projects March 21 – April 1, 2016, Police Report March 2016

Electric Supervisor Minard briefly discussed the substation work last week. All of the equipment has been tested and maintained. There are two relays left to be done. Trustee Anthony Fraboni inquired about the street sweeper rental. Superintendent Perry replied that the Street Department will be picking it up Friday, May 13, 2016. Superintendent Specchio stated that the Parks Department has measured the parking places at park so they can put together a price quote for repairs. He further stated that the streetlights came in and the Village will be returning the trial light that was down near State Park at no cost to the Village. The chlorinator for the sewer plant is here and ready to be installed; the chlorination tank is up and running. Superintendent Mark Specchio also stated that Code Enforcement has been busy and that the Middle School Apartments had their fire system go off and is working properly. Police Struble commented that there has been an uptick in complaints this year and that he had one personnel item for executive session. The Board then discussed the need for people to clean up after their animals. Park Manager Hyde was directed to look into the cleanup containers and bags for the parks. Trustee Anthony Fraboni discussed the fact that the Village should remind the public about not blowing grass clippings in the street as well. The Board also briefly talked about sidewalk repairs that need to be done. Superintendent Specchio suggested having code enforcement update their survey. Trustee Gary Schmidt inquired about the concession stand at Clute Park. Superintendent Mark Specchio replied that everything is ready for our lease.

VOTING ITEMS

Watkins Glen Fire Company – use of firehouse for Annual Banquet

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to approve the Watkins Glen Fire Company request to utilize the fire house for their annual banquet on April 16, 2016 with the acknowledgement that this will be the last year for them to use the building for such an event. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Sewer Budget

The agenda item was tabled to the next meeting to be held on April 18, 2016.

Surplus Property

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to declare surplus the old filing cabinets in the basement of the Municipal Building. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Sewer Credit Request

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to approve an eight unit, \$56.32 sewer credit for David Novinsky for a broken hot water tank at his residence at 3285 Reading Road. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Legal Service Agreement

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the legal service agreement with Trevett, Cristo & Torani for services in conjunction with the bond issuing for the sewer rehabilitation project with a not to exceed \$2,250. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Electric Department Employees Association Contract

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the Electric Department Employees Association contract that will be retroactive to June 1, 2014 and will continue thru May 31, 2018. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Form-E for the Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve and have the Mayor sign Form-E outlining the fees and funding sources for the \$1.981 million project for the sewer I&I rehabilitation project in conjunction with our consent order that needs to be completed by December 2016. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Conference

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion for Police Chief Thomas Struble and Sergeant Steven Decker to attend the Traffic Safety Conference on April 21-22, 2016 in Rochester, NY at no cost to the Village. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board Annual Banquet

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion for the Village Board members to attend the STCRPDB annual banquet that will be held on April 21, 2016. The cost ranges from \$34-\$37/person. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to approve the audit with the add-ons in the following amounts. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion.

General	\$35,619.29	Sewer	\$10,553.09
Electric	\$11,396.28	Water	\$4,316.53
Project Seneca	\$870.00		

The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

Cornell Design Connect – Middle Marina

Superintendent Mark Specchio informed the Board that there will be a community forum on the issue on April 7, 2016 from 6-8pm at the Community Center to discuss proposals for the site once the sewer plant is decommissioned.

Don Perry discussed the curbing of Fifteenth Street and possibly Grandview Ave this season. He informed the Board that he may not be able to get three quotes as there are few companies that do this type of work. He also discussed the storm sewer issues on Second Street that he would like to address this year as well.

Clerk Donna Beardsley distributed proposed Local Law #2 of 2016 that would regulate street vendors.

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to approve the installation of two more security cameras for the Municipal Building at a cost of \$1,839.39. There would be one camera installed in the back stairwell and one outside above the back door. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Mark Specchio stated that a technician will be here tomorrow to go over the final specs for the Electric Department bucket truck. Trustee Gary Schmidt asked if the new fire truck had been picked up yet. No one knew if it had.

Lastly, Trustee Laurie DeNardo had one contractual item for executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 7:51pm. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit executive session at 8:23pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to hire Andrew Hawk as a part-time policeman. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater