

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Mayor Samuel Schimizzi who led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance. Present were Mayor Samuel Schimizzi, Trustee Gary Schmidt, Trustee Anthony J Fraboni, Trustee Kevin Thornton and Trustee Laura DeNardo. Also present were Superintendent of Utilities Mark L Specchio, Superintendent of Streets, Parks and Cemeteries Donald R Perry, Police Chief Thomas R Struble, Clerk Donna J Beardsley, Water Department Supervisor Harley Connelly and WWTP Supervisor Terry Wilcox. There were also approximately 6 people in the audience.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Steve Compose addressed the Board regarding the social activities that are going on at the Fire Station. Mr. Compose informed the Board that it was previously established at the time the zoning was changed to allow the Fire Station to be built in a residential neighborhood that there would no parties at the fire station.

Tammy Cooper also addressed the Board with concerns she had about fireworks being set off in the neighborhood at 9:30 on a Wednesday evening. Chief Struble was asked about the fireworks and he responded that it depends on the type of fireworks and the time of year whether or not they are allowed. He suggested that Ms. Cooper contact the police department when things of concern to her are happening and the officers will respond and take appropriate action. She also expressed her concerns about the noise from the fire station that continue into the late evening hours. She too reminded the Board that it was previously established that there would be no parties at the fire station since it was being built in a residential neighborhood.

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2016

Trustee Fraboni made the motion to open the public hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2016 at 7:25pm. Trustee DeNardo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried. Clerk Beardsley gave a brief overview of the Local Law explaining that it will allow the Village to award bids based on Best Value instead of the lowest bidder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held March 7, 2016

Trustee DeNardo made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2016 meeting as presented. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Parks Department Report:

The written report was accepted as submitted. Parks Manager Hyde also requested that a 1978 Arctic Cat trailer (an old snowmobile trailer) be surplusd.

Street Department Report

In addition to the written report, Superintendent Perry noted that his department has been working on storm sewers that haven't had work done to them in several years, and have been lining culverts with stone to help with the water flow. He also noted that his department has been assisting with lateral work at the Parks Department and have been having good success with that project.

Zoning and Building Department Report

The written report was accepted as submitted

Water Department Report

In addition to the written report that was submitted, Supervisor Connelly stated that his department has been busy fixing things and making necessary repairs.

Wastewater Department Report

In addition to the written report that was submitted, Supervisor Wilcox informed the Board that his department had been working on the A&B lines at the Park and had to make a repair to a tank that sprung a leak. Supervisor Wilcox also stated that he will be attending a meeting next Wednesday to review the bids that came in relating to the Regional WWTP project.

Electric Department Report

The written report was accepted as submitted. Superintendent Specchio also informed the Board that the Electric Department is working on having the fuses tested, noting that the largest one is approximately three foot square.

Superintendent's Report

The written report was accepted as submitted. Superintendent Specchio also mentioned that work is being done on the waste stream created by the Town of Dix and that he has been working with Scoped on the Kayak project. He also stated that he had the results of the proposals for doing the borings for that project.

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to accept all department head reports as presented. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

VOTING ITEMS

Trustee DeNardo made the motion to close the public hearing on Local Law No.1 of 2016 at 7:36pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Fraboni made the motion to approve Local Law No. 1 of 2016 and Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Specchio presented copies of the proposed 2015-16 sewer department budget. He stated that he would email copies of the budget to the Board members and is requesting that the budget be voted on at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made a motion to approve surplusizing the 1978 trailer from the Parks Department. Trustee Thornton seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

No requests were made.

AUDIT

General Audit

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to accept the audit in the amounts listed below. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

General	Water
\$28,2233.89	\$2,661.72
Electric	Sewer
\$152,286.07	\$8,186.72

BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Specchio stated that Hunt Engineering bid \$10,368 on personal services for the Kayak Launch project. CME/Atlantic Testing bid \$19,000. Superintendent Specchio recommended that the Board approve the bid submitted by Hunt Engineers. Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to accept the Hunt Engineering bid of \$10,368 for personnel services on the Kayak Project. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Specchio informed the Board that he has a contract from the Cornell Design Connect team for their services regarding the uses of the WWTP site once the regional WWTP is in full operation. The cost for their services is \$500 and Scoped will cover that fee. Superintendent Specchio requested that the Board approve the proposal and signing of the contract. Trustee DeNardo made the motion to approve the proposal as presented by the Cornell Design Connect team and the signing of the contract. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried. Superintendent Specchio also informed the Board that the design team would like to hold a public forum on April 8th at the Community Center to get input from the public.

Trustee Kevin Thornton reported on the meeting that he, Chief Struble and some other Village employees had with a representative of the State Park regarding the project the State Park will be undertaking and the changes that will result from that project. There was some discussion regarding that project.

It was noted that the paving of Franklin Street has been moved to 2017 and will be from Gabriel's Junction to the county line. Superintendent Specchio stated that he has asked Hunt Engineers to schedule a meeting between the Village and DOT to discuss the changes that will affect the Village. Harley Connelly stated that there may be a water line that will need to be looped at that time. There was some discussion regarding water lines and mains and possible changes to requirements of the same for water quality standards.

Clerk Beardsley informed the Board that Dumpster Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th from 8am until Noon. She also noted that she received a phone call from Frank Spena, the Village's representative to the EMC Board. Mr. Spena wanted the Board to be aware that the County will be dissolving that Board. That Board usually hosts Earth Day activities so there will not be any this year.

Clerk Beardsley also reminded the Board members that the next Board meeting will be the annual reorganizational meeting.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo requested executive session for confidential personnel discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to go into executive session at 8:03pm. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm, Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

DONNA J. BEARDSLEY
VILLAGE CLERK