

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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, 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 were Sewer Treatment Plant Supervisor Terry Wilcox, Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Larnard, Park Manager Michelle Hyde and Water Supervisor Harley Connelly. Absent was Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever. There were approximately nine other person in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Jylle Benson-Gauss - Farmer's Market

Jylle Benson-Gauss was present to request permission to host the eleventh annual Farmer's Market season at LaFayette Park that will run from Friday, May 27th through October 28, 2016. The Board was in favor of the request.

John Willett - Clute Park Use Request

John Willett was present to discuss his use of the Clute Park concession stand. The Board is willing to work with him on the request. The fee would be \$500.00 a month, with the first month and a security deposit up front. The other thing that the Village would need is proof of all permits and insurance requirements being met.

Dave Asbury was present on behalf of US Salt and Crestwood to extend an offer to the Board members to take a tour of the Crestwood plant in Savona, NY in order to educate the Board on gas storage facilities and operations. David Marsh, from Laborers International Union, Local 785 of Ithaca, NY was also present to speak on behalf of Crestwood. Jylle Benson-Gauss then also spoke regarding the geological fault lines and her concerns regarding Crestwood's proposed gas storage facility on Seneca Lake.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for January 19, 2016

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on January 19, 2015. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the Department Heads' reports as presented. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Parks Report January 16 - 28, 2016

Park Manager Hyde stated that she had met with Eagle Scout Gibson earlier that day about his project for Gifford Park; he would like to tweak his design. Park Manager Hyde will keep the Board posted on any changes.

Street Report January 15 - 29, 2016

The crews have been busy tree trimming in the cemeteries and saving money on salt while there is no snow.

Codes Report January 18 - 29, 2016

The Board asked about the dumpster for the Subway plaza. Mr. Shaw appears to be willing to install the proposed planter to help hide the proposed enclosure and beautify the parking lot. The project is now moving forward, however nothing is set in stone as of yet. This week CEO Larnard met with a representative from Atlas Pizza about the new plans to remodel their newly purchased place on Franklin Street. CEO Larnard then stated that twenty apartments on the second and third floors have been completed and signed off on at the Middle School. He then updated the Board on the Seneca Terrace Project, with hopes that the lower tier apartments will be completed by the fall. Then they will begin work on the upper tier. Trustee Laurie DeNardo then asked about the old boats out behind Wal-Mart. CEO Larnard stated that it is in violation of the code laws, but it has been slowly being cleaned up.

Water Report for January 2016

Supervisor Harley Connelly stated that his crew is working on maintenance. He is also making headway on plans to keep the mains from freezing should cold temperatures arise.

Sewer Report January 19 - 28, 2016

Supervisor Terry Wilcox stated the Sewer Department will be pulling the Goulds pump tomorrow near the skate park, with help from the Street Department and Montour Falls. If it is not simply plugged and able to be cleaned out, it will have to be sent out for repairs.

Electric Report January 18 - 29, 2016

There were no concerns. The guys are busy stump grinding and doing maintenance.

Superintendent's Projects January 18 - 29, 2016

There were no concerns.

Police Report for January 2016

Chief Struble discussed the Winter Fest that went off well. There has been an uptick in arrests and incidents this past month. The Mayor then asked about the increase in heroine use in our area. The Chief briefed the Board on the concerns that are being addressed, specifically the fact that other drugs that are being cut with the heroine causing overdosing and possible death. Chief Struble had one personnel matter for executive session.

VOTING ITEMS

Freed Maxick Services Proposal

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the Freed Maxick services proposal to review the books and records on a quarterly basis (for five quarters) at a cost of \$850/quarter and to prepare the New York State Annual Update Document at a cost of \$1,800. It will exclude the preparation of the NYPA report. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Anthony Fraboni then made the motion to approve a proposal from SaxBST to prepare the 2105-2016 annual NYPA report at a cost of \$5,100 (option #2). Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Resolution for 2015 Unpaid Taxes

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to approve the following resolution for the 2015 unpaid taxes. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the following is an account of the unpaid taxes as of February 1, 2016 for the 2015-2016 tax year of the Village of Watkins Glen:

PARCEL #	OWNER	Address	Tax Due
64.08-3-16	Bauman, Timmy Sr	207 Bath St.	\$503.96
64.08-3-72	Claire, Patsy L	256 Lee Road	\$585.70
64.08-3-73	Kelly, Nicholas P	County Road 28	\$9.74
64.12-1-17	Redick, Patricia	240 N. Glen Ave.	\$798.68
65.09-1-49	Cornish, Mary Lea	109 N. Jackson St.	\$562.95
65.13-1-1.113	Wojcik, Martin & Padua Ridge	Orchard Ave.	\$9.74
65.13-1-45	Dahl, John S	229 S. Jackson St.	\$1,516.68
65.13-1-47.1	Wojcik, Martin & Padua Ridge	275 Orchard Ave.	\$3,553.76
65.13-1-50	Dahl, John S	S. Jackson St.	\$27.16
65.13-1-67	Peters Estate, Norman	310 S. Glen Ave.	\$993.22
65.13-1-8.113	Turner, Christopher K	104 Lakeview Ave.	\$1,220.97
65.13-3-35	Kenney, Michele	306 Fourth St.	\$765.76
65.13-3-65	Knapp-Cruttenden, Sheila	505 Porter St.	\$889.11
65.13-4-27	Seaman, Kenneth A	105 E. Eighth St.	\$862.53
65.13-4-4.1	Bubb, Keith	327 Madison Ave.	\$830.04
65.13-4-40.2	Strawser-Sonner, Laura	Ninth St.	\$9.74
65.13-4-41	Strawser-Sonner, Laura	807 N. Porter St.	\$1,004.58
65.14-1-25	Blanchard, Jeffrey E	808 Magee St.	\$1,139.36
65.14-1-62	Schubmehl, Jesse C	307 Seventh St.	\$962.65
65.14-2-19	Richardson, James	1004 Porter St.	\$728.51
65.17-1-14	Himes, Lawrence	225 S. Franklin St.	\$995.24
65.17-1-57.1	Bullers Enterprises Inc.	407 State Route 414	\$2,488.18
65.17-2-38	Hopf, Walter R	116 Twelfth St.	\$987.10
65.17-2-65	Soper, Philip H	123 Durland Ave.	\$1,410.37
65.17-2-78	Powell, Catherine J	330 S. Franklin St.	\$1,001.87
65.45-1-2	Clark, Sally S	104 Madison Ave.	\$581.23
65.45-1-5	Wildflower 301 LLC	N. Franklin St.	\$297.72
65.45-1-6	Wildflower 301 LLC	110 Madison Ave.	\$826.56
65.45-1-8	Wildflower 301 LLC	109 N. Franklin St.	\$2,165.24
65.45-1-10	Wildflower 301 LLC	111 N. Franklin St.	\$2,313.63
65.53-1-18	Kinner, Leighton C Jr	307 N. Franklin St.	\$943.71
65.53-1-22	Wildflower 301 LLC	301 N. Franklin St.	\$1,920.90

65.53-1-23	Wildflower 301 LLC	223 N. Franklin St.	\$1,659.07
65.53-1-33	301 Franklin Street Café	205-207 N. Franklin St.	\$1,381.61
65.53-1-42	O'Shaughnessy, Louise	300 N. Franklin St.	\$1,964.54
65.53-1-60	Pesco, Edward	305 S. Madison Ave.	\$543.89
65.54-2-1	Jilson, Michael G	500 Porter St.	\$988.94
65.54-2-8	Gauck, Mary	507 Perry St.	\$760.24
65.55-1-4	Welshans, Drusilla M	305 Sixth St.	\$1,799.45
65.62-1-1	Soper, Philip H	601-605 Franklin St.	\$4,058.99
65.62-1-2	Soper, Philip H	605 N. Franklin St.	\$1,100.61
65.62-1-3	Soper, Philip H	Madison Ave.	\$777.66
65.62-1-8	Poteat, Mary M	105 W. Eighth St.	\$873.68
65.62-1-9	Poteat, Mary M	715 Franklin St.	\$1,851.11
65.62-1-12	Dugo, Susann L	112 Eighth St.	\$1,074.38
65.63-1-12	Giasi, Michael	904 Perry St.	\$769.82
65.63-1-22	Benedict, Steve	402 Tenth St.	\$844.64
76.05-1-8.113	Gregory, Helen	108 Willow Dr.	\$1,630.05

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board having compared this account of unpaid taxes with the original tax roll and found it to be correct, we hereby certify there is a grand total of \$54,985.27 in back taxes due on the 2015-2016 warrant and hereby authorize the Village Clerk to advertise said properties for sale.

Special Events Requests

Seneca Swim - August 20, 2016 at Clute Park

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the Seneca Swim event request provided proper insurance is submitted and the Fire Department signs off on said event. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Italian American Festival - August 12, 13 & 14, 2016 at Clute Park

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to approve the Italian American Festival for 2016 provided proper insurance is submitted and the Fire Department signs off on said event. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board briefly discussed the concerns with the event being scheduled the same day as the Tour de Cure event, but Chief Struble stated that he has spoken with both parties and feels it will not be an issue. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Girl Scouts - various meetings at WGFD

Trustee DeNardo stated that she spoke with the Fire Department about needing to have a contact name and number listed on their application forms. Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the meetings, cookie drop off and cookie sales collections for February 2, 23 & 24, 2016 and March 5, 8 & 22, 2016. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Cemetery Markers

Superintendent Don Perry stated that he had priced out the markers, per instruction from the Board. The price per marker would be \$15-\$20. Trustee Anthony Fraboni stated that Mr. Hartney has already purchased the markers, but he would like the Village to install them. Superintendent Perry stated that his crew could install them, should the need arise.

Surplus Equipment Requests

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to declare surplus the 2013 Ferris IS600z zero turn mower with a 44" deck, the 2013 Ferris IS2100z zero turn mower with a 61" deck, a Clarke Encore L2426 auto scrubber with two battery chargers and leftover Certain Teed cedar shake style siding from the park office. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Resolution Approving Election Inspectors

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following resolution approving election inspectors. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREFORE, Election inspectors who are trained on the voting machines are needed to work at the upcoming Village Election on March 15, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen, New York hereby approve the Village Clerk's recommendation and do hereby appoint Judith Caruso, Vera Franzese, Helen Marie Balthasar and Mary Bond as election inspectors for the March 15, 2016 Village Election.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

Village Clerk Donna Beardsley reminded the Board of the upcoming Southern Tier Central conference at Corning Community College on Thursday, March 31, 2016.

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to approve Street Superintendent Don Perry to attend the Annual Advocacy Day event in Albany, NY on March 8 – 9, 2016 for the lobbying for Chips funding with the only cost being for the hotel stay. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the audit in the following amounts, with the add-on of Blair Supply. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion.

General	\$	Sewer	\$
Electric	\$	Water	\$
Capital Projects – Project Seneca	\$		

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

BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Don Perry informed the Board that he will be moving forward with his plans to do the curbing on Fifteenth Street this year.

Village Clerk had two personnel items for executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 8:08pm. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion exit executive session and re-enter public session at 8:34pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to hire Jordan Walrath as a part-time patrolman. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to adjourn at 8:35pm. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,
Rhonda E Slater