

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, MARCH 7, 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 Park Manager Michelle Hyde. Absent were Sewer Treatment Plant Supervisor Terry Wilcox, Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever, Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Larnard and Water Supervisor Harley Connelly. There were four other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Paul Deiseroth – Boat Launch

Paul Deiseroth was present to discuss a memo he sent to the Board regarding use of the Watkins Glen public boat launch and parking area for his commercial guided kayaking tour business. His business would include the use of approximately fourteen kayaks during the weekends from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. The Board granted permission for use of the grounds with the payment of the \$250 annual vending fee, plus \$175 for the season for a boat slip. There would be no reduction in parking fees for customers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for February 22, 2016

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on February 22, 2016. 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 Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Parks Report February 19 - March 4, 2016

Park Manager Michelle Hyde stated that the pedestal repair will be a quick fix. The Village is currently working on repairing the water infiltration in the sewer line at the park. Mayor Samuel Schimizzi asked for the Parks Department to address a sink hole where the drain was installed several years ago. Superintendent Don Perry stated that he will look into having some fill put in. Trustee Laurie DeNardo asked about the parking lot on the east end of Clute Park. Discussion followed. The Board then discussed the Lakeside restrooms. Park Manager Michelle Hyde stated that she is scoping out the cost to replace the current structure with a prefab one. Mayor Samuel Schimizzi stated that she may want to check with SCOPED to see if there are any grant funds available to help with such projects that help beautify our parks.

Street Report February 22 - March 3, 2016

Superintendent Don Perry stated that the Street Department has started working on the storm sewer work that needs to be done. Mayor Samuel Schimizzi then brought up the turn signal requests for Franklin Street and Fourth Street. Discussion followed regarding petitioning the State to make such changes. The Board then discussed the new changes for the NYS Parks entranceway on Franklin Street and the expected increase in pedestrian crossing once the new plans are finalized.

Codes Report February 22 - March 3, 2016

There were no concerns.

Water Report February 17 - 29, 2016

Water Supervisor Harley Connelly has been busy preparing the annual water quality report. Upon its completion, copies will be mailed to our residents with their utility bills and will be posted on our web page. Superintendent Mark Specchio also stated that they are busy installing a testing station for the Town of Dix.

Sewer Report February 21 - March 3, 2016

The Sewer Department is busy helping the Parks Department with their infiltration matters. There is a JPC meeting on Wednesday in Montour Falls.

Electric Report February 22 - March 4, 2016

The Electric Department has been busy working on streetlights, as well as tree trimming on the railroad line that goes into Cargill.

[Superintendent's Projects February 22 - March 4, 2016](#)

Superintendent Mark Specchio met with the NYSDOT last week regarding a fire hydrant that has been repeatedly run over by tractor trailers down on Fairgrounds Lane. They also discussed the creeks that need to be dredged at that end of town as they are overflowing during rain events.

[Police Report February 2016](#)

Police Chief Struble gave a brief update on his conference in Albany. He stated that liability was a big topic of discussion, as well as budgets and trainings.

VOTING ITEMS

[Community Center Use Request](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the following increases to the rental fees for the use of the Lakeside Pavilion and the Community Center. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

	Current Rate	New Rate
Pavilion:		
Full Pavilion Fee	\$125	\$150
Half Pavilion Fee	\$100	\$125
Security Deposit	\$75	\$75
Community Center:		
Full Fee	\$450	\$450
Not-for-profit all day	\$200	\$250
Not-for-profit up to 4 hours	\$125	\$150
Not-for-profit up to 2 hours	\$60	\$60
Community Classes	\$20	\$35
Security Deposit	\$250	\$250

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve a request from Marla Doan to utilize the Community Center for a dance fit class on Thursday nights. The fee would be \$35. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Sewer Credit Requests \(2\)](#)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve a two unit, \$9.18 sewer credit for Thomas VanAmburg for a broken pipe due to freezing for his residence at 701 N Perry Street and a 15,650 gallon credit, \$145.23 sewer credit to the Town of Dix on behalf of Mr. Condon of 3370 Wedgewood Road for water leaks. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Trustee Anthony Fraboni, Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Trustee Gary Schmidt

Nays: None

Abstains: Trustee Kevin Thornton Motion Carried.

[Special Event Requests \(2\)](#)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the special events requests for the Cardboard Boat Regatta that will be held on June 17 & 18 at the Seneca Harbor Park and Pier and the Seneca Lake Wine & Food Event to be held on May 21, 2016 at Clute Park. Discussion followed regarding the fact that the Fire Department has not signed off on either event. Trustee Anthony Fraboni amended his initial motion to approve the events pending insurance submittal and Fire Department approval. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the amended motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Electric Department Employees Association Contract](#)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni 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 Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Policemen Association Memorandum of Agreement](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the MOA to increase the health reimbursement account by \$400 per employee. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. Clerk Donna Beardsley commented that she has been pushing the attorneys involved for a full contract that incorporates all the small MOAs into one single document. This is necessary for future negotiations. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Movies in the Park Fundraising Request](#)

Clerk Donna Beardsley asked Village Attorney David Ealy, who was in the audience, for his legal advice on allowing various sponsors of the *Movies in the Park* to fundraise for different not-for-profit groups. Attorney David Ealy stated that it should not be an issue. It was stated, however, that permits would need to be obtained if they were going to do bingo or games of chance.

Use of Firehouse Request

Trustee Fraboni made the motion to approve a request from Regina Simpson and Shawn Gilbert to host a wedding reception at the Watkins Glen firehouse. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. Clerk Donna Beardsley reminded the Board that legal counsel has advised that use of Village buildings must be open to all public or closed to the public. Discussion followed. The Board then voted on the motion to approve. All were opposed. Motion Failed.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

MEUA Semi-Annual Meeting

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion for Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever and one Lineman to attend the MEAU semi-annual meeting in East Syracuse, NY on April 27-28, 2016 at a cost of \$110/person and to approve the following resolution designating Supervisor Minard LaFever as the Village Delegate for said event. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, The Village of Watkins Glen is a municipal member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State; and

WHEREAS, The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State has been called on April 27-28, 2016 to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, East Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the bylaws of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen hereby designates Minard LaFever as the accredited delegate of the Village of Watkins Glen, New York.

Southern Tier Regional Leadership Conference

Mayor Samuel Schimizzi and Trustees Kevin Thornton and Laurie DeNardo will be attending the Southern Tier Regional Leadership Conference in Corning, NY.

Finger Lakes Water Works Training

Trustee Fraboni made the motion for Superintendent Mark Specchio, Water Supervisor Harley Connelly, Water Treatment Plant Mechanic Martin Pierce and Maintenance Mechanic Stanley Swarhout to attend the Finger Lakes Water Works Training at the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel on April 7, 2016 at a cost of \$25.00/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 Kevin Thornton made the motion to approve the audit with the add-ons in the following amounts. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion.

General	\$31,587.74	Sewer	\$8,570.31
Electric	\$33,155.87	Water	\$3,716.05
Capital Projects – Kayak Launch	\$10,229.85		

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

BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Anthony Fraboni acknowledged the passing of Rose Ciccone, who was a prior Board member and coordinator of the Concerts in the Park for many years. Michael Ciccone, her son who was in the audience, asked the Village Board for permission to place a plaque in park in her honor. The Board was in favor and requested that he come back when he has a conceptual idea of what the plaque would look like and where they would like it placed.

Clerk Donna Beardsley informed the Board that the Chairman of Planning Board will not continue after his term expires on March 31, 2016. The Board will need to appoint a new person for the Planning Board. Clerk Donna Beardsley recommended reaching out to the current liaison person.

A budget workshop was scheduled for the hour prior to the next regular Board meeting.

The public was reminded that Village elections will be held March 15, 2016 from noon – 9pm at the Community Center for two Trustee positions.

Lastly, Clerk Donna Beardsley had one contractual item for executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 8:13pm. Trustee Gary Schmidt 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 Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater