

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present were Mayor Samuel Schimizzi, Trustee Gary Schmidt, Trustee Anthony Fraboni, Trustee Kevin Thornton, Trustee Laura DeNardo, Superintendent of Public Works Mark Specchio, Superintendent of Streets, Parks and Cemeteries Don Perry, Police Chief Thomas Struble, Clerk/Treasurer Donna Beardsley and Senior Account Clerk/Typist Rhonda Slater. Also present were Park Manager Michelle Hyde and Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Larnard. Absent were Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever and Water Supervisor Harley Connelly. There were approximately twenty-six others in attendance.

**PUBLIC BE HEARD**

**Southern Tier Tobacco Awareness Coalition - Teresa Matterazzo**

Teresa Matterazzo, a coordinator with the Southern Tier Tobacco Awareness Coalition addressed the Board about the different initiatives that they are striving for. She then provided them with an informational packet and stated that there would be a community event next month in Corning, NY.

**Solar Schuyler - Sam Maggio**

**Solar Schuyler FAQ Document**

**Solar Schuyler Media Release**

Mr. Maggio stated that Solar Schuyler is a volunteer-based organization with a mission of public outreach and education on solar power and the grants and rebates available for those interested in such projects. Mr. Peck informed the Board that there will be public informational meetings for Solar Seneca on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Montour Falls and Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Reading Town Hall.

**Watkins Glen Promotions - Annual Grand Prix Festival**

**Request Letter**

An informational letter was provided to the Board.

**Project Seneca**

The Board then opened up the floor for the public to express their opinions regarding Project Seneca. Michael Hartney, Joe Campbell, Nicholas Dugo and John Bond expressed their desire for the Village to continue to move forward with this project. Trustee Fraboni then read three letters from Nick Paradiso, Jo Pat Wright and Mark Franzese who also are in favor of Project Seneca. Trustee Laura DeNardo explained that the Board is not against said project, but has needed time to digest the vast amount of information that has been given to them regarding Project Seneca. She then made the motion to continue to move forward with the Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

James Spena asked about some repairs that need to be done on Fifth Street. Superintendent Specchio responded that the repairs are on the agenda to be done, but it will be a little while before the repairs will be done.

Michael Hartney requested that the Village do plantings at Lakeview Cemetery to improve the aesthetics of the cemetery.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes for April 20, 2015**

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on April 20, 2015. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Department Reports**

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to approve the department 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 Department Report April 20 - May 1, 2015](#)

The Board requested that Park Manager Hyde continue to take care of the flowers on Franklin Street, per a request from the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Schimizzi commented that the ball field looks nice. Park Manager Hyde stated that a private group maintains the field. She then reminded the Board that the park opens Friday. They then briefly discussed issues with the grease traps at the Community Center.

[Street Department Report April 17 - 29, 2015](#)

Superintendent Perry stated that his department has been patching in water main breaks. Mayor Schimizzi asked about the backhoe. Superintendent Perry replied that it is headed to the auction. He then informed them the remaining one is now in need of repairs. He has contacted the Village of Montour and the Village can borrow one from them if needed.

[Electric Department Report April 20 - May 1, 2015](#)

There were no concerns.

[Building & Codes Report April 20 - May 1, 2015](#)

CEO Larnard briefly discussed the fact that sparkler sales are now legal in Schuyler County. He has had two inquiries so far with one vendor requesting to set up in the old Pudgies lot during the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and another wanting to set up in the Wal-Mart parking lot. The Board then briefly discussed a sewer complaint from EC Cooper at may be due to Jerlandos. The matter is being reviewed. Lastly, Trustee Laura DeNardo requested that CEO Larnard look into a sewer issue at the Village Marina.

[Sewer Department Report April 17 - 30, 2015](#)

Superintendent Specchio informed the Board that the plant has now been in compliance for eleven months.

[Water Department Report April 16 - 29, 2015](#)

The Water Department has been cleaning up from the winter water main breaks, planting grass seed where needed.

[Superintendent's Projects April 20 - May 1, 2015](#)

The Board requested that Superintendent Specchio ask the NYSDOT about turning arrows at various intersections on Franklin Street, similar to the ones at the Wal-Mart/Cargill intersection. Superintendent Specchio stated that the matter has been discussed with NYSDOT in the past to no avail, but that he will try again.

[Fifteenth St Curbing Request](#)

The Board was in favor of allowing Superintendent Perry to go out to bid for curbing for Fifteenth Street.

[Pool Filling Sewer Credit Request](#)

Trustee Laura DeNardo made the motion to approve a twenty-one unit sewer credit for Steven Decker for filling his pool. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Seasonal Hire Request](#)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to hire Sheila Cruttenden as a seasonal laborer for the 2015 season. She would begin on May 6<sup>th</sup> at a rate of \$10/hr. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[CONFERENCE REQUESTS](#)

There were no conference requests.

[AUDIT](#)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the audit in the following amounts. Trustee Laura DeNardo seconded the motion.

General	\$15,167.93	Sewer	\$16,069.88
Electric	\$28,226.96	Water	\$11,834.54

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

## VOTING ITEMS

### Special Event Application - Seneca Lake Wine & Food Event

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the Seneca Lake Wine & Food Event to be held at Clute Park on May 30-31, 2015. Trustee Laura DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

### Special Event Application - Schuyler County Italian American Festival

Trustee Laura DeNardo made the motion to approve the Annual Schuyler County Italian American Festival to be held at Clute Park from July 31, 2015 to August 2, 2015. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

### Clute Park Improvement Request

#### Improvement Request with Photos

Trustee Laura DeNardo made the motion to approve the proposed Clute Park conceptual waterfront walkway and kayak/canoe launch that would connect tank beach with Lakeside Park. A \$500,000 grant has been awarded to the Village for this project. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

### Mayoral Appointments

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to approve the following updates to the Mayoral appointments. Trustee Laura DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board commented that the Village is still in need of ZBA members. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

#### Mayor Samuel Schimizzi made the following Liaison and Working Assignments:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>MEETING FREQUENCY</u>
Teamster Employee Negotiates	Trustee DeNardo & Trustee Thornton	
Police Employee Negotiations	Trustee DeNardo & Trustee Thornton	
Electric Employee Negotiations	Trustee DeNardo & Trustee Schmidt	
Equipment Maintenance	Trustee Fraboni & Trustee Schmidt	
Fire Department	Trustee Schmidt & Trustee DeNardo	
SCOPED	Trustee Thornton & Trustee Fraboni	1st Wed Month 7AM
Landfill Commission	Trustee Fraboni	
Streets	Trustee Fraboni & Trustee DeNardo	
Utilities	Trustee Thornton & Trustee DeNardo	
Village Planning Board Liason	Jenna Tormey	3rd Wed Month 7PM
Village Master Plan Liason	Trustee DeNardo	
Watkins Glen Youth Center, Inc (Royce-Haight Trusts)	Trustee Fraboni & Trustee Schmidt	Every 3 months
Watkins Glen Promotions Rep.	Trustee Thornton	1st Wed Month 5PM
WG Downtown Partnership	Trustee Fraboni	3rd Thurs Month 10AM
Parks	Trustee Schmidt & Trustee DeNardo	
County Planning Board	Jenna Tormey	2nd Thurs Month 7PM
Catherine Valley Trail	Mayor Schimizzi	Every other month Noon
Solid Waste Task Force	Trustee Fraboni & Trustee Thornton	
Insurance Liason	Clerk Beardsley & Trustee DeNardo	

## BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

The Board requested that a Fire Department recruitment letter be placed in with the utility bills for the month of June. They then discussed a request from the Chamber of Commerce for the Village to donate funds for the Fourth of July fireworks. The request was denied because Municipalities are not permitted to donate funds. The Board then discussed the Granicus program which broadcasts the Village Board meetings. The program costs between \$9,000-\$10,000 annually. The Board will be looking for public input on whether to keep this software. Superintendent Specchio reminded the public that Dumpster Day is May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8am to noon. There will be no shredder truck this year. The Board then discussed a letter regarding lamprey eel spraying in the canal. Lastly, the Board discussed a tree removal request. At this time, the Village is not in possession of a bucket truck to remove large trees.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed)

Trustee Laura DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session for one contractual matter at 8:27pm. 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 Kevin Thornton made the motion to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. Trustee Laura DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater