

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present were Mayor Samuel Schimizzi, Trustee Anthony Fraboni, Trustee Gary Schmidt, 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. Absent were Park Manager Michelle Hyde, Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever, Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Larnard and Water Supervisor Harley Connelly. There were four others in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING 2015-2016 BUDGET

The public hearing was opened at 7:02pm. Clerk Beardsley stated that there was no tax rate increase. The rate will remain at \$7.80 per thousand.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Martha Hornby was present to request the removal of the silver maple tree in front of her property. Superintendent Specchio stated that the Electric Department looked at the tree and did not find any reason to remove it. He stated that the Village can have a tree professional come and assess the tree and give recommendations on what needs to be done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for May 4, 2015

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on May 4, 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 Laura DeNardo made the motion to approve the Department Heads' reports as submitted. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Police Department Report for April 2015

There were no concerns. April was a typical month for the Police Department. The Board did discuss the turning light request for Franklin Street.

Parks Department Report May 1 - 17, 2015

The Board commented that Dumpster Day was successful. Clerk Beardsley discussed a LaFayette Park use request from Darryl Gentz for a concert and vending booth on May 22nd from 3-9pm. The Board stated that the \$75.00 fee that he has paid will be sufficient if all he is selling is CDs. If the booth will be providing other items such as mugs, shirts or hats, an additional vendor fee will need to be paid.

Street Department Report April 30 - May 15, 2015

Superintendent Perry commented that the Street Department replaced pipe under road today in front of Wade's garage. He then commented that the backhoe brought in \$12,500 at auction, although there will be auction fees taken out of those proceeds. Furthermore, the Street Department purchased another backhoe through Federal Surplus at a cost of \$500.00 to use as a backup.

Water Department Report April 30 - May 13, 2015

Superintendent Specchio stated that Rural Water Leak Detection came to the Village to assess our system and found no issues.

Building & Codes Report May 4 - 15, 2015

There were no concerns.

Electric Department Report May 4 - 15, 2015

Superintendent Specchio stated that the Electric Department needs to remove two or three more trees in the Village.

Sewer Department Report May 1 - 14, 2015

Superintendent Specchio stated that a potential job candidate took a tour of the Sewer Treatment Plant. The tour went well and the candidate seemed to be very knowledgeable.

Superintendent's Projects May 1 - 15, 2015

Superintendent Specchio stated that a LED streetlight vendor will be coming tomorrow to discuss possible street lighting for Franklin Street. He would like to replace the current 1000W light fixtures with LED light fixtures that would use one-third the amount of energy as the current fixtures.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

Trustee Laura DeNardo made the motion for Minard LaFever to attend the Central Regional MEUA meeting on June 23, 2015 in Penn Yan, NY at a cost of \$50.00. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the audit, with the add-ons in the following amounts. Trustee Laura DeNardo seconded the motion.

General	\$80,509.27	Sewer	\$18,817.65
Electric	\$5,781.63	Water	\$3,277.10

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

VOTING ITEMS

2015-2016 Budget

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to close the public hearing and approve the proposed 2015-2016 budget at 7:28pm. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to Free Form and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments

Trustee Laura DeNardo made the motion to approve the appointment of Thomas Gossett and Robert Lee to the Zoning Board of Appeals Board. 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

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve a sewer credit request from Jacqueline Meehan for an outdoor pipe break in Nov-Dec 2014 and a frozen pipe leak in Jan-Feb 2015 for 59 units at a cost of \$270.81. Trustee Laura DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to approve the following pool sewer credit requests. Trustee Laura DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Acct #	Name	Readings	# of Units	Credit Requested
E0100.00	Scott Cleveland	24945.0 25033.0	1	\$4.59
G0210.00	David Symes	32660.0 32811.0	2	\$9.18

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve a sewer credit for Patrick and Barbara Franzese for their ongoing broken water line in the amount of twelve units at a cost of \$84.48. The line was repaired 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.

BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Laura DeNardo made the motion for the Teamsters Union members and the Electric Union members to go to summer hours (6am-2:30pm) from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

The request to make the summer hours permanent at the discretion of the Superintendents was denied this year so the new Board can review how the process works and make a better determination.

Superintendent Specchio informed the Board that the Village will be having a tree removed at 303 E Sixth Street because it is interfering with the curb and raising the street.

Clerk Beardsley set a fiscal year end special meeting for May 29, 2015 at 7am. The Board also agreed to go to a once a month summer schedule for Board meetings for the months of June thru September. A special meeting will be called if there is reason to meet more regularly.

Gary Schmidt inquired about speed limit monitoring signs. Chief Struble stated that they used to borrow them from the County, but the County no longer has any. The cost to purchase one is roughly \$5,000. Chief Struble has applied for grants to purchase our own sign, but was turned down.

Superintendent Perry informed the Board that street sweeping will begin the Tuesday after Memorial Day, May 26, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed)

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Laura DeNardo made the motion to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni 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