

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present were Mayor Samuel Schimizzi, Trustee Anthony Fraboni, Trustee Kevin Thornton, Trustee Laurie 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 Trustee Gary Schmidt, Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever and Water Supervisor Harley Connelly. There were ten others in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Martha Hornby was present to discuss her tree issue at 707 N Porter Street. She provided the Board with photos of tree related damages done on Friday, June 12, 2015. The Village is still waiting for the tree specialist to come and assess the tree. The Village will inform her of the findings.

Village residents Judy Richards, resident of 343 Howard Ave, and Kathy Fragola, owner of 342 Summit Ave, were present to thank the Village for the cleanup after the storm, but requested that the Village take actions to ensure that this type of damage does not reoccur in the future. Superintendent Specchio replied that the system just can't handle the rate of rainfall that occurred on Sunday and that there is nothing that can be done when the rain is that heavy. The area experienced rainfall at a rate of 3.5" of water within 1-2hours.

Mary King was present to discuss the erosion along the bank near her septic and leach bed. She also discussed the riprap near the viaduct that has dislodged. Superintendent Specchio informed her that the Village works with the Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District on matters such as these. He stated that the Village will also need to obtain permits to work on the riprap, which will take time.

Edith Davey, Conservation Educator for the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District and the SLAP 5 (Seneca Lake Area Partners in 5 counties), was present to discuss the declining quality of water in Seneca Lake. In an attempt to gain support for various grants and participation in projects to improve lake water, a packet was presented to the Board with an MOU that they would like signed to send a representative from the Village of Watkins Glen Board to their meetings held once every other month. No funding was being requested.

Alex Gibson - Eagle Scout Project

Alex Gibson, of troop 2674, presented the Board with his proposed Eagle Scout project to install a sign and bench in Gifford Park to make people more knowledgeable about its presence. The Board approved his project request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting May 18, 2015

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on May 18, 2015. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes for Special Meeting May 29, 2015

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the minutes for the special Board meeting held on May 29, 2015. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

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

Police Department Report for May 2015

Chief Struble informed the Board of the major arrest made last Friday, a counterfeit money ring case that will be prosecuted federally was solved with the help of the Horseheads Police Department, a shoplifting ring case that was solved and the heroine problems that they are working on this month.

Parks Department Report May 18 - June 12, 2015

Park Manager Hyde informed the Board that the lamprey treatment has been postponed until fall because of the recent storm event. She also stated that the beach will be closed for a time because of the rain and flooding. The Board briefly discussed the water main break at Clute Park.

Street Department Report May 18 - June 12, 2015

Superintendent Perry stated that they are still working on cleanup from the storm damage. He further stated that the Village of Watkins Glen will be getting the sweeper back from Montour tomorrow and may start sweeping again tomorrow. The Mayor showered accolades on all the departments that worked together during the state of emergency Sunday evening, from the Street Department to the Fire Department and everyone else that showed up to help. Superintendent Perry thanked the Mayor for being on site as well.

Electric Department Report May 18 - June 12, 2015

There were no concerns.

Building & Codes Report May 18 - June 12, 2015

CEO Larnard informed the Board that his permit load is double this year compared to this time last year. He stated he has been busy because of the storm as well, specifically with the damaged property on North Glen.

Sewer Department Report May 15 - June 11, 2015

Superintendent Specchio commented that the Sewer Department activated the wet weather plan during the storm event. The plant moved a lot of water and had to run the Godwin pump. The water has since slowed way down, but is still higher than normal.

Superintendent's Projects May 18 - June 1, 2015

Superintendent Specchio stated that he has been busy with Project Seneca and the collection rehab project. There is a meeting Wednesday with the engineer to go over the final design. The Village should be ready to go to bid later this summer.

VOTING ITEMS

Declare Surplus - Eight (8) foot truck cap for a Ford pickup

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to declare the eight foot truck cap for a Ford pickup surplus. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Park Hires

Park Coordinator

2015 Lifeguards

Summer Recreation Sub and Two Part-Time Lifeguards

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to approve the following park hires. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Park Coordinator: (full time position)		Lifeguards:		
Diane Carl		Kalea Jones		\$12/hr
		Lucas Wickham		\$12/hr
Summer Recreation Sub:		Victoria Wixson		\$12/hr
Taylor Kennard	\$10/hr	Courtney Neumire		\$12/hr
Lifeguard Co-Directors:		Part-Time Lifeguards:		
Haleigh Wixson	\$15/hr	Maria Clara Chedzoy		\$11/hr
Jordan Little (1 st yr directing)	\$13/hr	Sonja Pruitt		\$11/hr

Pool Credits

Credit Requests

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following pool sewer credits. Trustee Kevin Thornton 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
D0610	Douglas Chamberlain	8415.0 9238.0	11	\$50.49
E0610	Robert Phenes	35177.0 35586.0	5	\$22.95
E0130	Ed Augustine	33076.0 33174.0	1	\$4.59

		Pool Size	# of Units		
G0530	Kyle Chedzoy	18' x 42"	8	\$36.72	
Readings					
		12 mo Ave	Current	# of Units	
D1840	Wayne Weber	4	8	4	\$18.36
				29	\$133.11

Amendment #4 - Agreement between Village of Watkins Glen, Village of Montour Falls and Barton & Loguidice
Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve amendment #4 to the Agreement between the Village of Watkins Glen, the Village of Montour Falls and Barton & Loguidice. The amendment addresses verbiage corrections. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Tioga Downs Support Resolution #2
Resolution

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the following resolution in support of Tioga Downs. Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS: In November 2013, New York State voters approved a constitutional amendment to allow casino gaming in the State; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County voters showed overwhelming support of said constitutional amendment with 69.2% of voters in favor; and

WHEREAS: Tioga Downs has already proven to be a valued community partner by way of job creation, capital investment and revenue generated; and

WHEREAS: Tioga Downs' owner has also shown experience in the gaming industry, not only at the existing facility in Tioga County but also in other facilities across New York State; and

WHEREAS: Tioga Downs has made substantial improvements to their already existing facility located in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: the Tioga Downs existing facility is centrally located within the identified Eastern Southern Tier Region to best serve all residents of the region;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Village of Watkins Glen fully supports Tioga Downs being awarded the Eastern Southern Tier Region Gaming License.

Cardboard Boat Regatta

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the Cardboard Boat Regatta event to be held on June 19-20, 2015 at Seneca Harbor Park. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trane Contracts

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the Community Center contract for \$2603 and the Municipal Building contract for \$5,543. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. Mayor Schimizzi inquired about the heating and cooling issues that the Village is currently experiencing. Clerk Beardsley and Chief Struble stated there are issues with the system as a whole, but that they are happy with the maintenance that is done during the changes in seasons. Clerk Beardsley stated that the Village paid more for maintenance in the past than what it would cost to have the maintenance agreement. Discussion followed. 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, with the add-ons in the following amounts. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion.

General	\$90,249.17	Sewer	\$6,922.84
Electric	\$117,460.94	Water	\$11,842.80

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

BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Thornton brought up the video conferencing system that the Village uses for broadcasting the Board meetings and minutes. The Board members discussed the pros and cons to the Granicus program, with the biggest deterrent being the pricing. The Board asked Clerk Beardsley and Superintendent Specchio to contact Granicus and see what options are available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session for one personnel and one contractual matter at 8:19pm. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit executive session and re-enter public session at 8:56pm. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kevin Thornton then made the motion to approve cutting down the tree located at 707 N Porter Street. Trustee Laurie DeNardo 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 adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm. Trustee Laurie 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