

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Mayor R Mark Swinnerton, Jr. who led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance. Present were Mayor R Mark Swinnerton, Trustee Scott D Gibson, Trustee Paul E Clifford, Trustee Anthony J Fraboni, Superintendent of Utilities Mark L Specchio, Superintendent of Streets, Parks and Cemeteries Donald R Perry, Police Chief Thomas R Struble, Clerk/Treasurer Donna J Beardsley and Senior Account Clerk Typist Rhonda E Slater. Absent were Trustee Kevin J Smith, Park Manager Michelle Hyde, Water Supervisor Harley Connelly, Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever and Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Larnard. There were five others in attendance.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Clerk Beardsley added Banking Resolution as item 8.2.

Trustee Gibson added Replacement of Truck M50 under agenda item 5.8. He also stated that he would give an oral report on behalf of the Fire Department.

Trustee Clifford had one executive session parks personnel matter.

Superintendent Specchio added TCC Contract as item 5.4a, Aerial Bucket Truck as 5.4b and Surplus Shed as item 5.4c.

Trustee Gibson then expressed his concerns about all the additions and asked that the Department Heads make an effort to get things in the agenda ahead of time so the public can come and comment on items if they so desire.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Davey Jones, a candidate for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor position that is currently vacant, was introduced to the Board by Mayor Swinnerton. Mr. Jones is currently employed by Cedarhurst, but is looking to move to the Watkins Glen area.

Bob Decker, owner of Bleachers, was present to request that the Board waive the open container law for the Vintage Race and NASCAR. The Board informed him that the request has already been pre-approved.

Michael Lausell, Schuyler County Legislator for New District III, was present to express his concerns in regards to the lack of an emergency management plan in conjunction with the proposed LPG Storage facility citing specific areas of concern, such as if a train car carrying LPG gas was to derail on the bridge over the State Park gorge. At this time, there is no formal emergency plan to deal with such an occurrence should one arise.

David Hobbs, a winery owner in Hector, came to speak out in opposition to the LPG gas storage facility stating that approval of such industry gives the impression that the Village of Watkins Glen is against eco-agriculture and would damage any further chances of growth for the wine industry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting June 23, 2014

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Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on June 23, 2014. Trustee Paul E Clifford seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Parks Department Report

Parks Report June 22 - July 3, 2014

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the Parks Department report. Trustee Paul E Clifford seconded the motion. Trustee Clifford briefly discussed the phone calls being made to boaters/campers regarding potential lapses in coverage. Trustee Fraboni then requested that the Village eradicate the weeds growing in between the decorative brick pathway in the northwestern corner of LaFayette Park and repair a tilting glove fixture. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Street Department Report

Streets Report June 23 - July 3, 2014

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the Street Department report as submitted. Trustee Anthony J Fraboni seconded the motion. Superintendent Perry stated that Twelfth Street is on the schedule to be paved on the Monday or Tuesday of NASCAR week. He then explained that there is water pooling on South Porter Street near the Arnot Health building that needs to be addressed, but he would like his crew to finish the repairs on Third Street up first; a new sink hole has been discovered. The Board then discussed the gas markings on Second Street and the need to replace the storm sewer on said street. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Water Department Report

Water Report June 19 - July 2, 2014

Trustee Paul E Clifford made the motion to approve the Water Department report. Trustee Anthony J Fraboni seconded the motion. Trustee Clifford asked about the beach samples being drawn at Chequaga Falls. Superintendent Specchio explained that the Water Department is trying to determine bacteria sources that are coming into our lake from outside sources. Trustee Clifford then asked about the painting of a water tank. Superintendent Perry explained that it is the water tank purchased through Federal Surplus that is on a trailer, not the Village's main water holding tank. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Electric Department Report

Electric Report June 23 - July 4, 2014

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the Electric Department report as presented. Trustee Paul E Clifford seconded the motion. Trustee Clifford inquired about the regional MEUA meeting. Mayor Swinnerton responded that it went well, with 35-40 persons in attendance. Trustee Gibson then mentioned that the Fire Department has obtained a quote for a generator and asked if it was something the Electric Department staff could wire. Superintendent Specchio replied in the affirmative, stating that a manual transfer switch is already in place. Mayor Swinnerton stressed his desire to have Electric Supervisor LaFever get him involved in the purchasing process and to have his final approval on what is purchased. He stated that Supervisor LaFever may have a better idea of what is really needed should a generator be required. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

TCC Contract

Trustee Paul E Clifford made the motion to approve the TCC agreement contract with NYPA. Trustee Scott D Gibson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Aerial Bucket truck

The Board gave their approval for Superintendent Specchio to go to bid for an aerial bucket truck with an estimated cost of \$220,000 - \$245,000. Superintendent Specchio will submit electronic bid specs to the Board members for approval.

Surplus Shed

Trustee Paul E Clifford made the motion to surplus an Electric Department shed. Trustee Scott D Gibson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Wastewater Department Report

Sewer Report June 23 - July 3, 2014

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the Wastewater Department report as submitted. Trustee Scott D Gibson seconded the motion. Trustee Clifford asked if there were any excursions. Superintendent Specchio stated that the Village went the whole month of June without an excursion. This is the first time in many years. Trustee Clifford then asked about the wet weather plan. He was informed that the plan has been submitted, it is currently undergoing some tweaking per NYSDEC recommendations. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Zoning and Building Department Report

Codes Report June 23 - July 3, 2014

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the Zoning and Building Department report. Trustee Anthony J Fraboni seconded the motion. Trustee Clifford asked for clarification about the meeting with Tony Specchio to discuss the American Legion property that is in need of mowing. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Superintendent's Reports

Superintendent's Projects June 23 - July 4, 2014

WWTP Attack Plan June 23 - July 4, 2014

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the Superintendent's reports as presented. Trustee Scott D Gibson seconded the motion. Trustee Clifford asked about the fire claim for the Shared Services Building. Superintendent responded that the claim has been completed. Superintendent Specchio and Perry explained that the Village still needs to finish the partition wall and shelving. There are also small tools/equipment that still need to be purchased to restock lost inventory. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Gibson had one personnel matter for executive session regarding the work schedule for the sewer treatment plant.

Fire Department Report

There was no Fire Department report submitted. Mayor Swinnerton stressed that the Board is requesting the report to give an explanation of purchases and how the Department is running. Trustee Gibson then gave a verbal update stating that the Fire Department is still pursuing a FEMA grant to help with the purchase of a new tanker. The grant has been approved, for the most part; they are working on finalizing the necessary paperwork. If awarded, the Village's share towards the new tanker would only be \$35000. Trustee Gibson further stated that the Fire Company has purchased trailer to use as mobile control center. The trailer will be turned over to the Village of Watkins Glen, at which point, the Village will have to register and insure said trailer. Lastly, Trustee Gibson discussed the replacement of the Ford F350 4 x 4 (aka M50). The Village Board has already set aside \$25,000 towards this purchase. It was asked if the Fire Department received any local quotes for a replacement vehicle and whether it was state bid pricing. Trustee Gibson texted Fire Chief Judson Smith to solicit the answers. The matter was left open.

Police Department Report

Police Report for June 2014

Trustee Paul E Clifford made the motion to approve the Police Department report. Trustee Anthony J Fraboni seconded the motion. Police Chief Struble commented that the 4th of July fireworks event went well for the Department with the traffic control going off without a hitch. He then informed the Board that Sergeant Decker has begun parking enforcement and bicycle patrols. Chief Struble expressed his thanks for allowing him to hire a new full time patrolman and crossing guard. Trustee Fraboni discussed a Jake Brakes complaint. Chief Struble stated that they have surveyed them in the past and have found that they do not go over the 90 decibel limit. Mayor Swinnerton then asked about the 20 mph signs. He was informed that they have been located. Chief Struble and Superintendent Perry will get together and discuss a plan to erect them. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

There were no conference requests.

AUDIT

General Audit

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the general audit for July 7, 2014 in the following amounts. Trustee Scott D Gibson seconded the motion.

General	\$88,691.84	Water	\$8,398.37
Electric	\$19,222.01	Sewer	\$25,706.33

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

VOTING ITEMS

Proposal to Draft Village Zoning Ordinance Revisions

Zoning Proposal

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the Proposal to Draft Village Zoning Ordinance Revisions as presented to the Board from Hunt Engineers. Trustee Paul E Clifford seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Banking Resolution

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the following banking resolution. Trustee Paul E Clifford seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, funds have been received for the Length of Service Award Program Funds (Safer Grant) for the Village of Watkins Glen Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, a separate bank account is required for the said funds; and

WHEREAS, the full amount of the funds have now been received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees does hereby direct the Village Treasurer to establish a bank account with Community Bank, N.A. specifically for the funds received for the Length of Service Award Program.

BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Specchio requested permission to relocate the pole pile near the ball fields down to Cass Road where the substation is located. Here they could be placed inside a fenced area.

With no response from Fire Chief Smith, Trustee Gibson stated that the Board should forgo the truck purchase request. Clerk Beardsley reminded him that if the vehicle isn't state bid pricing, the Fire Department will need to provide the Village with three quotes before approval can be given.

Clerk Beardsley then brought forth a request from Watkins Glen Promotions for the Village to draft and sign a letter stating that the Village of Watkins Glen is not opposed to Franklin Street being closed from 1pm to 9pm during the Grand Prix Festival. It is a new requirement for the New York State application for use of State highways. The Board was in favor of the Mayor signing the letter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed)

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 8:39pm for two personnel matters. Trustee Anthony J Fraboni 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 Scott D Gibson made the motion to exit executive session and adjourn at 9:03pm. Trustee Paul E Clifford 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