

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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 Kevin J Smith, 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. Also present was Water Supervisor Harley Connelly. Absent were Park Manager Michelle Hyde, Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever and Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Larnard. There were two others in attendance.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Superintendent Specchio added WWTP Personnel to the agenda as item 5.5A. He also had one public works personnel matter for executive session.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Bruce Nelson was present to request electrical service to his property at 102 Magee Point. Superintendent Specchio responded that the issue Mr. Nelson has is that the Finger Lakes Railroad has not provided an overhead or underground electrical line easement to him, nor does the Village have easements from the neighboring properties to allow the lines to access this property. Discussion followed. Mayor Swinnerton requested that Superintendent Specchio contact our attorney and have easements drawn up to rectify this matter.

Proclamation for Unity Day October 22, 2014

Proclamation

Trustee Clifford read the following proclamation declaring October 2014 as national bullying prevention month. Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the following Proclamation for Unity Day October 22, 2014 with the correction to spelling from Como to Cuomo. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology, such as the Internet and cell phones; and

WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

WHEREAS, thousands of New York State children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually; and

WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Governor Andrew Cuomo proclaims October as National Bullying Prevention Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that New York State and the Village of Watkins Glen's schools, students, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations are encouraged to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting September 2, 2014

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for September 2, 2014. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. The vote was as follows:

Yea: Trustee Scott D Gibson, Trustee Anthony J Fraboni, Trustee Kevin J Smith

Nay: None

Abstain: Trustee Paul E Clifford Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Parks Department Report

Parks Report September 1 - 12, 2014

Trustee Kevin J Smith made the motion to approve the Parks Department report. Trustee Paul E Clifford seconded the motion. Trustee Clifford asked if the Village will be setting up rates for the next season. Trustee Fraboni responded that he has reviewed the current rates and made the following proposed price increases:

Type	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
seasonal	\$2150	\$2300
monthly (July/ Aug)	\$1000	\$1200
monthly	\$800	\$1000
weekly	\$300	\$350
daily	\$50	\$60

Trustee Gibson then asked about the contact with Willard to help close up the camp/parks for the season. Superintendent Specchio explained that the inmates were available once in the spring and will be coming again once this fall to help out the Village. He explained that Willard is booked, so they will not be able to help out the Village in the same way as Monterey Shock was able to. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Skate Staff Hires

Skate Staff Request

Trustee Paul E Clifford made the motion to approve the following list of skate hires. Trustee Anthony J Fraboni seconded the motion. Trustee Gibson stated that the special skates will begin on September 27th and the Friday night open skate program is scheduled to begin on September 26th.

Regular Staff:		Subs/Part-time Staff:	
Melanie Wratten- skate manager	\$11.50/hr	Marlene McMinds	\$9.50/hr
Jean Blauvelt – assistant manager	\$10.50/hr	William DeSarno	\$9.50/hr
Leslie Vogel	\$9.50/hr	Chantal Fitzgerald	\$9.50/hr
Amy Vogel	\$9.50/hr	Jason Santobianco	\$9.50/hr
Debra Besley	\$9.50/hr	Michelle Wead	\$9.50/hr
Natasha Evans	\$9.50/hr	Mechel Wead	\$9.50/hr
Sarah Weed	\$9.50/hr		
Debora Fellwock	\$9.50/hr		
Alyce Stratton	\$9.50/hr		

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

Street Department Report

No report was submitted. The Board discussed the water main break last Friday at the intersection of Second Street and South Glen. They also discussed the paving that has been completed and the cleanup after the Grand Prix Festival.

Surplus Tires - Bid Opening

Clerk Beardsley opened three sealed bids for the surplus tires from the Street Department. The bids will be awarded to the highest bidder. The results were as follows:

Rick Rego bid on set B, with a bid of \$140. Albert Austin - bid on set B, with a bid of \$60. Thomas Struble bid on all 9 sets, with a bid of \$2 for set A, \$5 for set B, \$2 for set C, \$5 for set D, \$8 for set E, \$5 for set F, \$8 for set G, \$2 for set H and \$1 for set I.

Salt Spreader Purchase

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the purchase of a new salt spreader at a cost of \$5,087.00. Trustee Paul E Clifford seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Paul E Clifford made the motion to declare surplus the Street Department's currently broken ten year old spreader and sell it at auction. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Water Department Report

Water Report August 28 - September 10, 2014

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the Water Department report as submitted. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Swinnerton then commented that he had received a phone call from John Vandenhurk expressing his appreciation for the help received in rectifying his Riley water situation. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Paul E Clifford made the motion to approve a reimbursement to John Vandenhurk for a plumber's bill totaling \$257.92 and thirty-six units of water and sewer credit worth \$135.00 and \$165.24, respectively. Trustee Scott D Gibson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Electric Department Report

Electric Report September 1 - 12, 2014

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the Electric Department report. Trustee Anthony J Fraboni seconded the motion. Mayor Swinnerton asked if the Village has purchased any shrouds for our lighting. Superintendent Specchio stated that the new fixtures have them included. Trustee Smith then stated he had a contract negotiations item for executive session. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Walker Tree Removal Request

The Board then discussed a tree removal request from Kris Walker, owner of 606 N Perry St, for tree trimming and removal of two maple trees. Superintendent Specchio explained that Electric Supervisor LaFever feels that one is rotten and diseased, but that the other tree could be trimmed and saved. Anything that is not in the electrical lines will be trimmed at the homeowner's expense. The Board gave their approval to trim and remove trees per Supervisor LaFever's recommendations.

Wastewater Department Report

Sewer Report August 29 - September 11, 2014

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the Wastewater Department report as presented. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Swinnerton asked about the new testing procedures provided by Stewart Thomas. Superintendent Specchio responded that the greater the number of samples, the larger the pool to obtain and average from. This should help us in the long run. Mayor Swinnerton stressed that the plant has not had any excursions since May. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WWTP Personnel

Superintendent Specchio requested that the sewer plant employees go back to regular hours now that the plant has not had any excursions in several months. Mayor Swinnerton stated that as long as Stewart Thomas gives his approval, he is in favor of it. Trustee Fraboni added that if there is an exceedance over the weekend, we go back to weekend coverage. Superintendent Specchio will contact Mr. Thomas for approval.

Zoning and Building Department Report

Codes Report September 1 - 12, 2014

Trustee Kevin J Smith made the motion to approve the Zoning and Building Department report as presented. Trustee Paul E Clifford seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Superintendent's Reports

Superintendent's Projects September 1 - 12, 2014

WWTP Report September 1 - 12, 2014

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the Superintendent's reports. Trustee Scott D Gibson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Fire Department Report

The report was sent electronically to board members only and therefore not included in the packet. Trustee Gibson will forward a copy to the clerk's office to be included at the next meeting.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

IEEP Conference

Trustee Kevin J Smith made the motion for Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever to attend the IEEP conference in Syracuse, NY on September 25, 2014 at no cost to the Village. Trustee Paul E Clifford seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the audit for September 15, 2014 in the following amounts. Trustee Anthony J Fraboni seconded the motion.

General	\$129,911.10	Sewer	\$14,024.00
Electric	\$4,299.67	Water	\$3,120.19
Expendable Trust	\$86.29		

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

VOTING ITEMS

Resolution to Surplus Property ROW

Resolution

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the following resolution to surplus property. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Transportation has abandoned to the Village of Watkins Glen a narrow strip of its public highway right-of-way known as State Route 14, up to 25.44 feet in width, all as set forth in Official Order H2577 of the Department of Transportation, a certified copy of which has been filed with the Schuyler County Clerk pursuant to New York Highway Law section 10(32) (the "ROW");

WHEREAS, the premises encumbered by the ROW are physically improved by a brick building historically used for cold storage and are now owned in fee by Watkins Brewery Holdings LLC, and the said owner is in the process of redeveloping the premises;

WHEREAS, the Village has no use for the ROW for highway purposes or for any other purposes and the ROW is surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the Village supports the redevelopment of the premises encumbered by the ROW, which will serve the public interest by the revitalization of core lakefront district and the revitalization of an anchor downtown building, and accordingly the Village wishes to remove the ROW as an encumbrance on the said premises;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the above-described ROW is hereby declared surplus property of the Village, and the Mayor of the Village of Watkins Glen is hereby authorized to quitclaim any and all interest of the Village in the ROW to the developer, Watkins Brewery Holdings LLC, for nominal consideration, provided that the developer shall pay the expense of recording the deed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor of the Village of Watkins Glen is hereby authorized to perform any and all acts incidental to and in furtherance of the accomplishment of the purpose of the foregoing resolution.

BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Fraboni requested a balance sheet of accounts so the Board can see where things stand for this fiscal year. Clerk Beardsley replied that a month end report will be provided to the Board members.

Trustee Smith inquired about the installation of a hydrant at Clute Park. Water Supervisor Connelly explained that it may not be possible to install it where Park Manager Hyde has requested it to go. Superintendent Perry expounded that the Village needs to do some exploratory digging to determine a good location now that the summer park season

is dying down. Trustee Smith then asked about the iconnect program. Clerk Beardsley commented that they must be working on it as she is now getting emails from the system, but it is not fully up and running yet. Then Trustee Smith asked when the work was supposed to begin on Fourth Street. Superintendent Specchio replied that it is scheduled for the end of September.

Trustee Kevin J Smith made the motion to declare the 1986 tanker from the Fire Department surplus. Trustee Scott D Gibson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Perry then gave an update on the storm sewer work on Jackson Street and Monroe Street and on Lakeview Ave.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed)

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 8:12pm. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to exit executive session and re-enter public session at 8:37pm. Trustee Kevin J Smith 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 adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm Trustee Kevin J Smith 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