

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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 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 Trustee Paul E Clifford, Park Manager Michelle Hyde, Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever, Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Larnard. There were two others in attendance.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Clerk Beardsley added an email request for a Thanksgiving Turkey Trot under Public Be Heard. She also had one contractual item for executive session.

Superintendent Perry had one Street Department matter for executive session.

Trustee Gibson had one item for executive session - Police Negotiations. He then added Watkins Glen / Montour Falls Amendment #1 as Voting Item 8.3a, changed Watkins Glen / Montour Falls Amendment #2 to Voting Item 8.3b and added Inter-Municipal Agreement Amendment #1 as Voting Item 8.3c.

Superintendent Specchio had one WWTP matter for executive session.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Thanksgiving Turkey Trot

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot request as submitted by Kathy Notorfonzo provided she discuss any safety concerns with the Police and Fire Departments. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. Police Chief Struble stated there were no foreseen concerns on his end. Mayor Swinnerton stated that he would like Ms. Notorfonzo to fill out the event application for continuity and so any concerns may be addressed. Discussion followed with various questions being raised about the event. Trustee Scott D Gibson amended his motion to approve the event pending the submission of the event application. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the amended motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting October 6, 2014

Minutes

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on October 6, 2014. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Water Department Report

Water Report October 2 - 15, 2014

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the Water Department report as written. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. The Board discussed the water testing/sampling that was done at Clute Park and various areas upstream. Supervisor Harley Connelly stated that the beach area at Clute Park had the healthiest samples. He then commented on the lamprey eel baliscide treatment scheduled for October 22, 2014 in the Glen Creek. Switching topics, Trustee Smith then inquired about the lock replacement for the chlorine room at the Business Park pump station. Supervisor Connelly stated the lock was corroded and was not replaced because of tampering. Trustee Smith then asked about the water configuration at the Franzese property. Supervisor Connelly stated that a configuration map has been drawn and was submitted to Superintendent Specchio. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Wastewater Department Report

Sewer Report October 2 - 16, 2014

Trustee Kevin J Smith made the motion to approve the Wastewater Department report as presented. Trustee Scott D Gibson seconded the motion. Superintendent Specchio stated that the sewer plant is still running smoothly, partially

due to the dry fall season. The Sewer Department has been busy winterizing. Barton & Loguidice, DPC Senior Vice President Ken Knutsen then addressed the Board regarding the sewer plant and the proposed modifications to enhance solid settling. The reconfigurations could cost approximately \$30-\$40,000. It will be up to the Board to determine the cost effectiveness of moving forward with the project. The Board also discussed the proposed work schedule changes. Superintendent Specchio stated that the request must be submitted with the wet weather report along with an explanation of the nature of the request. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

VOTING ITEMS

WWTP / Project Seneca Amendments

Watkins Glen / Montour Falls Amendment #1

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the Watkins Glen/Montour Falls Amendment #1. Trustee Anthony J Fraboni seconded the motion. Barton & Loguidice's Senior Vice President Kenneth Knutsen gave a brief description of the amendment. Trustee Gibson stated that there were no cost changes associated with this amendment. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Watkins Glen / Montour Falls Amendment #2

Agreement Amendment #2

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the attached Watkins Glen/Montour Falls Amendment #2 with a not to exceed limit of \$26,300 with the understanding that the Village will be reimbursed early next year by Project Seneca. It was also stated that \$8,000 of the \$26,300 may be paid by the Village of Montour Falls in accordance to the original agreement of a 70/30 split of all fees associated with the project. Trustee Scott D Gibson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Inter-Municipal Agreement Amendment #1 - JPC

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the attached Inter-Municipal Agreement Amendment #1. Trustee Scott D Gibson seconded the motion. Trustee Gibson stated that the reason for the amendment was to change some verbiage regarding voting members. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORTS - revisited

Parks Department Report

Parks Report October 3 - 16, 2014

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the Parks Department report. Trustee Anthony J Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Street Department Report

Street Report October 1 - 16, 2014

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the Street Department report as written. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Swinnerton asked about leaf pickup. Superintendent Perry stated that his department is doing hit or miss piles now, but he will put out a codeRed when they are ready to do the Village-wide pickups. The Street Department is waiting a little longer until more leaves fall. Superintendent Perry then stated that they will be closing down the stairs on the side hill for the winter as some are in need of repair. Mayor Swinnerton inquired about a permanent tree for Gifford Park. Superintendent Specchio replied that trees planted in this park all seem to die; the Village needs to take some soil samples to determine the cause. He will also speak with a tree specialist to discuss the best time to plant an evergreen tree. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Electric Department Report

Electric Report October 6 - 16, 2014

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the Electric Department report as presented. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Wastewater Department Report - revisited

Sewer Credit Request - Olga Marosy

Trustee Kevin J Smith made the motion to approve a sewer credit request from Olga Marosy in the amount of \$5.65, per submitted readings, for the pressure washing of their building and porches. Trustee Scott D Gibson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. The vote was as follows:

Yea: Mayor R Mark Swinnerton, Trustee Anthony J Fraboni, Trustee Kevin J Smith
Nay: Trustee Scott D Gibson
Abstain: None Motion Carried.

[Zoning and Building Department Report](#)
[Codes Report October 6 - 17, 2014](#)

Trustee Kevin J Smith made the motion to approve the Zoning and Building Department report. Trustee Anthony J Fraboni seconded the motion. Trustee Gibson asked about the phone conversation with Bjorn Eriksen regarding the process for annexation into the Village and his plans for future development. Clerk Beardsley informed him that there are two persons who have come forward requesting annexation information. She has spoken with the Village Attorney regarding the matter. The Board also discussed the possible effects on our water/sewer systems if the properties are annexed in. Trustee Gibson and Superintendent Specchio then discussed Dunkin Donuts stating that Mr. Patel will be submitting modified second entrance plans soon. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Superintendent's Reports](#)

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the Superintendent's reports as submitted. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. The Board discussed the grease problem from a specific Village restaurant. The grease issues the Village is having are with older, established businesses not having the proper placement, type or size of grease traps. Trustee Smith then asked about the dividing wall on Salt Point Road. Superintendent Specchio responded that the work was completed last week. Trustee Smith then stated that the Village needs to address the roof issues over the police locker room. An estimate of \$20,000 was given by Superintendent Specchio for the replacement cost of said roof. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Fire Department Report](#)

[Fire Department Overview for September 2014](#)
[Fire Department Activity Report for September 2014](#)

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the Fire Department report as presented. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[CONFERENCE REQUESTS](#)

[Leadership Schuyler](#)

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion for CEO Gregory Larnard to attend the 2014-2015 Leadership Schuyler Program at a cost of \$350 to be held in Montour Falls, NY. There are ten classes from November 13, 2013 to March 18, 2015. Trustee Anthony J Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[AUDIT](#)

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the audit for October 20, 2014 as submitted in the following amounts. Trustee Scott D Gibson seconded the motion.

General	\$78,322.50	Sewer	\$13,511.36
Electric	\$156,860.30	Water	\$7,350.34

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

[VOTING ITEMS - revisited](#)

[Music/Noise Extension Request - Nick Thayer](#)

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve extending the noise ordinance time from 11pm to midnight on November 1, 2014 for Nickel's Pit BBQ for their end of season event. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Village Christmas Request](#)

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Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to approve the request from Christine Peacock, Chairperson for Watkins Glen Promotions, to host Village Christmas in the Village of Watkins Glen on Friday, December 5, 2014. Trustee

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

Appointment of Housing Authority Board Members

Trustee Anthony J Fraboni made the motion to approve the Mayor's Appointment of Sandy Bartone and John Terry to the Housing Authority Board. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Electric Audit - Bollam, Sheedy, Torani & Co

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to hire Bollam, Sheedy, Torani & Co at a price of \$8,900 to prepare the Electric audit for NYPA. Trustee Kevin J Smith seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

Senior Account Clerk Typist Slater informed Trustee Smith that Harris' iConnect program for online viewing of utility bills has been fixed. Trustee Smith stated that he did receive an e-bill recently.

Trustee Gibson asked for clarification on two Fire Department bills, one that was in the audit and one that was submitted, but not in the audit. Since there was no one present to address their concerns, Trustee Gibson and Trustee Smith will discuss them further with the Fire Department at their meeting on Wednesday. Trustee Gibson did agree to pay the bill submitted in the October 20, 2014 audit.

Trustee Smith reminded the public that leaf bags are available in the Village Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed)

Trustee Scott D Gibson made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 8:17pm for four items as described above. 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 exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. 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