

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Mayor Samuel Schimizzi who led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance. Present were Mayor Samuel Schimizzi, Trustee Anthony J Fraboni, Gary Schmidt, Trustee Kevin Thornton and Trustee Laura DeNardo. Also present were Superintendent of Utilities Mark L Specchio, Clerk Donna J Beardsley, Parks Manager Michelle Hyde, Codes & Buildings Enforcement Officer Greg Larnard, Superintendent of Streets, Parks and Cemeteries Don Perry, WWTP Supervisor Terry Wilcox and Fire Chief Charlie Scaptura. There were also approximately 5 people in the audience.

**PUBLIC BE HEARD:**

Judy Cherry, Executive Director of Scoped was present to request a letter of support from the Village Board to the County to accompany the TAP grant application for funds for the Northern Gateway project in the Village of Watkins Glen. Ms. Cherry provided the Board members with a conceptual drawing of what the Northern Gateway would look like and explained the benefits of the changes if the grant is funded. She noted that Schuyler County will be the lead agent for the project if the grant is funded. After questions from Board members regarding financial obligations and other concerns, Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the Mayor sending a letter of support for this TAP Grant that is being sought by the County providing that the project will not have a negative effect on any of the Village businesses located in that area. Trustee DeNardo seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held October 3, 2016

Trustee Thornton made the motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2016 meeting as presented.

Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:**

Trustee Fraboni made the motion to accept all department head reports as presented. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

**VOTING ITEMS:**

Watkins Glen Promotions – Village Christmas

Trustee DeNardo made the motion to approve the request submitted to hold Village Christmas on Friday, December 2, 2016. Trustee Schmidt seconded the request and all voted in favor. Motion Carried

Hire Skate Staff

Trustee Schmidt made the motion to approve hiring Eric Shay and Elizabeth Honas as additional skate staff members at the wage of \$10 per hour. Trustee DeNardo seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Amendment No. 7 WWTP – Village of Watkins Glen, Village of Montour Falls and Barton & Loguidice

Trustee Fraboni reviewed the amendment and what changes it includes with the Board. Trustee Fraboni then made the motion to approve having the Mayor sign Amendment No. 7 as presented. Trustee DeNardo seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

**CONFERENCE REQUESTS:**

Trustee DeNardo made the motion to approve Dale Heichel's and Tom Ballard's attendance at the MEUA Engineering Workshop at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Syracuse, NY on November 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at the cost of \$80 per person. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

**AUDIT:**

Trustee Fraboni made the motion to accept the audit in the amounts listed below. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Capital Projects:

Project Seneca

\$ 93,412.95

I&I Project:

\$ 5,580.30

General

\$ 47,234.71

Water

\$ 7,193.48

Electric  
\$ 89,401.85

Sewer  
\$23,852.73

**BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Schmidt stated that there was a request for the Girl Scouts to use the Fire Station on October 25<sup>th</sup> for their cookie distribution. The Board had no issues with that request. Trustee Schmidt made the motion to allow the Girl Scouts to use the Fire Station building on October 25<sup>th</sup> for their cookie distribution and Trustee DeNardo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Schmidt also informed the Board that he had been contacted regarding concerns for the safety of the children during trick or treat hours on Decatur Street. He inquired about whether a code red notification is issued on Halloween or what other safety measures are typically taken. There was discussion among those present. Trustee Schmidt stated that he will further discuss the safety concerns with Police Chief Struble.

The need for a meeting with the Housing Authority Board was brought up and the Mayor requested that the Clerk schedule a meeting between the two Boards in the near future.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Trustee DeNardo made the motion to go into executive session at 7:11pm to discuss a personnel matter. Trustee Fraboni seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Thornton made the motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm, Trustee DeNardo seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

DONNA J. BEARDSLEY  
VILLAGE CLERK