

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Samuel Schimizzi who led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance. Present were Mayor Samuel Schimizzi, Trustee Gary Schmidt, Trustee Anthony Fraboni, Trustee Kevin Thornton, Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Superintendent of Streets, Parks and Cemeteries Don Perry, Superintendent of Public Works Mark Specchio, Village Clerk Donna Beardsley and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present was Fire Chief Charlie Scaptura. Absent were Police Chief Thomas Struble, Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever, Sewer Treatment Plant Supervisor Terry Wilcox, Park Manager Michelle Hyde, Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Larnard, and Water Supervisor Harley Connelly. There were five other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Take A Hike Domestic Violence Program Request – Debra MacDonald & Bethany Worrey

Catholic Charities Agency Director Debra MacDonald was present to speak about the upcoming domestic violence awareness event to be held on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the Watkins Glen State Park. October is the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Catholic Charities requested to place purple ribbons on the trees to help spread awareness about this issue. The Board was in favor.

CASH Program Building Use Request – Debra MacDonald

The Board gave permission for Catholic Charities to utilize the Village Board room for their CASH program that offers free tax preparation to low income working families. This would be the third year their program would be located at the Municipal Building.

Concession Stand Use Request 2017 – John Willett

John Willett was not present. The request was tabled to the October 3, 2016 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #4 of 2016 – ZONING UPDATE

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to open the public hearing for Proposed Local Law #4 of 2016 at 6:06pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting August 15, 2016

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on August 15, 2016. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Parks Report August 12 - September 14, 2016, Street Report August 15 - September 16, 2016, Codes Report August 8 - September 19, 2016, Water Report August 2016, Sewer Report August 14 - September 18, 2016, Electric Report August 15 - September 16, 2016, Superintendent's Projects August 13 - September 16, 2016, Police Report August 2016, Fire Report August 2016

Fire Chief Charlie Scaptura gave a verbal report for August. Deputy Fire Chief Robbie DeDominick spoke to the Board on the change in ISO rating for the Watkins Glen Fire Department. The Department will be classified as 2Y for areas outside the Village limits and a class 2 within the Village limits starting December 1, 2016. This is an improvement over the current classifications of 8 outside and 4 inside the Village. The improved ISO rating will benefit businesses when obtaining fire insurance. Charlie Scaptura then spoke about the County Hazard Mitigation Plan and having the Village join Schuyler County in this plan. Superintendent Don Perry stated that Street Department will begin work on the storm sewer down by Carquest this week. He also stated that they did five water tie-overs on S Glen Ave so the old main can be abandoned and sealed the skate park. Trustee Laurie DeNardo then asked about having Partition Street fixed before winter. Superintendent Don Perry then informed the Board that he will be sealing a few streets this fall with oil and stone. Lastly, Superintendent Mark Specchio told the Board that a NYSDEC representative will be visiting the wastewater treatment plant tomorrow. Trustee Gary Schmidt then made the motion to approve the Department Heads' reports as presented. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

VOTING ITEMS

Sewer Credits

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following sewer credit requests for pool fillings and to deny a sewer credit request from Dennis Overbeck for watering his gardens. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board requested that a letter be sent to Dennis Overbeck letting him know that his request has been

denied, but that he is able to purchase a sub-meter to monitor the water being used for gardening which can then be deducted from his sewer usage calculation. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Acct #	Name	Readings		# of Units	Credit Requested
E0050	Gabrielle Moracco	41158.0	41617.0	6	\$31.50
Sewer Credit Requests – Town of Dix					
		Pool Size	# of Units		
T0230	Lotz	9400 gals			95.88

Cargill RR Crossing Resoution

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following Cargill Railroad Crossing Resolution. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the salt plant in the Village of Watkins Glen has been in existence since 1898, Cargill, Incorporated has owned the plant since 1976 and has continued to mine and manufacture salt products; and

WHEREAS, Cargill, Incorporated is a principal employer within the Village of Watkins Glen; and

WHEREAS, the Company is planning for the expansion of its product lines manufactured in the Village of Watkins Glen; and

WHEREAS, such expansion will result in the creation of new jobs and economic activity in the Village of Watkins Glen and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the product line expansion requires the reestablishment and construction of an at grade rail/highway crossing at the junction of NYS Route 414 [milepost 16.90] and trackage that Cargill, Inc. proposes to construct as an extension of an existing industrial siding; and

WHEREAS, approval of the New York State Department of Transportation is required for the reestablishment and construction of the proposed at grade crossing.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the reestablishment and construction of an at grade crossing at the junction of NYS Route 414 in the Village of Watkins Glen [mile post 16.90] and trackage that Cargill, Inc. proposes to construct as an extension of its existing industrial siding is in the public interest, can be accomplished without adverse effect on local traffic patterns, and should be approved by the New York State Department of Transportation.

Amendment #6 – Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the amendment #6 allowing for an increase of \$31,000 to change the designs to correspond with the relocation of the pump station. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. Mayor Schimizzi explained that there would be a greater cost to the design phase, but there should be construction savings recognized on the back end because of the relocation of the pump station. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Park Rate Increases

Camp Rates

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to approve the following increases to the camping rates. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

- Seasonal Camping - \$2300 to \$2325 (\$25 increase)
- Seasonal Cable - \$190 to \$200 (\$10 increase)
- Seasonal Boat Parking - \$175 to \$200 (\$25 increase)
- Seasonal Camper Boat Parking - \$50 to \$60 (\$10 increase)

Skate Rates

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the following increases to the skate rates. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

- Skate Fee Increase - \$5.00 to \$7.00 admission fee for Friday night skates
- Special Skates Increase - \$95.00 for 20 skaters, with each additional skater being \$5.00 to \$100.00 for 15 skaters, with each additional skater being \$7.00

IMA – Cost Sharing of Litigation Expenses – Wal-Mart Real Estate

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following cost sharing IMA resolution. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the Wal-Mart real estate properties have commenced a real property assessment revision in the Supreme Court, Schuyler County, New York; and

WHEREAS, assessment reduction as a result of litigation would adversely affect all real property tax jurisdictions deriving taxes therefrom; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid jurisdictions wish to collaborate in vigorously defending the assignment of value reflected in the assessment for this property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees do hereby authorized the Mayor to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the other taxing jurisdictions involved, the County of Schuyler, the Town of Dix, and the Watkins Glen Central School District, for the purpose of cost savings and common defense to be provided in the first instance jointly by the Office of the County Attorney and the Attorney for the Town of Dix, together with any other necessary documents relating to this matter.

Bond Resolution – Acquisition of Vehicles

The matter was tabled for further discussion.

Water Main Design Proposal

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve a proposal with Hunt Engineers for services pertaining to replace the water main on Erway and Lee Streets with a not to exceed amount of \$5,300. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

LWFRP Resolution

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan Resolution. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen initiated preparation of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program in cooperation with the New York State Department of State, pursuant to Article 42 of the Executive Law; and

WHEREAS, a Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program was prepared in collaboration with and circulated by the Department of State to potentially affected State, federal, and local agencies in accordance with the requirements of Executive Law, Article 42; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees, as lead agency, filed a Negative Declaration - Notice of Determination of Non-Significance on October 14, 2015 for preparation of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (State Environmental Quality Review Act);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Local Waterfront Revitalization Program is hereby adopted, and that the Mayor Sam Schimizzi is authorized to submit the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program to the New York State Secretary of State for approval, pursuant to the Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Areas and Inland Waterways Act.

Local Law #4 of 2016 – Zoning Law

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to close the public hearing on Local Law #4 of 2016 – Zoning Law at 7:20pm. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to adopt Local Law #4 of 2016 – Zoning Law. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to Code Enforcement Officer Greg Larnard to attend the Fire Marshalls and Inspectors Seminar on October 18-21, 2016 in Montour Falls, NY for a cost of \$62.00. Trustee Laurie Denardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion for Minard LaFever to attend the IEEP Annual Meeting on September 22, 2016 at the Embassy Suites East Syracuse at a cost of \$123.00 for a hotel stay. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion for Clerk Donna Beardsley to attend a PERMA conference on September 29, 2016 in Rochester, NY. There is no cost for this conference. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the audit in the following amounts. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion.

General	\$104,751.32	Sewer	\$33,131.73
Electric	\$188,583.39	Water	\$17,744.16
Project Seneca	\$145,133.33	Capital Projects – Sewer I&I	\$20478.51
Capital Projects – Kayak Launch	\$12,341.11		

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

BOARD CONCERNS

Trustee Anthony Fraboni inquired about Trick-or-Treat. It will be held on October 31, 2016 from 6-8pm.

Clerk Donna Beardsley reminded the Board that recycling pick-up is tomorrow. Although Cardinal has had a rough start, the last pick-up went well.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo thanked Fire Chief Scaptura for keeping things quiet at the firehouse. The Fire Chief responded that the fire house is not being used for events until rules and regulations for use can be established.

Superintendent Mark Specchio informed the Board that Water Supervisor Harley Connelly's retirement letter came in today. His last working day will be September 28, 2016. Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to accept Harley Connelly's retirement date as September 30, 2016. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Gary Schmidt then made the motion to create a new civil service title for the Village of Watkins Glen, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Trainee. The Village will advertise for this position immediately. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 7:42pm for Superintendent Mark Specchio's personnel matter and negotiation item and Clerk Donna Beardsley's two personnel concerns and one contractual matter. Trustee Gary Schmidt 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 Laurie DeNardo made the motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater