

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 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, Superintendent of Public Works Mark Specchio, Police Chief Thomas Struble, Village Clerk Donna Beardsley and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present were Sewer Treatment Plant Supervisor Terry Wilcox, Park Manager Michelle Hyde, Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Larnard, and Water Supervisor Harley Connelly. Absent were Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Superintendent of Streets, Parks and Cemeteries Don Perry and Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever. There were fourteen other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Cargill Project – Don Chutes

Cargill representative Don Chutes was present to discuss Cargill's request to reopen the railroad crossing near the westerly Wal-Mart parking lot entrance. The crossing was originally closed in the late 1990's due to inactivity. If this request is approved it would help with the increased need for potassium chloride deliveries and increase productivity. They will be submitting a resolution of support for this project to the Village Board for approval at the next Board meeting.

Live Like Liz Request – Katie Richardson

Katie Richardson was present to request permission to hold their annual event to tie a purple ribbon around our poles for the month of September for ovarian cancer awareness. The Board was in favor of the event. The Mayor signed a letter of support.

Paul Marcellus spoke to the Board regarding his desire to install a scrolling message board for his business on Franklin Street and requested that the Board consider changing the Zoning Law to accommodate such a request. He also shared his rusty water complaint at his home at 246 Lee Road. The Board stated that they would look into it. Mr. Marcellus then spoke on behalf of the Watkins Glen Housing Authority Board regarding the easement request for the installation of a sewer lift station, as well as their plans for the vacant property the Housing Authority owns on Second Street.

Bill Pylypciw shared his concerns that the Village Board needs to look at requirements for new construction stating that the new building at the old Food Locker plant is now higher than the old building and is blocking the views of the lake. Discussion followed. Code Enforcement Officer Greg Larnard stated that the new building is within five feet of the old building's height.

Peter Widynski spoke about his rusty water at 150 Chestnut Drive. It was stated that his dwelling was on the end of a line that is not looped.

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #3 of 2016 – ZONING UPDATE

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #4 of 2016 - LWRP

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to open the public hearing for Proposed Local Law #3 of 2016 at 6:39pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni 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 to open the public hearing for Proposed Local Law #4 of 2016 at 6:39pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

George Mahler was present to discuss his concerns with several issues in the proposed local law. Bonnie Specchio then spoke to the Board regarding typographical errors and one double negative that she found in the proposed law. After much discussion, the Board decided to table the local law to fix the errors.

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to close the public hearing on proposed Local Law – Zoning Update at 7:05pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to table proposed Local Law – Zoning Update. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to close the public hearing on proposed Local Law – Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan at 7:07pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to approve proposed Local Law – Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan. 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 July 18, 2016

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on July 18, 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 July 15 - August 11, 2016, Street Report July 15 - August 11, 2016, Codes Report July 18, 2016 - August 12, 2016, Water Report for July 2016, Sewer Report July 19 - August 12, 2016, Electric Report July 18 - August 12, 2016, Superintendent's Projects July 18 - August 2, 2016, Police Report July 2016

Water Supervisor Harley Connelly was asked about the Riley water issues on the side hill. He stated that approximately 40% of the Village mains need to be replaced because they were installed in the 1940s or earlier. The main issue in this area is the dead end lines. Sewer Treatment Plant Supervisor Terry Wilcox commented that the race weekend went well with no upset at the plant. It took many man hours to prevent issues. The Board briefly discussed the industrial pre-treatment plan that would help with these types of events. Park Manager Michelle Hyde informed the Board that the campground is full for the rest of the summer. Fire Chief Charlie Saptura gave an oral report on the number of calls and responses for the month of July. He stated that NASCAR went well, with 104 fewer calls than last year. Code Enforcement Officer Greg Larnard relayed that his department has started fire inspections. Dean Hillyard and he have completed fifteen inspections and have around fifty left to do. Superintendent Mark Specchio stated that he has been busy with festival preparations and water main breaks. He also informed the Board that the new bucket truck has been received. Police Chief Struble stated that the speed reduction sign came in today. He also discussed the vehicle break-ins on the side hill. Trustee Gary Schmidt then made the motion to approve the Department Heads' reports as presented. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

SCOPED Executive Director Judy Cherry then addressed the Board. Her first item was to introduce their new Economic Development Specialist Michael Whiteman. She also thanked the Village crews for their help cleaning up Franklin Street for the NASCAR weekend. Judy Cherry then presented the Board with a suggested timetable for the Village of Watkins Glen's contribution towards the beautification efforts for IndyCar Race and Vintage Weekend. The timetable included the Village crews help in hanging lights, flags, weeding, sidewalk cleanup and street sweeping. The Board discussed the request, with Clerk Donna Beardsley expressing to the Board that the Village needs to walk a fine line when going on private property. Discussion followed.

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following resolution authorizing an IMA with SCOPED in conjunction with an \$100,000 Streetscapes grant from the State of New York. Trustee Kevin Thornton 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 recognizes the need for streetscape improvements and beautification efforts to enhance our resident's community pride and visitor experience; and

WHEREAS, the Dormitory Authority State of New York (DASNY) grant monies are to be used for capital projects and based on a reimbursable model; and

WHEREAS, the SCOPED Board of Directors has graciously authorized the expenditure of \$100,000 that is to be reimbursed through these grant funds; and

WHEREAS, said funding must flow through the Village of Watkins Glen as the organization who has site control; and

WHEREAS, the Village supports the SCOPED leadership of this project and desires to accept said fund on behalf of the Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development while allowing the Partnership to manage activities delineated in the scope of work associated with this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen acknowledges the receipt of the above grant funds from Dormitory Authority State of New York and authorizes the Mayor to sign both an agreement with the DASNY and an IMA with the Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development for said funding, subject to the approval of the Village Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen in accepting these funds does so with the intent to act solely in an administrative capacity with respect to grant administration and with the understanding that SCOPED will provide the funding and execution of scope of work in compliance with the conditions set forth in the grant award, said funding to be reimbursed through grant proceeds obtained by the Village.

Mayor Schimizzi asked Judy Cherry for her input on the message board issue. Her response was that she felt Watkins Glen should stay true to its small town authenticity.

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 Connie Fern Miller for watering her yard. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Acct #	Name	Readings	# of Units	Credit Requested	
B1200	John Vona	32627.0	32651.0	2	\$10.50
		32671.0	32710.0		
		32921.0	32972.0		

		Pool Size	# of Units	
E0330	Ruth Powers	6,100 gals	8	\$42.00

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		Pool Size	# of Units	
T0300	Murrell	1213 gals		\$12.37
				<hr/> \$64.87

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to deny a request from Louise S Rollins for waiver of late fees. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Jet Ski Event Request

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the East Coast Watercross, LLC event application to host a jet-ski race at Clute Park on August 27-28, 2016. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

There were no conference requests.

AUDIT w/ add-ons

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to approve the audit with the add-ons in the following amounts. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion.

General	\$	Sewer	\$
Electric	\$	Water	\$
Project Seneca	\$	Capital Projects – Sewer	\$
Capital Projects – Parks	\$		

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

BOARD CONCERNS

Trustee Kevin Thornton expressed his desire to keep the 6pm Board meeting schedule moving forward. The other members were in favor. He then inquired about the newspaper article about the summer recreation program. The current grant has expired and there are no funds in the Village budget to run the approximately \$35,000 program. Discussion followed.

Superintendent Mark Specchio had one negotiation issue and one personnel matter for executive session.

Trustee Anthony Fraboni inquired of Judy Cherry who the Village representative will be for the revitalization project(s). She responded that Superintendent Mark Specchio is her point of contact.

Clerk Donna Beardsley had one litigation matter for executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 8:07pm. 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 Anthony Fraboni made the motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting at 9:02pm. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater