

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:01pm 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 Utilities Mark Specchio, Fire Chief Charlie Saptura, Sergeant Steven Decker, Village Clerk Donna Beardsley and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present was Park Manager Michelle Hyde and Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever. There were five other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Eric Hollenbeck was present to discuss the Seneca Film Festival slated for October 20-24, 2017 in and around the Village of Watkins Glen. Part of his plan includes beautification of the business district in the Village. The Board recommended that he attend the CDC meeting on Friday, February 24, 2017 at 8:00am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting January 3, 2017

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on February 6, 2017. 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 February 3 - 17, 2017, Street Report February 3 - 16, 2017, Codes Report February 6-17, 2017, Sewer Report February 6 – 20, 2017, Electric Report February 6 - 17, 2017, Superintendent's Projects February 6 - 17, 2017, Police Report, Fire Report

Trustee Laurie DeNardo then made the motion to approve the Department Heads' reports as presented. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

The Board then gave their support for the Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart and William Smith Colleges to operate a watercraft steward program to prevent the spread of invasive species via recreational boating down at the boat launch area of Clute Park in July/August 2017.

Superintendent Mark Specchio reminded the Board that the bid opening for the Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility would be held on April 25, 2017 at 1:00pm.

VOTING ITEMS

LOSAP Request

The Board will put the LOSAP program up for public vote in the fall/early spring.

Parks and Recreation Grant for Bathhouse Restoration

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to relinquish the Parks and Recreation grant for the bathhouse restoration project. The Village has also been awarded a Department of State grant that would also incorporate this project. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to decline the grant and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Seneca Wine and Food Event

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to approve the Seneca Wine and Food event scheduled for May 20, 2017 at Lakeside Clute Park. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Resolution for Budget Transfers

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the following resolution for unpaid taxes. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer funds within the General accounts in order to balance the budget;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Treasurer be authorized make the following account transfers in order to balance out the 2016-17 budget, with the stipulation that a list of all transfers will be presented to the Board before completion:

		FROM		TO
1	AA.3120.130	3,070.74	AA.3120.100	3,070.74
2	AA.1410.110	2,552.00	AA.1110.100	2,552.00
3	AA.1410.110	475.00	AA.1210.100	475.00
4	AA.1410.110	410.00	AA.1325.100	410.00
5	AA.1410.110	525.00	AA.3620.100	525.00
6	AA.1410.110	2,530.00	AA.8010.100	2,530.00
7	AA.1410.110	550.00	AA.8020.100	550.00
8	AA.1620.100	13,000.00	AA.3120.100	13,000.00
		23,112.74		23,112.74

Sewer Credit Request

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve a sewer credit to Nathan Caplan for a broken heater and burst pipe at 411 S Madison Ave in the amount of \$451.50. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Invoice Cloud Proposal

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion for the Village to switch from the Harris Software iConnect to Harris' Partner Invoice Cloud as an online viewing and payment portal for utility bills and to pay an annual maintenance agreement with Harris for the Invoice Cloud interface program in the amount of \$250.00 annually. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Joint Resolution to Initiate Annexation of Territory

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to approve the joint resolution to initiate annexation. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were opposed. Motion Failed.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

2017 Regional Leadership Conference

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve attendance to the 2017 Regional Leadership Conference at Corning Community College on April 6, 2017 to any employees or board members who desire to attend. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

2017 MEUA Winter Engineering Workshop

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion for Electric Department employees Thomas Ballard and Dale Heichel to attend the 2017 MEUA winter engineering workshop March 15-16, 2017 at the Embassy Suites in East Syracuse, NY at a cost of \$80/person. 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 with the add-ons in the following amounts. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion.

General	\$33,220.04	Sewer	\$5,260.10
Electric	\$147,018.67	Water	\$8,319.13
Capital Projects – Project Seneca	\$68,503.00	Capital Projects – I&I	\$57,558.73

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

BOARD CONCERNS

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion for the Mayor to sign the fire contracts for the Town of Reading and the Town of Dix with no increase for this year. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed the sewer cleanup bill sent to Schuyler County, helping out at the Catholic Charities food bank, the security system for the water plant, the progression of the kayak launch project and the cleaning out of the diversion ditch. Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever discussed the new electric rate add-ons that are being imposed by the Governor. They will need to be implemented in April. He also stated that representatives from NYPA will be coming to the Village to discuss the cost of service study.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo and Clerk Donna Beardsley each had one personnel item for executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 7:10pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to exit executive session and re-enter public session at 8:28pm. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to appoint Ethan Mosher as a full time patrolman effective February 24, 2017. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater