

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017

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 Utilities Mark Specchio, Sergeant Steven Decker, Village Clerk Donna Beardsley and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present were Park Manager Michelle Hyde, Code Enforcement Officer Greg Larnard, Water Plant Mechanic Martin Pierce and Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever. Absent was Superintendent of Streets, Parks and Cemeteries Don Perry. There were nine other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARING – Local Law #2 of 2017 – Tax Cap Override

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to open the public hearing at 6:00pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Louis Perazzini was present to discuss the brick work project at LaFayette Park and the Italian-American Festival beer tent expansion request. Much discussion followed. No decisions were made on the tent expansion.

Marilyn Campbell, President of the Jefferson Village Tenants Association, presented the Board with a signed petition for a projected crosswalk for the corner of Decatur Street and First Street.

Kristin VanHorn requested that the Village be more diligent in ensuring that sidewalks get shoveled in a timely manner. The Board agreed that a codeRed alert could be sent out to remind people to keep their walkways cleared.

Kristin VanHorn also informed the Board that there will be a CDC Cleanup Day on April 22, 2017 starting at 9:00am in an attempt to clean up Franklin Street. She also stated that the committee will be applying for the DRI grant again this year.

Jylle Benson-Gauss was granted permission to hold the annual Farmer's Market at LaFayette Park on Fridays starting on May 26 and ending on October 27, 2017. The Board also granted permission for use of the LaFayette Park pavilion on an as needed basis for the Farmer's Market. Jylle Benson-Gauss will work with Park Manager Michelle Hyde on the use of said pavilion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting March 6, 2017

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on March 6, 2017 with a date change for Dumpster Day from March 13th to May 13, 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 March 3 - 16, 2017; Street Report March 6 - 17, 2017; Codes Report March 6 - 17, 2017; Water Report March 6-17, 2017, Electric Report March 6 -17, 2017; Superintendent's Projects March 6 - 17, 2017; Police Report
Trustee Anthony Fraboni 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

Surplus Item – 2008 Durango

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to declare the 2008 Police Durango surplus and to have it sent to the Palmyra Auction. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to declare the equipment surplus and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Teamsters CBA

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the Teamsters CBA four year contract retro to June 1, 2016. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Special Event Request

Eric Hollenbeck was present to discuss his special event request to close Third Street the first Saturday of every month from 5pm to 10pm starting April 1, 2017 and running for six months. Much discussion followed. The request was tabled.

Local Law #2 of 2017 – Tax Cap Override

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to close the public hearing on Local Law #2 of 2017 at 7:24pm. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to close the hearing and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to approve Local Law #2 of 2017. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

MEUA Semi-Annual Meeting & Resolution

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion for Electric Department Superintendent Minard LaFever to attend the 2017 MEUA Semi-Annual Meeting on April 12-13, 2017 at the Embassy Suites in East Syracuse, NY at a cost of \$110/person and a hotel stay of \$123.00. 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 then made the motion to approve the following resolution designating Minard LaFever as the Village of Watkins Glen Delegate. 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 is a municipal member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State; and

WHEREAS, The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State has been called on April 12-13, 2017 to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, East Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the bylaws of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen hereby designates Minard LaFever as the accredited delegate of the Village of Watkins Glen, New York.

AUDIT

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to approve the audit in the following amounts. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion.

General	\$20,927.55	Sewer	\$1,863.02
Electric	\$97,930.61	Water	\$3,583.72
Capital Projects – Project Seneca	\$14,616.39	Capital Projects – I&I	\$850.00

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

BOARD CONCERNS

Superintendent Specchio discussed the possibility of annexing into the Village of Watkins Glen the parcel of land known as tank beach. This parcel is currently owned by the Village of Watkins Glen, but is situated outside the Village proper, in the Town of Hector. If the Village extends its corporate limit to include this parcel, it would be possible to extend the 30 mile per hour zone to incorporate more of the kayak launch area and create a safer entrance/egress for this area.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo and Sergeant Decker each had one personnel matter for executive session. Clerk Donna Beardsley had one litigation matter and one contractual item for executive session. Harley Connelly requested to discuss a matter with the Village Board during executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 7:36pm. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to exit executive session and re-enter public session at 8:30pm. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to hire Micah Swarthout as a part-time patrolman at a rate of \$17/hr. 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 Gary Schmidt made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm. 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