

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, JUNE 19, 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, Superintendent of Streets, Parks and Cemeteries Don Perry, Village Clerk Donna Beardsley and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Absent were Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Superintendent of Utilities Mark Specchio and Sergeant Steven Decker. Also present was Sewer Treatment Plant Supervisor Terry Wilcox. There were four other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Summer Meals Awareness Day – Susan Larson

After a brief summary of the summer meals program by Susan Larson, Mayor Schimizzi made the following proclamation:

Whereas, The Summer Food Service Program provides free, healthy meals and snacks to kids and teens, 18 years of age and younger throughout the summer; and

Whereas, During the school year, nearly 50% of students qualify for free and reduced price meals through the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs; and

Whereas, Studies show that children require adequate nutrition all year long and the Summer Food Service Program provides a nutritious, no-cost option for families and children struggling with food insecurity during the summer months; and

Whereas, This summer, children in the Village of Watkins Glen and in Schuyler County can participate in the Summer Food Service Program at four sites during the summer; and

Whereas, Through public awareness, the Village of Watkins Glen and Schuyler County seek to educate citizens about the Summer Food Service Program and the availability of free summer meals throughout the state to ensure that all students have access to the nutrition they need in order to return to school in the fall ready to learn,

Now, Therefore, I, Samuel Schimizzi, Mayor of the Village of Watkins Glen do hereby proclaim this date, June 22, 2017 to be SUMMER MEALS AWARENESS DAY and urge all the citizens of the Village of Watkins Glen and Schuyler County to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Sewer Rate Structure – Rick Weakland

Rick Weakland was present to clarify the sewer rate structure that will need to be in place when the new joint wastewater treatment plant comes online in 2019 and provided the Board with data corresponding to the new rate schedules.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting June 5, 2017

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on June 5, 2017. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Parks Report June 4 - 15, 2017, Street Report June 5 - 16, 2017, Water Report June 5 - 18, 2017, Sewer Report June 5 - 18, 2017, Codes Report June 5 - 16, 2017, Superintendent's Projects June 5 - 16, 2017, Fire Report for May 2017

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

VOTING ITEMS

Sewer Rate Increase Resolution

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following resolution to increase sewer rates. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Trustees to increase the sewer user rates as provided in Section 11-A of Local Law Number 8 of the year 2003, for the Village of Watkins Glen, and as set

forth on Schedule A annexed thereto; and

WHEREAS, Local Law Number 8 of 2003, further provides, in Section 11-A, Subsection c, that changes in sewer user rates and rents may be made by resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village, and Section 452(2) of General Municipal Law provides that sewer user rates and rents may be established by resolution of the Board upon five (5) days notice. Said Local Law No. 8 of 2003 was previously amended by Resolution Number 17-01-01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Schedule A of Local Law No. 8 of the Year 2003, be and the same is hereby amended to increase the monthly minimum charges for usage of 0 – 300 cubic feet or 0-2,250 gallons from \$17.50 to \$22.75 and the monthly per cubic foot/gallon charges from \$6.00 per 100 cubic feet over 300 C.F., or \$8.02 per 750 gallons over 2,250 gallons, to \$7.80 per 100 cubic feet, and \$10.43 per 1000 gallons. The sewer rents increase from \$8.25 per month to \$14.50 per month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Schedule A of Local Law No. 8 of the year 2003, is amended as provided herein, is hereby adopted and becomes effective as of July 1, 2017.

SCHEDULE A
(Amended Effective July 1, 2017)

Rates Effective For Meters Reading Cubic Feet:

Sewer User Rates (Section 11-A)

0 - 300 cubic feet minimum charge per month = \$22.75

Over 300 cubic feet per month = \$7.80 per 100 cu. ft.

Sewer rents (section 11-b) each unit = \$14.50 per month

Late payment penalties (section 11-c) one time 10 % computed on the delinquent sewer user rates and sewer rents

Rates Effective For Meters Reading Gallons:

Sewer User Rates (Section 11-A)

0 - 2,250 gallons minimum charge per month = \$22.75

Over 2,250 gallons per month = \$10.43 per 1,000 gallons

Sewer rents (section 11-b) each unit = \$14.50 per month

Late payment penalties (section 11-c) one time 10 % computed on the delinquent sewer user rates and sewer rents

These rates may be from time-to-time amended by resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen.

Park Hires

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to hire the following season persons for the Parks Department. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Jessica Smith – sign language interpreter for summer rec program \$18/hr

Samantha Holleran - summer rec program \$10/hr

Two part-time lifeguards from the following list: Kendra Larson, Kaitlyn Valla, Tyler Carson, Kristin Styles and Jasmine Shay

Town of Dix Sewer Credit Request

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to approve a \$257.08 sewer credit for the Town of Dix on behalf of their customers, the Woodards, for 21,370 gallons due to a broken pipe. Trustee Anthony Fraboni 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

General Audit

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to approve the audit, with the add-ons, in the following amounts. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion.

General	\$73,373.29	Sewer	\$14,777.13
Electric	\$131,111.45	Water	\$12,000.11
Capital Projects – I&I	\$38.82		

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

Project Seneca Payments

Trustee Anthony Fraboni then made the motion to approve Project Seneca payments, per the JPC recommendations, in the amount of \$6,767.50. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

Supervisor Terry Wilcox had one contractual matter for executive session.

Superintendent Mark Specchio entered at 7:00pm. Superintendent Mark Specchio discussed an oversized load request to utilize Clute Park Campground as a turn-around location. A letter of approval from the Village must be sent to the NYSDOT.

A letter of resignation from Treasurer Naomi Kingsley was read by Mayor Samuel Schimizzi. Her date of retirement will be October 30, 2017.

Trustee Anthony Fraboni gave a public statement of appreciation for Superintendent Mark Specchio and Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever for their years of service to the Village of Watkins Glen. Both men are retiring as of June 30, 2017.

Clerk Donna Beardsley had one contractual matter for executive session.

Trustee Anthony Fraboni had one personnel matter for executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 7:13pm. Trustee Kevin Thornton 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 exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm. 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