

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, JULY 17, 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 Anthony Fraboni, Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Trustee Gary Schmidt and Trustee Kevin Thornton, Fire Chief Charlie Scaptura, Sergeant Steven Decker and Village Clerk Donna Beardsley. Also present were Sewer Treatment Plant Supervisor Terry Wilcox and Martin Pierce from the Water Department. There were six other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING

The mayor opened the public hearing on Local Law #3 of 2017 – the Waterfront Revitalization Program Consistency Review Law, repealing Local Law #1 of 2009 and Local Law #3 of 2016.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

John Dahl spoke as to the condition of Pine Street. It is full of potholes and areas that need repaving due to sewer line repair. He also wanted to know who is responsible for the sluice pipe at the end of his driveway. It is plugged and the water overflows and is eroding his driveway. His concerns will be passed along to Don Perry.

Judy Cherry reported that the team that presented to the New York State Regional Economic Development Council did a very good job. In her opinion theirs was the best presentation and Watkins Glen stands a very good chance of winning the 10 Million dollar grant.

Mayor Schimizzi read a letter from Schuyler County Soil and Water commending the Street Department and especially Scott Taylor for work on cleaning up a plugged box culvert.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[Minutes for Regular Meeting held June 19, 2017](#)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on June 19, 2017. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

[Police Report for June 2017](#), [Water Report June 19 to July 16, 2017](#), [Code Enforcement June 19 to July 14, 2017](#), [Street Dept June 19 to July 14, 2017](#), [Parks Dept June 16 to July 13, 2017](#), [Wastewater Report June 20 to July 17, 2017](#).

Fire Chief Charlie Scaptura informed the Board that the fire boat is almost done. The LOSAP company is looking for the contract and down payment.

Sergeant Decker stated that “No Parking” signs come up missing after each major event, maybe the village should implement a usage fee for the festivals.

Water Superintendent Martin Pierce informed the board that the water plant generator is being repaired and he would like the village to enter into a service contract for annual maintenance. He would also like to establish a policy to charge a fee to tap services - \$750.00 for a 3/4” service.

Wastewater Superintendent Terry Wilcox stated that the I & I project is coming to an end, the final meeting will be on the 31st. There are some grant funds left and he would like to purchase a new Jetter and buy all the material to do Porter Street.

Trustee DeNardo made a motion to approve the reports. Trustee Thornton seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Gary Schmidt made the motion to approve the Department Heads’ reports as presented. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

VOTING ITEMS

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following Resolution regarding Workers’ Compensation Claims

RESOLUTION APPROVING SELF-INSURED WORKERS’ COMPENSATION CLAIMS

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen hereby elects, pursuant to Subdivision 3-a of Section 50 of the Workers’ Compensation Law, to become a self-insurer as to Workers’ Compensation claims against this municipality; and

WHEREAS, that pursuant to Section 50 Subdivision 3-a of said Workers’ Compensation Law, notice of such election shall be filed with the Chairman of the Workers’ Compensation Board, Self-Insured Section;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen hereby did approve the foregoing and authorized that it became effective on June 1, 2017.

Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following Resolution regarding the Sewer Rehabilitation Project Budget Modifications.

SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT BUDGET MODIFICATIONS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen has received funding from Rural Development for their Sewer Rehabilitation Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees wishes to adjust project budget items to more accurately reflect final costs and;

WHEREAS, Rural Development requires the Village Board of Trustees to authorize all changes to the Administrative Budget as shown on the Form E;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen authorizes the following Budget modifications for the Project:

Net Interest	Decrease of	\$13,000.00
Lands & Right of Way	Decrease of	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	Decrease of	3,000.00
Clerk of the Works	Increase of	15,000.00

Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Due to some confusion on the contractors part regarding what they were bidding on the construction bids received for the new Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant need to be rejected. The new bids specifications will more accurately define the scope of the work with regards to site preparation. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made a motion to approve the purchase of the Joint WasteWater Treatment Plant site from the NY Power Authority for the cost of \$40,000.00 plus closing costs. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made a motion to approve the following Resolution to Support 2017 Consolidated Funding Application.

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT 2017 CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION

WHEREAS, in 2011 Governor Cuomo created ten Regional Economic Development Councils and the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process to improve New York’s business climate and expand economic growth.

WHEREAS, the CFA has been designed to give economic development applicants expedited and streamlined access to a combined pool of grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Watkins Glen and Montour Falls have entered into an intermunicipal agreement to develop an advanced technology wastewater treatment plant that will also serve residents of the Towns of Dix and Reading; and

WHEREAS, the removal and relocation of the existing wastewater treatment plants from their current waterfront locations is expected to stimulate \$200 million of private investment, which will have sustainable regional economic benefits for years to come; and

WHEREAS, \$2.5 million of grant funding is needed to address a budget gap for this project

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Watkins Glen Board of Trustees support the application for \$2.5 million of funding through the 2017 CFA process and authorizes the Mayor to sign any and all documents relative to said grant.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

None

AUDIT

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the audit and add-ons in the following amounts. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

General	\$182,119.07	Sewer	\$48,524.88
Electric	\$ 42,451.80	Water	\$38,071.53
Project Seneca	\$ 110.76	I & I Project	\$86,754.34
Kayak Launch	\$ 12,420.44		

BOARD CONCERNS

Wastewater Superintendent Terry Wilcox stated that according to the intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Dix, they agreed to pay their fair share of sludge hauling. Bills from last year remain unpaid and he has a bill ready to be sent for this year. Mayor Schimizzi would like to see the agreement and will contact the Town of Dix and talk to their board, in the mean time keep sending the invoice.

A request for sewer credit was received from Patrick Madaffari due to a hot water tank that blew out. Ok to credit.

Mayor Schimizzi introduced those present to the new Superintendent of Public Works – Lee Warren Kent.

Mayor Schimizzi reported that a village resident came to him with a complaint regarding campers parked on the street for extended time periods. According to Local Law #2 of 2012 the parking of recreational vehicles in excess of sixteen (16) feet in length on Village streets for a period in excess of 72 hours is prohibited. He asked that if anyone sees them, please report them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 7:25pm. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee _____ made the motion to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at _____ pm. Trustee _____ seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Naomi C. Kingsley
Village Treasurer