

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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 Streets, Parks and Cemeteries Don Perry, Superintendent of Public Works Mark Specchio, Police Chief Thomas Struble, Clerk/Treasurer Donna Beardsley, Senior Account Clerk/Typist Rhonda Slater. Also present were Sewer Treatment Plant Supervisor Terry Wilcox and Water Supervisor Harley Connelly. Absent were Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever, Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Larnard and Park Manager Michelle Hyde. There were three others in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

There were no public concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting October 19, 2015

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on October 19, 2015. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Trustee Anthony Fraboni 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.

Parks Report

There were no concerns.

Streets Report October 15 – 28, 2015

Superintendent Don Perry stated that the Street crew will be paving the section of Perry Street between 7th Street and 10th Street and Willow Drive next week. The paving area is limited because of gas work that needs to be done next year. The Board then briefly discussed leaf pickup.

Codes Report October 19 - 30, 2015

Superintendent Specchio explained that CEO Gregory Larnard has been busy dealing with the Watkins Brewery Holdings Project paperwork for demolition, which is scheduled to begin next week.

Water Report October 2015

Supervisor Harley Connelly stated that the Town of Reading is finishing up District III water line hookups and that the new water main line is being installed for the Seneca Terrace project on South Jackson St. Mayor Schimizzi then asked whether the Water Department has given any thought to the Franklin Street bridge water line. He would like them to take a proactive stance on preventing the water main from freezing this winter, if possible.

Sewer Report October 17 – November 2, 2015

Supervisor Terry Wilcox notified the Board that the Sewer Department has been smoke testing and BOD testing for the Town of Dix. They have also been doing phosphorous testing.

Electric Report October 19 – 30, 2015

The Village has received and installed two new LED streetlights. They are located near Carquest and the middle of State Park parking lot, across from the start/finish line. The Board members were encouraged to take a look at them and give feedback. Superintendent Specchio stated that the Department has been busy with the tree planting program and working on preparing the seasonal decorations, which they plan to have installed by Village Christmas. Lastly, the Board discussed the planned power outage that has been officially scheduled for November 12, 2015 at 12:01am. The outage is expected to last for four hours.

Superintendent's Report October 19 - 30, 2015

Superintendent Specchio updated the Board on his meeting in Avon with the NYDEC for designs of the new sewer plant.

Police Report for October 2015

No written report was submitted. Police Chief Struble had one personnel item for executive session.

VOTING ITEMS

Special Event – Turkey Trot

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to approve the Turkey Trot event scheduled for Thanksgiving Day starting at 9:00am. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Water Department Budget 2015-2016

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the proposed water budget for 2015-2016. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

A copy of the proposed Local Law #2 of 2015 to increase water rates was presented to the Board. The Local Law public hearing will be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

PBA Contract

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the PBA contract as presented to the Board. A brief explanation was given to the Board by Trustee Fraboni. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion for Chief Thomas Struble to attend a conference in Lake George, NY on November 17-19, 2015 at no cost to the Village. Trustee Kevin Thornton 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 in the following amounts. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion.

General	\$165,066.60	Sewer	\$40,954.45
Electric	\$142,918.64	Water	\$47,492.34

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

BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Kevin Thornton inquired about the Lakeview Assembly Halloween event. He was informed that the event has been held for the last few years. The church pays for use of the pavilion and electricity. They also provide liability insurance to the Village. Clerk Beardsley stated that if the Board would like them to fill out an event application next year, it can be made a requirement.

Superintendent Don Perry stated that a backhoe purchase request will be submitted to the Board for consideration in March 2016.

Clerk Donna Beardsley requested that the Board increase the employee contribution for health insurance by 1% for managerial staff. Chief Thomas Struble expressed his concerns with the new policy and the contribution increase. He requested to meet with the Board to discuss the new health insurance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 7:45pm. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit executive session and re-enter public session 8:03pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to hire James Coleman as a part-time patrolman effective immediately. Trustee Gary Schmidt 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 Laurie DeNardo made the motion to adjourn at 8:05pm. 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