

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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 Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Larnard, Sewer Treatment Plant Supervisor Terry Wilcox and Park Manager Michelle Hyde. Absent were Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever and Water Supervisor Harley Connelly. There were seven others in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law #2 of 2015 Water Usage Rates

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to open the public hearing at 7:02pm. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried. There was no discussion.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Elizabeth Watson was present to thank the Board for use of the Municipal Building to host various wellness classes in January and February 2016.

Louis Perazzini was present to request permission to hold the annual Italian/American Festival on August 12-14, 2016 at Clute Memorial Park. The Board approved the dates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting November 2, 2015

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on November 2, 2015. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Trustee Laurie DeNardo 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.

Parks Report October 28 – November 13, 2015

Park Manager Hyde stated that her Department has been busy helping the Street Department with leaf removal. Once leaf pickup is complete, the Parks Department will be planting approximately thirty trees throughout the various Village parks. Trustee Laurie DeNardo asked about the Eagle Scout Gibson's Gifford Park project. She was informed that he is slowly working on it. Approval of the signs has been given by Code Enforcement and permit paperwork has been distributed, but not returned.

Streets Report October 29 – November 12, 2015

Superintendent Don Perry informed the Board that the proposed paving on Perry Street has been completed and the crews have leveled up Third St, which may get paved next year. They are currently working on leaf pickup and the majority of the project should be completed this week.

Codes Report November 2 - 13, 2015

CEO Greg Larnard gave the Board the following update: the Middle School project should be finished by the beginning of 2016; the Frozen Food Locker project is moving along – the asbestos inspector found more asbestos so they are taking care of that, demolition is expected to begin November 23, 2015 at the north end of the building where there was less asbestos; the Seneca Terrace project will be under construction for approximately one more year, water mains are installed and they are looking to install the sewer lines before the ground freezes. CEO Larnard further stated that he plans on doing fire inspections over the winter months. Trustee Laurie DeNardo inquired about the dumpster down on 8th Street. She was told that the approval of the dumpster enclosure is in the hands of the Planning Board.

Electric Report

There was no report submitted. The Board discussed the power outage and how everything went well. Park Manager Hyde stated that the Electric crew has been busy planting trees and cleaning up leaves and will be installing Christmas decorations next week.

There were no concerns addressed for the following reports:

[Water Report November 1 – 5, 2015](#)

[Sewer Report November 3 - 15, 2015](#)

[Superintendent's Report November 2 - 13, 2015](#)

[Police Report for October 2015](#)

VOTING ITEMS

Local Law #2 of 2015- Water Usage Rates

Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:25pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to close the hearing and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve Local Law #2 of 2015 increasing the water usage rates for the Village of Watkins Glen. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. Mayor Sam Schimizzi called for discussion. Clerk Beardsley informed the public that the rates will go into effect December 1, 2015, with the first billing at the new rates being January 1, 2016. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Sewer Credit Request

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve a twenty-nine unit, \$133.11 sewer credit, to Jamie Johnson for a blown hot water tank and leaking pipes at her residence at 208 S Decatur Street. Trustee Gary Schmidt seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Engineering Services – JPC

Purchase of Two Large Flow Sewage Meters

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve engineering services for the pre-procurement evaluation and comparison of at least four SBR systems for the new WWTP with a not to exceed amount of \$20,000 and the purchase of two large portable sewage flow meters with a not to exceed value of \$9,000. Trustee Laurie DeNardo 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

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the audit in the following amounts, with the add-on of \$26,862.22 for Municipal Solutions. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion.

General	\$24,886.80	Sewer	\$10,706.75
Electric	\$14,801.33	Water	\$2,329.18
Project Seneca	\$44073.67		

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

BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Laurie DeNardo had one contractual item for executive session. She then asked the Board members if they had checked out the new LED light fixtures on Franklin Street. The Board members stated that they liked them. Trustee Gary Schmidt stated that he preferred the one down by Carquest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 7:37pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni 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 exit executive session and adjourn at 8:34pm. 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