

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Mayor Samuel Schimizi who led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance. Present were Mayor Samuel Schimizzi, Trustee Anthony Fraboni, Trustee Kevin Thornton, Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Superintendent of Streets, Parks and Cemeteries Don Perry, Police Chief Thomas Struble, Clerk/Treasurer Donna Beardsley, Senior Account Clerk/Typist Rhonda Slater, Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever, Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Larnard. Absent were Trustee Gary Schmidt, Superintendent of Public Works Mark Specchio, Park Manager Michelle Hyde, Water Supervisor Harley Connelly, Sewer Treatment Plant Supervisor Terry Wilcox. There were eleven others in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Metering Tariff - Lory Peck

Lory Peck was present to discuss net metering for residents that would be desirous of installing solar panels within the Village of Watkins Glen. He provided an example tariff from Jamestown that shows how net metering has been incorporated into their system. Electric Supervisor LaFever explained to him that our electric regulating body, the New York Power Authority, does not allow for net metering at this time, but that they will be moving in that direction in the near future.

Bjorn Erickson - Annexation

Bjorn Erickson was present to discuss his desire to annex his parcel into the Village of Watkins Glen in hopes to have the option to hook up to municipal utilities. Ultimately, he would like to see the vacant property sold to a developer who could turn the property into a small gated community. The Village Attorney, David Ealy, informed him that he needs to submit the necessary annexation request forms to both the Village of Watkins Glen and the Town of Reading to get the process started.

Drum and Bugle Corp Proclamation

Proclamation

The following proclamation was read by Mayor Schimizzi with the approval of the other Board members.

From the 1930's through the 1980's, four Drum & Bugle Corps have proudly represented Watkins Glen and Schuyler County across the United States and Canada. Their performance excellence and competitive success across generations reflected positively on our area. Numerous New York State championships and national titles came home to Schuyler County. Beyond that, the role these drum & bugle corps organizations played in helping to shape our youth into responsible citizens was a true credit to the community that supported them so generously.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen honor that history and hereby recognize the following Drum and Bugle Corps:

The Legion Cadets

The Seneca Chiefs

The Squires

The Pages

The named Drum and Bugle Corps represented the best our community has to offer.

Therefore, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen does hereby recognize the heritage of the said Drum and Bugle Corps and honors them with this Proclamation.

Michael Hartney, a resident at 210 Reading Road, approached the Board to discuss his displeasure with the mowing up at Lakeview Cemetery and the fact that his headstone has been damaged. He also requested that plantings/landscaping be done along the roadside.

Village Christmas Request - Watkins Glen Promotions

Request Letter

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the Village Christmas request from Watkins Glen Promotions to host the annual event on Friday, December 4, 2015 and to erect the Village Christmas tree in Gifford Park.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting August 17, 2015

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on August 17, 2015. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes for Special Meeting August 26, 2015

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the minutes for the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held on August 26, 2015. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. Trustee Kevin Thornton abstained. The Board then voted on the motion to approve. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Samuel Schimizzi, Trustee Anthony Fraboni, Trustee Laurie DeNardo

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Kevin Thornton Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the Department Heads' reports as presented. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Police Report August 2015

The Board briefly discussed the Italian Festival and the Vintage Festivals.

Parks Report August 15 - September 12, 2015

There were no concerns.

Street Report August 10 - September 10, 2015

Superintendent Perry informed the Board that the Street Department will begin street sealing, using oil and stone, on Twelfth Street, Eighth Street, Summit Ave, Bath Street, Glen Ave, Seventh Street and Howard Ave. He will also be going to bid for the curbing on Fifteenth St. This was approved at a previous Board meeting. Trustee Thornton then commented that the curbing needs work along Magee Street as well. Superintendent Perry responded that there are several streets in that area that will need attention when they are able to get to them.

Trustee DeNardo inquired about the trash pickup for the Village trash cans. Superintendent Perry stated that his crew does pickups on Tuesday mornings. During the summer, they do trash pickups twice a week.

Mayor Schimizzi commented that he had been contacted by Keith Caslin regarding a sewer issue at his residence on Clarence Street. Clerk Beardsley replied that she will have someone go check it out first thing in the morning.

Codes Report August 17 - September 18, 2015

There were no concerns.

Water Report August 13 - September 16, 2015

There were no concerns.

Sewer Report August 17 - September 17, 2015

There were no concerns.

Superintendent's Projects August 15 - September 18, 2015

There were no concerns.

Electric Report

There was no written report from Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever, but he gave a verbal report updating the Board on his findings from the MEUA conference he attended. The MEUA is currently in contract negotiations to extend our current hydro agreement from the current end date of 2025 to 2040, an additional 15 more years. If the negotiations go thru, there will be more of a push towards energy conservation.

Mayor Schimizzi inquired about the new bulbs. Supervisor LaFever responded that they have not come in yet, they were expected to come in several weeks ago, but the order has not been completed.

VOTING ITEMS

Pool Credits

Pool Requests

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following pool credit requests. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Readings</u>		<u># of Units</u>	<u>Credit Requested</u>
D0520	Joe Orbin	24188.0	24197.0	1	\$4.59
		24316.0	24345.0		
		<u>12 mo Ave</u>	<u>Current</u>		
E0330	Ruth Powers	5	14	9	\$41.31
H2150	Ron Cervoni	3	15	12	\$55.08

Sewer Requests

Teddy Herron

Teddy Herron was present to request assistance with a bill that he incurred from televising his sewer line. Part of the issue turned out to be a blockage in the Village main. The total of the bill to televise the line was \$379.62. Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve a reimbursement of \$190.00 fees incurred due to the sewer blockage. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Teddy Herron then requested that his tree be trimmed in front of his house. He stated that several requests have been submitted, but the work has not been done yet. Superintendent Perry stated that he would send some guys out tomorrow to assess the issue. The Village may need to hire Wood Tree Service to come trim the tree because the Village no longer has a large bucket truck.

James McMahon

Sewer Request - McMahon

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve a five unit, \$22.95, sewer credit for James McMahon, resident of 512 N Franklin Street, for water usage due to an outdoor faucet that broke and was leaking. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

LWRP Resolution

Resolution

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the following LWRP resolution. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

It is necessary for the Village Board of Trustees to accept the Village's Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) and Draft LWRP Consistency Review Law as complete and ready for Public Review and to authorize its submission to the New York State Department of State.

The Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Watkins Glen duly convened in regular session, to hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Incorporation Village of Watkins Glen initiated preparation of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) in cooperation with the New York State Department of State, in accordance with the provisions of Executive Law, Article 42; and

WHEREAS, the Draft LWRP and Draft Consistency Review Law have been prepared under the guidance of the Board of Trustees, with consultant planning services provided by the Schulyer County Planning Department and Cornell Cooperative Extension; and

WHEREAS, the Village Planning Board, as lead agency, has prepared an Environmental Assessment Form concerning the action of adopting the LWRP and LWRP Consistency Review Law in accordance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and Part 617 of the implementing regulations of Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and Draft LWRP Consistency Review Law for the Incorporated Village of Watkins Glen are

accepted by the Board of Trustees as complete and ready for public review and shall be submitted to the New York State Department of State for its review by State, federal, and regional agencies pursuant to the provisions of Article 42 of the NYS Executive Law.

Camp Rates

Camp Rate Comparison

The Board reviewed the camp rate comparisons provided by Park Manager Hyde. It was determined that the current rates for the Village of Watkins Glen are competitive and no increases will be made for next year.

Tree Removal Request

The Board then discussed a tree removal request from the owner of 506 N Porter Street. The property owner requested permission to cut down the Village tree at her expense. The tree is lifting up her sidewalk, which she is looking to replace. However, the tree is healthy. Discussion followed. Trustee Kevin Thornton made the motion to approve the tree removal request. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Samuel Schimizzi, Trustee Anthony Fraboni, Trustee Kevin Thornton

Nays: Trustee Laurie DeNardo

Abstain: None Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

NYRWA - Ed Berry & Terry Wilcox

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion for Sewage Treatment Plant Supervisor Terry Wilcox and Sewage Treatment Plant Operator Edward Berry to attend the Activated Sludge Troubleshooting training course sponsored by NYRWA on October 27-29, 2015 in Cortland, NY. There is no cost for this training session. Trustee Kevin Thornton seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

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

General	\$62,459.99	Sewer	\$19,017.85
Electric	\$164,005.73	Water	\$11,125.89
Capital Proj – 3 rd St	\$475.00		

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

BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the noise ordinance violation by Cardinal Disposal during their trash pickups. Clerk Beardsley will contact the company and have them rectify the matter. If no changes are made, the Village Police will address the matter.

Clerk Beardsley discussed the need to set up a meeting with the Town of Reading to discuss various contracts that they have with the Village of Watkins Glen. The Board members requested that the meeting be scheduled at 4:30pm. The Clerk will submit some dates for approval.

Clerk Beardsley then discussed the Village's acceptance of credit cards. The Village's current credit card provider, JP Morgan Chase is changing their policies and will begin charging fees for their services. Clerk Beardsley has been talking with Elavon and the possibility of changing over to their company. The Board gave the Clerk permission to switch credit card companies.

Clerk Beardsley informed the Board that our health insurance representative John Holleran will be present for a meeting on October 5, 2015 at 6pm to discuss the changes that will be taking place for the new year.

Clerk Beardsley then discussed a phone call from Rose Marie Kleinspehn about her landlocked property down on Magee Point. She would like to gift the property to the Village of Watkins Glen. Clerk Beardsley stated that she has recommended that Ms. Kleinspehn put her intents in writing and then the Village can discuss the matter further.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed)

There was no executive session needed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to adjourn at 8:45pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater