



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Luke Leszyk who led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance. Present were Mayor Luke Leszyk, Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini, Trustee Anthony Fraboni, Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Sergeant Brandon Matthews, Village Clerk Lonnie Childs and Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present were Park Manager Michelle Hyde and Water Supervisor Martin Pierce. Absent was Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox. There were approximately seventeen other persons in attendance.

[PUBLIC BE HEARD](#)

Sandra Bartone was present to ensure that the public was aware of what the term MOU stands for – a Memorandum of Understanding – and that it is not as binding as a legal agreement.

Several residents expressed their concerns regarding an article in the paper written by Peter Mantius stating that the Village of Watkins Glen water supply contains excessive levels of PFA'S. The Board commented that the Village does take the matter seriously and will be conducting its own investigations and lab testing. A response to the public will be made once all the facts have been gathered.

Peter Mantius was also present and expressed surprise at the level of concern voiced by some residents to his article and felt the Board was moving in the right direction.

Brad Eakins requested that the Village list the Watkins Glen Housing Authority meetings on the calendar section of the Village website. Currently the Village is only posting the minutes for the Watkins Glen Housing Authority, as they are provided to the Village Office.

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#)

[Minutes for Regular Meeting August 20, 2019](#)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board of Trustees meeting held on August 20, 2019. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[REPORTS](#)

[Parks Report; Streets Report; Water Report; Sewer Report; Electric Report; Superintendent Report](#)

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the Department Heads' reports as presented. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[VOTING ITEMS](#)

[Update Bank Signatories](#)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to update the bank signatories to include Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Barb Peterson as a signatory. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Village of Watkins Glen Facebook Page](#)

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to move forward with creating a Village of Watkins Glen Facebook Page. The site would allow the Village to share information with the public, but would not allow for comments to be posted. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Resolution to Amend the 2019-2020 Budget](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the following resolution to amend the 2019-2020 budget to account for the increased costs of liability insurance. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, an increase in insurance costs has made it is necessary to transfer funds within accounts in order to balance the budgets;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Treasurer be authorized make the following account transfers in order to balance out the 2019-2020 budgets in the following amounts:

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AA.5110.440	2058.06	AA.5110.420	2058.06
AA.7110.440	1526.96	AA.7110.400	1526.96
FF.8310.440	108.21	FF.8310.400	108.21
GG.8110.440	1653.89	GG.8110.400	1653.89

WWTP Reuse Study and Two Village Regional Strategic Economic Plan Payment Approval

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve payment to Tetra Tech, Inc for work on the wastewater treatment plant reuse study and the two Village regional strategic economic plan for work completed to date in the amount of \$126,641. The bills have been submitted to the State for reimbursement to Schuyler County as the lead agency for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Grants. Funds are expected to be reimbursed to the Village in October. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Proposed Clute Park Camp Rates for 2020

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following increases to camp rates for the 2020 summer season per Park Manager Michelle Hyde's proposal. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

	<u>2019 rates</u>	<u>2020 proposed</u>
Daily	\$60	\$65
Weekly	\$350	\$390
Monthly	\$850	\$875
Monthly – July / August	\$1100	\$1150
Seasonal	\$2450	\$2525
Other:		
Cable for seasonal campers	\$200	\$225
Extra refrigerator	\$50	\$60

Kayak Launch Vendor – Multi-year Agreement Request

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to award a three-year Kayak Launch Vendor agreement to incumbent Paul Deiseroth, owner and operator of Seneca Lake Kayak, at the current rate of \$400.00/month or 10% of the sales/month, whichever is greater. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Village Marina Scuba Clean-up – September 7, 2019

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion for the Village to donate a Street Department truck and one Street Department Driver to help with the Village Marina scuba clean-up of Seneca Lake on September 7, 2019 from 8:30am to 10:30pm. Several divers are donating their time to help increase awareness of pollution in Seneca Lake. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CDBG Grant Disbursement Request

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to submit a CDBG grant disbursement request for an additional \$11,746.00 for expenses incurred from MRB Group. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

NYS Highway & Public Works Expo – NYS Fairgrounds October 30, 2019

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion for the Streets Department crew to attend the New York State Highway & Public Works Expo in Syracuse, New York on October 30, 2019 at no cost to the Village. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

NYRWA Training Session - October 23, 2019

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion for Water Supervisor Martin Pierce to attend the New York Rural Water Association training session in Waterloo, New York on October 23, 2019 at a cost of \$100. This will provide him with the final credits needed to renew his water operator licensing. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

2019 Planning & Zoning School – September 27, 2019

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion for ZBA member Sue Olevnik to attend the 2019 Planning & Zoning School at the Big Flats Community Center in Big Flats, NY on September 27, 2019 at a cost of \$100. This will provide her with the mandated four hours of training required as a Zoning Board of Appeals member. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the regular audit in the following amounts. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion.

General	\$128,126.02	Sewer	\$62,555.31
Electric	\$135,406.12	Water	\$115,014.16
H2 Project Seneca Project	\$285.50		

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

Online Audit

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the online payments for the State Comptroller fines and fees and the JP Morgan Chase 2004 and 2012 serial bond payments in the amount of \$129,975.01. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

Village Website Update

Village Clerk Lonnie Childs updated the Board on the meeting with D. Scott regarding the implementation of the new Village website. The new website is expected to go live before the end of the calendar year.

LimeBike Vandalism

Trustee Laurie DeNardo spoke to the public regarding the vandalism done to the LimeBikes that were placed throughout the Village. The company will be removing all the LimeBikes from the Village of Watkins Glen for the rest of the season. It is unknown at this time if they will be returning next year.

Possible MOU with Schuyler County

The Board discussed the possibility of entering into an agreement with Schuyler County to combine efforts to make available the current wastewater treatment plant property and the current Village Marina Bar & Grill area of the Seneca Harbor Park in an attempt to maximize potential future redevelopment of said area once the wastewater treatment plant has been deconstructed. There will be a community meeting on Wednesday, September 11th at 5pm at the Community Center discussing this and various other topics. Mayor Luke Leszyk stated that the residents do not need to worry about Lakefront access as there is a strip all along the waterway that will be open to the public and admittance will not be restricted.

Catholic Charities – Domestic Violence Awareness

The Village Board gave permission for Catholic Charities to place purple ribbons along Franklin Street for domestic violence awareness during the month of October.

NYSDOT Project Update

The Village Board discussed the NYSDOT Franklin Street project. Trustee Laurie DeNardo informed the public that the NYSDOT will change the yellow blinking turning arrow to a green turning arrow at the intersection of Fourth and Franklin Streets on a trial basis. Mayor Luke Leszyk stated that there are now outlets on several key intersections that will allow for generators to be hooked up to keep lights running during a power outage.

Franklin Streetlight Project

Some of the poles have started to come in, however the luminaires and bases have not been delivered yet.

Lakeside Construction 2020

The Board discussed the 2020 Lakeside Construction and how that will affect the rental and use of Clute Park. The plan is to keep the park open during the renovation process as much as possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 7:06 pm for a personnel issue. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded 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 at 7:45pm. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to extend the provisional appointment of Brandon Matthews until the next Sergeants exam is offered through Civil Service. Trustee Laurie DeNardo 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 Anthony Fraboni made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.
Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater