



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Luke Leszyk. Present were Mayor Luke Leszyk, Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Trustee Bob Carson, Superintendent Terry Wilcox, Village Clerk Lonnie Childs, and Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present was Sergeant-in-Charge Ethan Mosher, Park Manager Michelle Hyde, Code Enforcement Officer Darrin Stocum, Street Department Supervisor Ken Barber and Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever. The meeting was held via ZOOM online video conferencing in compliance with COVID Executive Order 202.1. There were approximately five other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Trustee Bob Carson recused himself from voting during this meeting as he joined the meeting via phone and not video.

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting October 20, 2020

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on October 20, 2020. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the department heads reports. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

VOTING ITEMS

Streets Department Schedule Change Request

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve a request from Street Supervisor Ken Barber to change the work schedule for Veterans Day to have Friday, November 13, 2020 off instead of Wednesday, November 11, 2020. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding the union contract and the setting of precedence for other holidays that fall in the middle of a work week. The Board then voted on the motion and all were opposed. Motion Failed.

Odd/Even Parking Enforcement on Second Street

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to delay odd/even parking enforcement on E Second Street between Decatur Street and Porter Street due to the ongoing construction of the Ithaca Housing Development Project. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. Discussion followed as to whether to delay enforcement or move to utilizing the Code Red alert system for enforcement. Ultimately, the Board voted to delay parking enforcement as motioned and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Budget Amendment Resolution – LaFayette Park Clock Maintenance

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the following resolution. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, there is an annual maintenance fee to maintain the Verdin Company clock in LaFayette Park; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen Parks Department was bequeathed funds by the Robert Louis Paradiso Estate for the clock in LaFayette Park that is in the Other Restricted Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, the payment of the annual maintenance is a permissible use of the bequeathed funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to amend the 2020-2021 Budget to increase Parks Contractual Materials and Maintenance Expense Account AA.7110.400 and utilizing funds from the Other Restricted Fund Balance Account AA.0899.00 and to transfer funds from AA.0231.500 Paradiso Bequest Reserve to AA.0201.000 General Savings, respectively, in the amount of \$567.00.

Schuyler County Historical Society Annual Services

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the Schuyler County Historical Society payment for \$500.00 for the preservation of Village historical materials. Deputy Mayor Louis Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the regular audit dated November 2, 2020 and the regular audit in the following amounts:

General	\$64,780.47	Sewer	\$112,301.63
Electric	\$6,828.71	Water	\$7,222.01
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$9,219.08	DRI Projects	\$159,195.23
LWRP #1	\$44,650.71	LWRP #2	\$35,434.14
OPRHP	\$9,408.60		

Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. 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 audit to pay the October sales tax in the amount of \$4,660.87 and the September fines and fees payment in the amount of \$6,214.00. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

Moratorium on Termination of Residential Utility Services

The Board was given an update on the status of unpaid utility bills and the continuation of the moratorium on termination of residential utility services.

IMA with the Town of Dix

The Board discussed the potential for the Village of Watkins Glen to enter into an IMA with the Town of Dix to take over their water/sewer district in its entirety, including the billing of their customers. The Board was in favor of moving forward with discussions with the Town of Dix.

[Clute Park Events Center Marketing](#)

The Board discussed marketing opportunities for the Clute Park Event Center. It was recommended by the Board that the advertising be generic with an official name of the facility being determined at a later date.

[Village-wide Composting](#)

Trustee Nan Woodworth requested that the Board give more consideration to the Finger Lakes Compost business that was presented at the October 20, 2020 meeting. She has signed up for the program as a private individual, but would like to see the Village do something at a community level to promote compost and food waste recycling.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 6:36pm to discuss a pending litigation matter and a medical personnel matter. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[ADJOURN](#)

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to adjourn at 7:22 pm. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater