



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

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 Laurie DeNardo, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Trustee Bob Carson, Superintendent Terry Wilcox, Village Clerk Lonnie Childs, and Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present were Sergeant Ethan Mosher, Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever, Code Enforcement Darrin Stocum and Streets Supervisor Ken Barber. The meeting was held via ZOOM online video conferencing in compliance with COVID Executive Order 202.1. There were approximately eight other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting December 15, 2020

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on December 15, 2020. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and the vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mayor Luke Leszyk, Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini, Trustee Bob Carson, Trustee Laurie DeNardo

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Nan Woodworth Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

VOTING ITEMS

Glen Gators Swim Team Community Center Use Request

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to extend the use of the Community Center at no fee for the Glen Gators Swim Team thru the month of January. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Rotary Club Community Center Fee Reduction Request

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to provide the Watkins-Montour Rotary Club with a reduction in the rental fees for use of the Community Center for the Rotary Antique Show scheduled for October 10, 2021 and the AMBA event on November 6, 2021. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding lack of monetary value with the request and the fear of setting precedence of reducing fees below the already reduced non-profit rate. The Board then voted on the motion and the vote was as follows:

Yeas: None

Nays: Mayor Luke Leszyk, Trustee Bob Carson, Trustee Laurie DeNardo

Abstain: Trustee Nan Woodworth, Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini Motion Failed.

NYPA Supplemental Peaking Power Offer

At the recommendation of Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever, Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the Mayor to sign and the Village of Watkins Glen to request additional supplemental peaking power from the New York Power Authority's Niagara Power Project. Although there is potentially a higher upfront cost to this

supplemental peaking power, it is the consensus that this will benefit the Village in the long run. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Utility Bill Insert for the DRI Fund Application

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the insertion of a flyer in with the next utility bill run to solicit applications for grants in conjunction with the DRI (Downtown Revitalization Initiative) funds. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

EC Cooper Sewer Expense Reimbursement Request

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to reimburse EC Cooper for the cost of services rendered to them by Jeff's On-Site Services in the amount of \$675.00 for unplugging a blocked sewer lateral determined to be caused by Jerlando's Restaurant's grease backing up the Village's sewer main. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Part-Time Police Hire – Kristofor O'Rourke

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to hire Kristofor O'Rourke as a Part-Time Police Officer effective January 6, 2021 at a rate of \$18.00/hr. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Seneca Lake Waterfront Redevelopment Opportunity RFP

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the Seneca Lake Waterfront Redevelopment Opportunity RFP. This current RFP is more generalized than the original REOI that was sent out last year in an attempt to drum up interest in developing the property currently occupied by the old wastewater treatment facility along Seneca Lake. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

American Water Works Association Training Course

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve Water Treatment Plant Operator 2A John Rekczis and Water Treatment Plant Mechanic Stanley Swarthout to attend the American Water Works Association laboratory skills training in Seneca Falls on February 2, 2021 at a cost of \$150/person. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the general audits dated December 23 & 31, 2020 and January 4, 2021 in the following amounts:

General	\$41,282.25	Sewer	\$735.54
Electric	\$508,942.69	Water	\$7,539.78
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$8,807.51	LWRP #1	\$9,168.95
DRI Project	\$29,565.40	LWRP #2	\$6,725.01
OPRHP Parks	\$4,354.35		

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Online Audit](#)

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the online audit for the NYS fines and fees payment for November and the sales tax payment for December in the amount of \$8,395.60. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[BOARD CONCERNS](#)

[Vacant Property Law Update](#)

There are still some adjustments to be made to the proposed Vacant Property Law, however it is believed that these changes could be made quickly, with a public hearing possibly being held at the February 2, 2021 meeting.

[Zoning Board of Appeals Resignation of Colleen Chavchavadze](#)

The Board accepted the resignation of Colleen Chavchavadze from her position with the Zoning Board of Appeals effective March 31, 2021. The Board is willing to accept any recommendations for replacement.

[Sidewalk Snow Removal](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo thanked Code Enforcement Officer Darrin Stocum for the letters that were sent out to seasonal/vacant property owners reminding them that their sidewalks still need to be shoveled after snow events.

[Padua Tank Property Acquisition Update](#)

The Board inquired into the status of the land acquisition of the new Padua Tank on Second Street. The Village Office has been following up with Village Attorney David Ealy, but no updated information is available at this time.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter into executive session at 6:55pm for one Police Department personnel item and one Parks Department new Event Center personnel matter. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit executive session and re-enter into public session at 7:28pm. Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the use of vacation time for Account Clerk Jennifer Schoffner, if needed, for her NYSDOH mandated time off due to COVID-19 quarantining. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion 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 7:28pm. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater