



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 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 Street Department Supervisor Kenny Barber. The meeting was held via ZOOM online video conferencing in compliance with COVID Executive Order 202.1. There were approximately fifty other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Amanda Postma and Barbara Cook read to the public pre-submitted emails that were distributed to all Board members requesting the Mayor to step down due to alleged allegations of abuse of power. The Board had received two other similar letters from Andrea Cherock and Yvonne Taylor. Village Council informed the public that the Board would not discuss personnel matters or possible pending litigation matters.

Brian Eslinger was present to discuss the Village Garage demo and inaccessibility to the back parking lot on January 26, 2021. He was informed that a letter was hand-delivered to all the persons to be affected to the best of the Village Office's ability. Mr. Eslinger will pick up a copy of the letter at the Village Office tomorrow.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting January 19, 2021

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on January 19, 2021. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

VOTING ITEMS

Thoma Development Consultants Contract for DRI Grant Administration

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion for the Village to enter into and the Mayor to sign an agreement with Thoma Development Consultants for services rendered as DRI grant administrators. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Municipal Solutions Contract to File EFC and Other Water Improvement Grant Applications

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion for the Village to hire and the Mayor to sign an agreement with Municipal Solutions for services rendered to file the EFC's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in conjunction with the water improvement project. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Officer Complaint Policy

The matter was tabled until the Board could further review the policy.

Sewer Credit Request - David Boyle

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve a three-unit, \$30 sewer credit for David Boyle, residing at 92 Salt Point Road, due to a broken pressure relief valve on his furnace. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Post Open Position – Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainee

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion for Village Clerk Lonnie Childs to post the vacant position of wastewater treatment plant operator trainee for the Village of Watkins Glen. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Post Position – Backfill a Full Time Police Officer Position

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to post a backfill position for a full-time police officer while an officer is out on administrative leave. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Hire Part-Time Police Officer – Michael Blascovich

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to hire Michael Blascovich as a part-time police officer, effective immediately, at a rate of \$18.00. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Hire Lineworker Helper – Dayne Hughey

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion hire Dayne Hughey as a Lineworker Helper, effective retro-active to January 11, 2021, at a rate of \$21.61/hr. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

John E Reid, Inc - Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Positive Persuasion

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to approve Full Time Police Officer Aaron Jumper to attend the John E Reid & Associates one day virtual zoom training IIPP course during the month of February at a cost of \$149.00. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

W2O Grade II-A Water Treatment Plant Operator Certification Course

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion for Water Treatment Plant Trainee Zachary Ricci to attend the W2O Grade II-A water treatment plant operator certification course in Cortland, NY on March 8-18, 2021 at a cost of \$1,000.00. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the general audits dated January 28, 2021 and February 1, 2021, along with the Verizon Wireless add-on in the following amounts:

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| General | \$42,232.14 | Sewer | \$115,066.45 |
| Electric | \$41,496.75 | Water | \$5,622.10 |
| Joint Activity (CVWRF) | \$14,048.36 | LWRP #1 | \$3,735.00 |

Trustee Laurie DeNardo 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 October, Rural Development Sewer Rehab interest payment and the sales tax payment for January in the amount of \$21,623.77. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

Notices of Resignation

The Board accepted the resignations from Part-time Building Inspector III David Patterson, effective February 5, 2021; Part-Time Police Officer Seth Worrell, effective January 26, 2021; and Park Manager Michelle Hyde, effective March 26, 2021. Park Manager Michelle Hyde is retiring with almost twenty-four years of service to the Village of Watkins Glen.

Water System Upgrades/Bond Resolution

Village Treasurer Rhonda Slater informed the Board about the need to adopt a bond resolution for the entire water system improvements project (roughly \$21 million) as an adopted resolution will be needed to move forward with several of the grant funding agencies. Even if the Board passes a bond resolution for the full \$21 million, this does not mean that the Village is required to obtain bonds for the full amount as it is anticipated that the Village will obtain grant funds to offset any borrowing. It is also anticipated that the project will be completed in phases, with the most important things being completed first.

Tax Certificate Sale

The Village Treasurer discussed the new COVID-19 guidelines for holding tax certificate sales. The Board agreed to hold off until the COVID-19 date of May 1, 2021.

Executive Order 202.92

Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.92, which extends Executive Order 202.1 allowing public bodies to meet remotely through February 26, 2021.

Glen Lake Apartments

Trustee Nan Woodworth updated the Village Board on a request from Glen Lake Apartments requesting additional streetlighting. The public was also made aware that the Day Care Center within the Glen Lake Apartments complex is tentatively opening on February 17, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter into executive session at 7:00 pm for one Event Center Position personnel item and one pending litigation matter. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini 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 Nan Woodworth made the motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm. 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