



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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, Village Clerk Lonnie Childs and Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also, present were Parks and Event Center Manager Craig Bond, Street Supervisor Ken Barber, Code Enforcement Officer Darrin Stocum, Sergeant-in-Charge Ethan Mosher and Fire Chief Jason Hudson. Absent was Superintendent Terry Wilcox. There were four other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Chamber Representative Michael Hardy was present to discuss the upcoming holiday happenings and winter traditions in and around the Village of Watkins Glen. He requested that the Village consider putting up the Village Christmas decorations prior to the kick off of “30 Days of Shopping Local” Event scheduled for November 27, 2021.

Carrie Watt, a resident at Jefferson Village, 222 E. Second Street, was present to discuss traffic and street conditions around the Jefferson Village and Glen Lake Apartment complexes. The areas she requested the Village to address were the dip in the road by Glen Lake Apartments that tends to gather water and freeze in the winter, the striping of a crosswalk at the intersection of Decatur Street and Second Street, and the desire to have parking lines painted on the east side of Second Street between Decatur Street and Porter Street. Street Supervisor Ken Barber stated that the paint has been ordered to do the crosswalk striping on the Decatur and Second Street intersection. Her other concerns will need to be addressed when the Traffic Regulation Law is amended.

Stacy Gray expressed her gratitude for Code Enforcement Officer Darrin Stocum and his ethical standards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting August 17, 2021

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on August 17, 2021. Trustee Bob Carson 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 Nan Woodworth

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Laurie DeNardo Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Trustee Laurie DeNardo 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.

The Board was informed that Central Hots will not be renting the concession stand space next year and that algae blooms were found at Clute Park.

VOTING ITEMS

Bulleting 1780-27 Public Water Service Resolution

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to approve the attached resolution in conjunction with USDA/Rural Development loan/grant for the public water service upgrades project. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the

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

[Clute Park Proposed Rates for 2022](#)

Mayor Luke Leszyk tabled the proposed rates for further review by the Village Board members.

[Fire Department Software Upgrade - ESO](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion for the Fire Chief Jason Hudson to purchase upgraded fire RMS software from ESO for a one-time setup and online training fee of \$1,556.50 (after discount) and annual recurring fees for the RMS bundle and EHR for \$4,341.50 and \$1,290.00, respectively. The only other provider, Red Alert, came in with a cost estimate of \$27,085.00 and a \$2,825.00 annual recurring fee. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Fire Department TNT Battery Operated Tools](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion for the Fire Chief Jason Hudson to purchase various used TNT tools, such as a brute force cutter and combination tool, at a cost of \$26,710 from First Out Rescue. First Out Rescue is a sole source provider for TNT tools and the cost to purchase the equipment new would be \$36,125.00. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Waiver of Community Center Rental Fees for the American Red Cross Blood Bank](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to waive the Community Center rental fees indefinitely for the American Red Cross Blood Bank. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Teamsters Work Accouterments Substitutions](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to permit Teamsters Employee Derick Willett to substitute the purchase of two short-sleeve button up shirts for two sweatshirts as permissible by section 13.1.1 of the Teamsters contract. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Full Time Laborers – Parks Department](#)

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to hire Mason Neira and Daria Beird as full-time Laborers for the Parks Department effective September 13, 2021 starting at \$14.36/hr. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Full Time Building Safety Inspector](#)

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to hire Gordon “Scot” Cole as full-time Building Safety Inspector for the Code Enforcement Department effective September 13, 2021 with a starting rate of \$20.00/hr. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Seasonal Temporary Personnel – Parks Department](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion for the Village Clerk to post three Temporary Laborer positions primarily to cover the ice-skating program with a tentative run date of November thru March and a roller-skating program with a tentative run date of March thru May. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[CONFERENCE REQUESTS](#)

[NYWEA GVC Annual Meeting](#)

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion for Superintendent Terry Wilcox to attend the New York Water Environment Association, Inc Genesee Valley Chapter annual meeting being held at the Dansville Fish & Game Club in Dansville, NY on Friday, September 24, 2021 at a cost of \$50.00. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

ETC Morrisville State College – Grade 3 Supervision and Technical Operations Course

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator 2A Brad Gallow to attend a Grade 3 Supervision and Technical Operations Course being held at the Environmental Training Center at Morrisville State College February 28-March 4, 2022 at a cost of \$575.00. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

ETC Morrisville State College – Basic Operations of Wastewater Treatment Plants, Activated Sludge Wastewater Treatment Process and Basic Laboratory Procedures

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainee Logan Corey to attend the following Courses: Basic Operations of Wastewater Treatment Plants, Activated Sludge Wastewater Treatment Process and Basic Laboratory Procedures, being held at Environmental Training Center at Morrisville State College April 18-19; May 23-26 and July 11-15, 2022, respectively, at a cost of \$575.00/course for a total of \$2,075.00. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the general audit dated September 3, 2021 in the following amounts:

General	\$76,403.59	Sewer	\$117,688.17
Electric	\$13,963.95	Water	\$15,104.85
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$35,550.93	DRI Projects	\$38,650.68
Water Project	\$47,317.50		

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 2004 Serial Bond principal and interest payment, the 2013 Serial Bond interest payment and the August sales tax payment totaling \$63,673.18. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

Full-Time Police Officer Resignation

Full-time Police Officer Madison Sharp tendered her resignation as of September 5, 2021.

NYCOM Update – Remote Meetings

The State Governor has reinstated the ability for public bodies to hold remote meetings from September 2, 2021 thru January 15, 2022. At this time, the Village of Watkins Glen will continue to hold in-person meetings, but should the COVID pandemic numbers spike in our area this decision will be reevaluated.

Flagpole Replacement

The Board briefly discussed the flagpole replacement on the pillar that marks the start/finish line of the Grand Prix Road course across from the Schuyler County Building. The State Park was reimbursed for the flag pole that was damaged from an accident, so the Board felt that they should be the ones to replace it.

[RFP for Seneca Lake Event Center Café](#)

The Village has not received any official proposals for running the Seneca Lake Event Center Café. There have been a few interested parties, but they would require the installation of an ANSUL fire suppression hood system for compliance with the Department of Health. This would require the expansion of the Café food prep area into the existing lifeguard room or conference room.

[Zoning Violations Pertaining to Existing Projects](#)

The Village Board discussed how they would like to deal with zoning violations on existing structures. The Board will contact the Village Attorney for guidance.

[DRI Projects Update](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo gave the public a brief update on the progress of the Village's DRI projects for East Fourth Street, Signage and LaFayette Park improvements.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter into executive session at 7:04 pm for the following items: contractual personnel (Police Department collective bargaining negotiations) and personnel matter regarding employment status. Trustee Nan Woodworth 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 7:30 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
Treasurer