



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Mayor Luke Leszyk. Present were Mayor Luke Leszyk, Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini, Trustee Bob Carson, Superintendent Terry Wilcox, Village Clerk Lonnie Childs, and Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present were Code Enforcement Officer Darrin Stocum, Parks and Event Center Manager Craig Bond and Sergeant-In-Charge Ethan Mosher. Absent were Trustee Nan Woodworth and Trustee Laurie DeNardo. There was one other person in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

There were no public concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting February 15, 2022

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on February 15, 2022. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

The Village held their annual tax certificate sale on February 28, 2022. There were thirty-two parcels that went up for certificate sale with one person redeeming twenty-one certificates for a total amount of \$25,726.07. This left the Village with eleven parcels totaling \$17,986.04.

The Village will be taking over the summer concerts program. The Parks Department will be applying for the New York State Canal Tourism grant and if received, the concerts program will include a new Sunday Series.

VOTING ITEMS

New Hires

Part-Time Police Officers

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to hire Corey Heller and Daniel Austic at \$21.93/hr. as Part-Time Police Officers for the Village of Watkins Glen. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Parks Temporary Seasonal Employees

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to hire Michelle Bieler at \$14.00/hr. and Scott Grebleski, Patti Dryburgh and James Dryburgh at \$15.00/hr. as seasonal employees for the Parks Department starting April 18, 2022. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Fire Department Surplus Items

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to surplus the 2006 Polaris 6x6 and the 2017 Yamaha Viking UTV that were donated to the Fire Department by Crestwood. The monies from the sale of the UTVs will be used towards the purchase of a new UTV. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Purchase of 2022 Can-Am Defender Pro for Fire Department](#)

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion for the Fire Department to purchase a new 2022 Can-Am Defender Pro from Bibbens Sales & Service per quote #8907 at a cost of \$31,094.34. The \$500 down payment will be paid now and the remainder will be paid out of next year's budget when ready for pick-up in June or July 2022. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[LaBella Professional Services Agreement for Campground Expansion](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to approve the professional services agreement with LaBella Associates, DPC for the campground expansion. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization](#)

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (SWIO) 2022 Partnership support amount of \$2,831.08 and all annual payments moving forward until the agreement is nullified. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[LOSAP Records Listing Resolution](#)

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen has adopted a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for the volunteer firefighters of the Watkins Glen Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the LOSAP program requires that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees, as Program Sponsor, approve the firefighter records listing on an annual basis;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees has reviewed and approved the attached firefighter records listing of all active members as it pertains to the Service Award Program for calendar year 2021.

[Teamsters MOA – Increase Trainee Positions Starting Rate](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to approve the following MOA with the Teamsters Local Union 118. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

The following sets forth the terms established by this Memorandum of Agreement by and between Teamsters Local Union 118 ("Union") and the Village of Watkins Glen, New York, ("Village"), collectively described as "the parties", to amend the June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2024 collective bargaining agreement ("CBA"):

WHEREAS, the Village and the Union desire to improve employee retention; and,

WHEREAS, the Village and the Union desire to increase the starting wage rate for the Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee and the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainee positions, collectively described as "Trainee Positions"; and,

WHEREAS, Article 7.1 of the current CBA requires the "Trainee" full job rate to be Sixteen Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$16.81) per hour; and,

WHEREAS, Article 7.1.2 of the current CBA requires a new hire "Trainee" employee to be compensated at ninety percent (90%) of full job rate for the first six continuous months of employment with the Village; and,

WHEREAS, Article 7.1.2 of the current CBA requires employees with more than six months and less than 12 months of continuous service with the Village to be compensated at ninety-five percent (95%) of full job rate; and,

WHEREAS, the Union and the Village agree that the "Trainee" full job rate needs to be increased and the Union does not object to the Village's request to increase the "Trainee" full job rate,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Parties agree to amend Article 7.1 of the current CBA as follows:

- Starting rate for "Trainee" positions shall be increased to Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per hour and all language in Article 7.1.2 of the current CBA will continue to apply
- The increase to the "Trainee" job rate shall become effective on March 14, 2022 and shall apply to all current and future "Trainee" employees
- The "Trainee" positions WILL NOT receive the June 1, 2022 general wage increase of 2.5%
- The "Trainee" positions WILL receive the June 1, 2023 general wage increase of 2.5%

Except as set forth in this Memorandum of Agreement, all terms and provision of the parties' CBA running from June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2024 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

[Burke Group – GASB 75](#)

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini then made the motion to hire Burke Group to complete the Village's GASB 75 for fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$2,250. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[CONFERENCE REQUESTS](#)

[Running Your Highway Department Workshop March 30, 2022](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion for Street Department Motor Equipment Operators Scott Taylor, Julie Krause and Derek Steinruck to attend the Cornell Local Roads "Running Your Highway Department" training class to be held on March 30, 2022 in Schuyler County at a cost of \$50/person. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[NYRWA 43rd Annual Workshop May 23-25, 2022](#)

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion for Superintendent Terry Wilcox to attend the 43rd Annual Technical Training Workshop May 23-25, 2022 at the Turning Stone Resort in Verona, NY at a cost of \$777, including conference and hotel stay. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Recognizing the Cannabis Impaired Motorist Training April 5, 2022](#)

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion for Police Officers Aaron Jumper and Bryce Bush to attend the "Recognizing the Cannabis Impaired Motorist" course hosted by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Office in Onondaga County on April 5, 2022 at no cost to the Village. 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 Bob Carson made the motion to approve the general audit dated February 28, 2022 in the following amounts:

General	\$39,637.68	Sewer	\$114,358.99
Electric	\$413,629.22	Water	\$7,116.07
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$13,323.57	Water Improvements	\$234.00

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 2004 serial Bond interest payment of \$1,800.00 and the 2013 serial Bond principal and interest payment in the amount of \$60,000 and \$9,187.51, respectively. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

Dumpster Day

The Board was in favor of scheduling Dumpster Day for Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 8am until noon. The Village Clerk will make arrangements to secure the date and time.

Facebook Comment Settings

The Board was in favor of turning off public comments for public service announcements made on the Village of Watkins Glen Facebook page.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to exit public session and enter into executive session at 6:22 pm for one Streets Department personnel employment item, possible new position/title. 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, Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to adjourn at 6:38 pm. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater