



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

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, Interim Village Clerk Fred Warrick and Village Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present were Parks and Event Center Manager Craig Bond and Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Megan Fox. Absent was Sergeant-In-Charge Ethan Mosher, Building Safety Inspector Scott Cole and Village Clerk Lonnie Childs. There were approximately two other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING

2022 – 2023 BUDGET

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to open the public hearing at 6:00pm on the 2022-2023 Budget. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried. There were no questions from the public. The public hearing was left open.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Carrie Watt requested that 2nd Street be converted into a one-way street running East to West. She also voiced concerns that disabled parking was not available alongside the Village streets, she would like to see signage for commuters not blocking the crosswalks and asked that the we replace or repair the flag outside the Village Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting May 03, 2022

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on May 03, 2022. Trustee Bob DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Trustee Laurie DeNardo 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.

Parks and Event Center Manager Craig Bond asked the Board if there were any restrictions for vendors, such as selling fireworks. The Board directed him to speak to Sergeant Mosher. He also advised the Board that the swim area at Clute Park may be reduced slightly to comply with the number of lifeguards available.

VOTING ITEMS

New Hires

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to approve New Hires Diana Bastion - Cleaner – Fri, Sat & Sun - \$14/hr starting May 20, Lauryn Schultz - Temporary Seasonal - \$14/hr – starting May 27 (Parking), Owen Bingham – Lead Lifeguard - \$20/hr,-starting May 27, Isabella La Face - Lifeguard-\$18/hr starting May 27, Anthony Agosto – Part Time Police Officer - \$21.93/HR – May 25. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

2022 Consolidated Funding Application

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve Parks and Event Center Manager Craig Bond's request to apply for 2022 Consolidated Funding Application – Local Waterfront Revitalization Program due July 30th – 25% Match required includes in-kind. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

New York State 2022 Community Block Grant

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve Parks & Event Center Manager Craig Bond's request to apply for New York State 2022 Community Block Grant – 2022 Public Infrastructure, Public Facilities & Community Planning - \$1,000,000/\$300,000/\$50,000 in potential funds – due July 29 – 25% match required includes in-kind. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Phone Stipends

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion for phone stipends for Sewer employees Nicholas Leeber, Brad Gallow, and Streets employee Scott Taylor - \$30/month each. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding concerns that this would set a precedence and that other Village employees would be submitting requests to receive the stipend. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor except for Trustee Laurie DeNardo who opposed. Motion Carried.

Village Treasurer Position

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve to post the Village Treasurer position. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Sewer Credit Request

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve Sewer Credit Request for Jackie Leszyk at 506 N. Porter in the amount of \$30 for a broken pipe. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. Mayor Luke Leszyk abstained. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Resolution – Banking

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to amend the banking resolution with Community Bank removing Treasurer Rhonda Slater and adding Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Peterson. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Curbing

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve curbing on the Eastside of Summit Avenue for \$16,245. Trustee Bob Carson 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 general audit dated May 16, 2022 in the following amounts:

General	\$53,767.95	Sewer	\$113,483.22
Electric	\$147,974.09	Water	\$16,536.57
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$134,564.34	Water Improvements	\$29,166.61
SCADA System Upgrades	\$12,535.00	Capital Projects	\$4,911.00

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 in the amount of \$5,475.19 for the April sales tax. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

Resignation Village Treasurer

Mayor Luke Leszyk announced the resignation of Rhonda Slater as the Village Treasurer effective May 27, 2022.

Campground Expansion

Park and Event Center Manager Craig Bond updated the Board on the expansion plans for the campground.

Events Tent 40x60

Park and Event Center Manager Craig Bond proposed to the Board the idea of purchasing an event tent for about \$16,000 that could recoup that money within two years and provide more availability to outdoor, revenue-generating events.

Hobart Stone

Park and Event Center Manager Craig Bond shared with the Board that Bridgett Hobart donated stone from the devastation at the Pentagon during the 9/11 attacks and proposed using the materials to create some form of memorial or other creative use for one of the Village parks. He added that there was no cost to the Village for receiving this as Hobart generously paid for the transportation of the stone out of her own pocket.

Renewal for Water Improvement Project BAN \$995,000

Village Treasurer Rhonda Slater advised the Board on the increase in the interest rate from .77% to 3.16%.

Final Board Meeting

The Board agreed to hold a special meeting to approve payables on May 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Close 500 Block of N. Porter Street

Mayor Luke Leszyk discussed with the Board a request to close the 500 block of North Porter for a memorial service for Jimmy Minichello on June 4, 2022 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Board recommended the use of LaFayette Park.

Village Marina Opening and Street Clean-up

Trustee Laurie DeNardo offered thanks for everyone's involvement in the opening of the Village Marina and the Street Clean-up event.

Plugged Street Drains

Trustee Bob Carson discussed concerns of sewer drains being congested with debris and preventing proper drainage near the Steuben Street hill and Route 14. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini offered to inform the appropriate municipality.

Code Enforcement Officer

Trustee Laurie DeNardo inquired on the status of the Code Enforcement Officer position. The Board agreed to begin interviews in the following week.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:54 p.m. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BUDGET APPROVAL

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the Village budget. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter into executive session at 6:55 p.m for a personnel matter involving the Parks and Recreation Department. 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 Laurie DeNardo made the motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Fred Warrick
Interim Village Clerk