



## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2022**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini. Present were Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Trustee Bob Carson, Village Clerk Fred Warrick and Village Attorney Daniel Rubin. Also present were Police Officer Wesley Hines and State Police Officer Patrick Madaffari. There were approximately 16 other persons in attendance.

### **BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – LUKE LESZYK**

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to accept the resignation of Luke Leszyk as Mayor of the Village of Watkins Glen. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

### **PUBLIC BE HEARD**

Village Attorney Daniel Rubin opened the session with setting rules of conduct, limiting the public to three minutes each and asked all to maintain civility. He added that this was not a question and answer session.

Barbara Cook – Magee Street – Apologized for all that has happened to the People and the Board and asked that the board please move forward and vote with sincerity and in the best interest of the Village.

Local business owner Angeline Franzese (no address given) understood that the meeting is not a question and answer session but asked if there is a real problem can she be scheduled on future agendas to not just be heard but have actual dialogue. She expressed concerns as to why questions asked by the public never get answered and suggested this opportunity be made more available.

Daniel Matthews – Willow Drive – suggested the need for a special election to be held to elect a new mayor. She referenced New York State law, village law, claiming unless the Village had specific bylaws, if the appointment is over 75 days you have to hold a special election, if it is less than, then you don't. She addressed requesting any village bylaws but have not received any. Next Mrs. Matthews addressed each Board member about why they, in her opinion, would not be a good mayor.

William Pilypsu – Steuben Street – Discussed the need for any bickering to stop and that the Board focus on the business of the Village and get things done peacefully.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN**

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to nominate Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini. No one seconded the motion. Trustee Nan Woodworth motioned to nominate Trustee Laurie DeNardo. No one seconded the motion. A tie resulted in no appointment of a new Mayor at this time.

There is no “acting” or “temporary” mayor. The current four-person Board of Trustees continues as the legislative body of the Village without a Mayor. All decisions regarding the good of the village remains a joint effort using the processes already in place. As Trustee and also Deputy Mayor, Louie Perazzini performs the duties and functions of the mayor until the position of mayor is appointed or elected.

There is no law in this circumstance that dictates a special election prior to the Municipal General Election scheduled to take place in 2023.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to adjourn the public session and enter into executive session at 4:14 pm for client/attorney privilege with the village attorney. 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 4:20 p.m. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Fred Warrick  
Village Clerk