



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Laurie DeNardo.

Present were Mayor Laurie DeNardo, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Trustee Bob Carson, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi, Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Craig Bond and Village Clerk Fred Warrick. Also in attendance were Water Supervisor Meghan Fox, Electric Supervisor Tom Ballard and Sergeant in Charge Ethan Mosher. There were approximately five other people in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Giuseppe La Face thanked the Board for recognizing him and his co-workers at the prior Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on August 1, 2023

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on August 1, 2023. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made the motion to approve all Department Head reports. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

VOTING ITEMS

Trainings

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve Nick Leeber to be reimbursed \$416 upon completion of Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Collection Systems certification, Volume I & II. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve UDig NY General Code Rule 753 Training on August 18th at 11am at the Community Center for any employee assigned by their supervisor. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve UDig NY's Damage Prevention Conference & Expo on October 24th & 25th at Genesee Community College at no charge for Wade Pike and Meghan Fox. Lodging \$260. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to approve confined Space & Competent Person Training on November 3rd from 7a – 3:30p in Cortland for Wade Pike and Meghan Fox for a total of \$200. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Resolutions

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve the resolution in support of the Justice Court Assistance Program 2023 – 2024 grant application.

WHEREAS, the State of New York Unified Court System is soliciting applications from local governments under the Justice Court Assistance Program to assist local Justice Departments with needed equipment, automation, furniture, supplies and training.

WHEREAS, the funding available under the State of New York Unified Court System would facilitate local efforts in upgrading the Villages Justice Department.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of the Village of Watkins Glen authorizes the Watkins Glen Village Court to apply for the JCAP grant in the 2023-2024 grant cycle up to \$30,000.

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Payroll Correction

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve the correction to Connor Novinski's title and pay rate for summer recreation from Recreation Attendant at \$16/hr to Summer Recreation Assistant at \$20/hr retroactive to 5/15/2023. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Clute Park Rates

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to approve the Clute Park Rates for 2024 as amended. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Water Service Charge

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve 3129 County Road 28 to have water charges reduced to the Inside User Rate AND for 3385 County Line Road be alleviated from the Water Rent Charge due to the Village's inability to supply minimum PSI. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

New Hire

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve the hire of Patee Warrick as Motor Equipment Operator for Streets starting September 11th at \$17.62/hr (90% of scale). Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the general audit dated August 11, 2023 in the following amounts:

General	\$107,099.14	Sewer	\$109,046.62
Electric	\$9,847.18	Water	\$18,375.28
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$14,237.83		
Summer Rec	\$937.14		

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

Italian Festival

Superintendent of Parks and Recreation - Staff shortage effected post festival clean-up, more vendors than ever, split rail fence helped create a nice barrier for where the beer tents were, tornado warning was a good example of needed emergency planning, accessible parking spilled over into the camp office lot.

Evening Security at the School

Sergeant in Charge Ethan Mosher informed the board of a joint response with the County Sheriff's office to a Request for Proposal by the school for armed security for sports events, conferences, etc. The Board would like to review the RFP before any final acceptance.

Arborist

Tom Ballard and Terry Wilcox met with Arborist.

[Water Tie-in – 2nd Street](#)

Water Supervisor Meghan Fox had to leave prior to discussion, so postponed until September meeting.

[Race Weekend Coming Up](#)

NASCAR starts weekend of the 18th (August).

[Ribbon Cutting at Graft](#)

Graft Wine & Cider Bar ribbon cutting is August 21st.

[Paving](#)

Paving is scheduled to begin in October.

[EXECUTIVE](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to move into an executive session for a legal discussion. Trustee Bob Carson 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 Peter G. Cherock motioned to adjourn at 7:44 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
Village Clerk