



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Laurie DeNardo. Present were Mayor Laurie DeNardo, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi, Trustee Stephen Klemann, and Village Clerk Fred Warrick. Also in attendance were Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Tremblay, Superintendent of Village Parks and Recreation Stacey Parrish, and Supervisor of Streets/B&G/Collections Scott Taylor. Absent was Trustee Bob Carson. There was approximately one other in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

Alyssa Morse, MPH – Public Health Specialist – Schuyler County Public Health went over the various public health programs, the 2025 rabies clinics, and avian influenza updates.

PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to open the public hearing for the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget that runs from June 1st through May 31st. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting held on April 1, 2025

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on April 1, 2025. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve all department reports. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VOTING ITEMS

East Coast Watercross

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve the East Coast Watercross application for the use of Clute Park on August 22-24 for Jet Ski Races. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Dumpster Day Contract

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to award Greenleaf Recycling the contract for Dumpster Day, to be held on May 10th from 8a – 12p. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Step Increase – Macy Fitzgerald

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to increase Macy Fitzgerald (Laborer – Roller Skating) to \$17.00/hr effective 4/7/25 for reaching her 4th Season. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution – Clute Park Pump Station Bond

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,427,000 to finance the construction of improvements to the village sewer system.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF SCHUYLER, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of Watkins Glen, in the County of Schuyler, New York (herein called the “Village”), is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,427,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the “Law”), to finance the construction of improvements to the Village sewer system, consisting of replacement of the Clute Park Pump Station, installation of approximately 4,020 feet of forcemain to be routed directly to the wastewater treatment facility, and other ancillary or related work in connection therewith, as described in the Preliminary Engineering Report prepared for the Village by Larson Design Group, dated December 2023.

Section 2. The estimated maximum cost of the project described herein, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$2,427,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,427,000 to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of sewer rents and usage charges to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable. It is expected that grant funds shall be received to pay a part of the cost of the project, and any such grant funds received or any other funds appropriated by the Village for the project are authorized to be applied to the cost of said project and the principal amount of bonds or notes issued shall be reduced by the amount of such other funds so appropriated and expended.

Section 2. Bonds of the Village in the principal amount of \$2,427,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the “Law”), to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 4 of the Law, is forty (40) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of

said bond anticipation notes, and as to the execution of agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, within ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution, to publish or cause to be published, in full, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation within said Village, and posted in at least six (6) public places and in each polling place in the Village, a Notice in substantially the form appearing in Exhibit A hereto.

Section 8. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, after said bond resolution shall take effect, to cause said bond resolution to be published, in summary, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation within said Village, together with a Notice in substantially the form as provided by Section 81.00 of the Law.

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

Elected & Appointed Members of the WGFD

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve and support the 2025-2026 elected and appointed members of the Watkins Glen Fire Dept:

- Fire Chief: Jason Hudson
- 1st Asst. Charlie Saptura
- 2nd Asst. Aaron Emery
- Deputy Chief: Anthony Nieves
- Deputy Chief: Rob DeDominick
- Deputy Chief: Nick Dalrymple
- Captain: John Horrocks
- Lieutenant: Brent Hulslander
- Safety Captain: Brian Hudson
- EMS Captain: Ashley Emery

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Seasonal Hires

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve the following seasonal hires:

- Nan Woodworth – Recreation Attendant (Park Office) - \$20.00/hr – 4/15/2025
- Carrol Cervoni – Laborer (Cemetery) - \$18.00/hr – 4/28/2025
- Bill Spencer – Laborer (Cemetery) - \$18.00/hr – 4/28/2025
- Bob Spencer – Laborer (B&G) - \$18.00 - 4/28/2025
- Mark McClain – Laborer (Cemetery) - \$18.00/hr – 5/5/2025
- David Tillotson – Laborer (Cemetery) - \$16.00/hr – 5/5/2025 (3rd Season)
- Connor Novinski – Laborer (B&G) - \$17.00 - 5/19/2025 (4th Season)
- Brady Cannon – Laborer (B&G) - \$17.00 - 5/19/2025 (4th Season)

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

Resolution – 900 N. Porter Street

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve the resolution affirming a Code Enforcement report against 900 N. Porter Street and ordering the repair or removal of the unsafe structure.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Local Law #2 of 2024, Section 5, the Code Enforcement Officer of this Village has made a formal inspection of the real property located at 900 Porter Street in said Village, and submitted a written report to the Village Board dated April 15, 2025, finding that the structure on said property is unsafe and unfit for human occupancy, and has recommended that the structure be secured so as to prohibit entry, and

WHEREAS, the subject property is owned of record by Garrett J. Ransom of Watkins Glen, whose tax mailing address is: 900 North Porter Street, Watkins Glen, NY 14891 (the “Owner”), and

WHEREAS, The Code Enforcement Officer has deemed the structure on the subject property to be unsafe and unfit for human occupancy and determined that said structure should remain vacant in accordance with New York State Property Maintenance Code Sections 107.1.1, 107.1.2, 107.1.3, 107.2, and Section 109.1 of the New York Fire Code, and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer has determined that an emergency exists and has ordered the immediate securing of the structure on the subject property due to the unsafe nature of the structure, and its unfitness for human occupancy, by blocking of all access, and placing placards at each entrance stating that occupancy of the structure is prohibited, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Local Law #2 of 2024 Section 6, the Village Board has considered the written report of the Codes Enforcement Officer, and finds that the structure located on the property at 900 Porter Street, in the Village is dangerous and unsafe and unfit for human occupancy, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen support the findings of the Code Enforcement Officer that the aforementioned structure is unsafe and endangers the health, welfare and safety of the public due to: 1) the existence of open doorways and windows making it attractive and accessible to minors; 2) the likelihood of it becoming a place of rodent infestation; and 3) it being so unsanitary as to be unfit for human habitation,

BY RESOLUTION, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED, that the structure on the property at 900 Porter Street, in the Village of Watkins Glen be repaired if the same can be safely secured and/or repaired, and, if not, that the structure be removed and demolished; and it is further

ORDERED, that a hearing shall be held before the Village Board at 10 a.m. on May 1, 2025 in the board room of the Municipal Building at 303 N. Franklin Street, Watkins Glen, NY, on due notice to the Owner in accordance with Section 6 of Local Law No. 2 of 2024, to determine whether said Order to repair or remove shall be affirmed, modified, or vacated, and it is further

ORDERED, that the complete repair or removal of the structure on the property located at 900 Porter Street, in the Village of Watkins Glen, shall be commenced within thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice by the Owner, and shall be completed within sixty (60) days thereafter.

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

Sunshine Boat Rental

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve the lease agreement for Sunshine Boat Rental. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. In further discussion, the agreement should be revised to state \$2,000 per month for no more than 2 boats for the 2025 season. The Board then voted on the motion. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock rejected the lease amount as being too low. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

CLOSING OF PUBLIC HEARING

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to close the public hearing for the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget that runs from June 1st through May 31st. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve the general audit dated April 11, 2025 in the following amounts:

General	\$39,681.38	Sewer	\$115,229.42
Electric	\$11,617.08	Water	\$15,481.57
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$18,350.56	Water Improvements	\$215.84
Clute Park Playground	\$9,986.51		

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

Mayor Laurie DeNardo reminded everyone that a special meeting to approve the 2025/2026 fiscal year budget is May 1, 2025 at 10:00a.

EXECUTIVE

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to move to executive for a personnel review in the Police Dept. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to move back into the regular session to vote on the hire of a part time police officer. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Police Dept Hire

Trustee Stephen Klemann motioned to approve the hire of Cody Gonzalez as a part time police officer at \$26.72 starting 4/21/2025. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Fred Warrick
Village Clerk