



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The public session of the special meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Mayor Laurie DeNardo. Present were Mayor Laurie DeNardo, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock, Trustee Bob Carson, Trustee Stephen Klemann, and Village Clerk Fred Warrick. Also in attendance were Supervisor of Streets/B&G/Collections Scott Taylor, Water Supervisor Meghan Fox, and Electric Supervisor Tommy Ballard. Absent was Trustee Margaret Schimizzi. There was no others in attendance.

**PUBLIC BE HEARD**

None

**VOTING ITEMS**

**Resolution – Extension for 900 N. Porter**

Trustee Stephen Klemann motioned to adopt a resolution extending the order to repair or remove an unsafe structure for 900 N. Porter Street.

**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**, 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 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 had determined that an emergency existed and therefore 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**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen supported the findings of the Code Enforcement Officer by resolution on April 14, 2025 and **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

**WHEREAS**, it was further **ORDERED** that a hearing 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, to determine whether said Order to repair or remove shall be affirmed, modified, or vacated, and

**WHEREAS**, that the complete repair or removal of the structure on the property located at 900 Porter Street, in the Village of Watkins Glen, was ordered to commence within thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice by the Owner, and be completed within sixty (60) days thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner Garrett J. Ransom, for health reasons, has requested a 30-day extension to appear before the Board.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen do hereby **EXTEND** the hearing to be held before the Village Board at 5 p.m. on June 3, 2025 in the board room of the Municipal

Building at 303 N. Franklin Street, Watkins Glen, NY, to determine whether said Order to repair or remove shall be affirmed, modified, or vacated fully.

Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### Resolution – Elks Youth Week

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to adopt a resolution proclaiming the first week in May as Elks Youth Week.

**WHEREAS**, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has designated May 1-7, as Youth Week to honor America's Junior Citizens for their accomplishments, and to give fitting recognition of their services to Community, State and Nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, Watkins Glen Elks Lodge #1546 will sponsor an observance during that week in tribute to the Junior Citizens of this Community; and,

**WHEREAS**, no event could be more deserving of our support and participation than one dedicated to these young people who represent the nation's greatest resource, and who in the years ahead will assume the responsibility for the advancement of our free society; and,

**WHEREAS**, our Youth need the guidance, inspiration and encouragement which we alone can give in order to help develop those qualities of character essential for future leadership; and go forth to serve America; and,

**WHEREAS**, to achieve this worthy objective we should demonstrate our partnership with Youth, our understanding of their hopes and aspirations and a sincere willingness to help prepare them in every way for the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees do hereby proclaim the first week in May as Youth Week, and urge all departments of government, civic, fraternal and patriotic groups, and our citizens generally, to participate wholeheartedly in its observance.

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

#### 2025/2026 Village Budget

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to adopt the 2025/2026 fiscal year budget. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### BOARD CONCERNS

Mayor Laurie DeNardo reminded everyone that village clean-up is May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### EXECUTIVE

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to move to executive for a disciplinary discussion. Trustee Stephen Klemann 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, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to adjourn at 11:22 a.m. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Fred Warrick  
Village Clerk