



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, MAY 20, 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 Bob Carson, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi, Trustee Stephen Klemann, and Village Clerk Fred Warrick. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Village Parks and Recreation Stacey Parrish, and Supervisor of Streets/B&G/Collections Scott Taylor. There were three others in attendance.

PRESENTATION

Joey Volpicelli – Suit-Kote - presented to the board micro surfacing asphalt as a less expensive option.

Charlie Fausold - Seneca Pure Waters Lake Friendly Living Communities – requested to put in a Native Plan Garden

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Peter Widynski – discussed recurring issue that he feels is still unresolved – speed controls & who is responsible for the area that is 409 to the village limit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the special meeting held on May 1, 2025

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

Minutes for the regular meeting held on May 6, 2025

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on May 6, 2025. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

VOTING ITEMS

Seasonal Hires/New Rehires

Trustee Stephen Klemann motioned to approve the following seasonal hires & new hires:

John Kuparinen Jr. – Motor Equipment Operator – Streets - \$19.74/hr – June 9th.

Justin Stutzman, Ben Heichel, and Arden Heichel – Laborer – Buildings & Grounds - \$15.50/hr – May 27th.

Cody Bryans - Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee - \$20.80/hr – May 27th.

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

[Evergreen Excavation Pay Application #3](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve Pay App #3 for Evergreen Excavating & Demolition, LLC in the amount of \$18,879 for work performed on the Accessible Playground project. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Use of Sewer Fund Balance](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to adopt a resolution to transfer \$300,000 of sewer fund balance to fund the initial design of the Clute Park Wastewater Pump Station & Force Main Reroute project. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Salt Well Historical Marker](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve a permission letter for the Salt Well Historical Marker in Clute Park. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Temporary Accounting Service](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve entering into an agreement with Express Employment Professionals for temporary accounting services at a billable rate of \$34.32/hr. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Micro Surfacing Asphalt – Suit-Kote](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve the Suite-Kote paving quote totaling \$109,880.40. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement – Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Training Reimbursement Pursuant to General Municipal Law, Article 5-G. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Native Plant Garden in Clute Park](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve Seneca Pure Waters Lake Friendly Living Committee to establish an approximate 200 sq. foot native plant demonstration garden in Clute Park. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. In further discussion, request is granted upon the Superintendent of Village Parks & Recreation's final approval. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[SWIMS Grant](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve an agreement between the County of Schuyler and the Village of Watkins Glen for administration of the New York State Department of State's Statewide Investment in More Swimming (SWIMS) grant awarded to the village in the amount of \$9,371. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve the general audit dated May 16, 2025 in the following amounts:

General	\$28,906.83	Sewer	\$1,535.68
Electric	\$5,823.11	Water	\$11,757.02
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$19,283.38	Water Improvements	\$24,950.82
Clute Park Playground	\$33,192.33	Biosolids Alternate Study	\$34,900

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

BOARD CONCERNS

Mayor Laurie DeNardo requested a reminder be placed on the village's social media for lawns to be kept up.

EXECUTIVE

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to move to executive for a property acquisition & non-union salary increases. Trustee Margaret 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 end the executive session at 6:32 pm and move back into regular session for a vote on non-union salary increases. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Non Union Salary Increases

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve the following wages:

Tom Ballard	Electric Dept Supervisor	\$107,763
Catrina Decker	Justice Court Clerk	\$9,050
Steven Decker	Village Justice	\$16,750
Stacey Parrish	Superintendent Parks & Rec	\$68,250
Meghan Fox	Water Treatment Plant Supervisor	\$83,876
Fred Warrick	Village Clerk	\$75,505
Chantel Fitzgerald	Parks Coordinator	\$45,968

Trustee Bob Carson 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 6:37 p.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