



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Luke Leszyk who led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance. Present were Mayor Luke Leszyk, Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini, Trustee Anthony Fraboni, Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Sergeant Brandon Matthews, Village Clerk Lonnie Childs and Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present were Park Manager Michelle Hyde, Water Supervisor Martin Pierce, Building Inspector David Patterson and Part-time Electric Lineworker Minard LaFever. Absent was Superintendent Terry Wilcox. There were approximately eleven other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG Water Study Grant

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to open the public hearing at 6:01 pm. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

MRB Group representatives Shawn Bray, Bill Davis and Johanna Lang-Bentley were in attendance to provide an overview of the comprehensive water system study findings, present preliminary cost estimates that came in at \$16,000,000, and provide sources of possible funding options. There were no comments from the public.

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to close the public hearing at 6:46 pm. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Kyle Benedict was present to discuss odd/even parking and requested that the Board consider going back to using the CodeRed system for enforcement instead of having the odd/even parking be enforced every day. The Board informed him that it was being enforced per the local law and in a fashion that is fair and equitable as there are many residents and visitors that are not on the CodeRed system.

Christen Bresett, a resident of 105 Fifteenth Street, was present to discuss a sewer cleanout that is causing sewer to back up into her home. Ms. Bresett is under the assumption that the cleanout was installed when the new curbing was installed down Fifteenth Street and is requesting that the Village rectify whatever is causing the issue. The Village Board will research the matter and get back to her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting November 5, 2019

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board of Trustees meeting held on November 5, 2019. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the Department Heads' reports as presented. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Building Inspector David Patterson discussed the proposed Local Law pertaining to the registration of rental properties. Currently, the Village of Montour has adopted such a law and he would like to see the Village of Watkins Glen adopt a similar version. A copy was provided to the Board for their review.

VOTING ITEMS

Rearrangement of Village Hall

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the rearrangement of the Village Hall that would allow for the Village Police Department to be relocated to the back of the building and the Mayoral Office and conference room to be moved to the front of the building. It would also allow for the Codes Department to be moved from the Schuyler County Shared Services Building back into the Village Municipal Building. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Resolution to Amend the 2019-2020 Budget for the Magee Street Reconstruction Expenses

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the following budget amendment resolution. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the Joint Project Committee contracted with Vacri Construction as part of contract 1A – Force Main and Pump Station installation as it pertains to the new Catherine Valley Water Reclamation Facility; and,

WHEREAS, the force main line was installed on Magee Street and the reconstruction of Magee Street was substantially greater than initially anticipated coming in at a total cost of \$559,637.19; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation funding will only cover the portion covered by contract 1A in the amount of \$359,637.18, leaving a balance of \$200,000 to be paid by the Village of Watkins Glen; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen is able to utilize CHIPS funding to cover \$50,000 and the remaining \$150,000 will be required to come out of the Sewer budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to amend the 2019-20 Budget to increase the Collection System line GG.8120.420 and utilize the funds from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account GG.0909.000 in the amount of \$150,000.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

Finger Lakes Water Works Conference – Water Department

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve Water Treatment Plant Operator in Charge Martin Pierce, Water Treatment Plant Mechanic Stanley Swarthout and Maintenance Mechanic John Rekczi to attend the Finger Lakes Water Works Conference on December 5, 2019 at the Quality Inn Waterloo in Waterloo, NY at a cost of \$78.00. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the regular audit in the following amounts. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion.

General	\$199,890.36	Sewer	\$204,510.21
Electric	\$132,163.20	Water	\$54,503.12
Rte. 14/Madison Ave	\$2,317.92	CDBG Water Study	\$4,325.00
SCADA System Upgrades	\$37,220.00	Padua Tank Upgrades	\$12,714.68
LWRP #1	\$77,485.67	LWRP #2	\$71,064.00

The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

JPC Audit

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the JPC audit in the amount of \$1,803,441.06. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

Village Facebook Page and Website

The new Village website went live on November 15, 2019. The Village has received positive feedback regarding the new site and Facebook page.

Village Annexation – John Barnes

Village Clerk Lonnie Childs informed the Board of the joint public hearing with the Town of Dix regarding the annexation of John Barnes' property at 710 E Second Street. The meeting will be at the Town of Dix Town Hall on Monday, December 9th at 6:30pm.

Village Office Closing

Village Clerk Lonnie Childs then discussed the possibility of closing the Village Office to the public for one day a month, proposed to be the second Friday of the month, to provide a day with no interruptions for the staff to be able to focus and complete much needed projects. The Village Board was not in favor of this proposal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 7:33 pm for two personnel issues. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit executive session and re-enter public session at 8:08 pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to hire Minard LaFever as Supervisor of Village Electric Department effective December 2, 2019 at a rate of \$40.00/hr. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to terminate employment for Motor Equipment Operator Christopher LaRoux effective November 15, 2019. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.
Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater