



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

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 Nan Woodworth, Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Superintendent Terry Wilcox, Sergeant Brandon Matthews, Village Clerk Lonnie Childs, and Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present were Water Supervisor Martin Pierce, Park Manager Michelle Hyde, Code Enforcement Officer Darrin Stocum and Street Supervisor Kenny Barber. There were approximately thirteen boy scouts and nine other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

The Boy Scouts were in attendance for the public meeting to discuss various aspects of the Village. Several scouts asked questions of the Board in regards to the new sewer plant, the proposed increase to electric rates, the elimination of the roller-skating program and whether fluoride is added to the Village water. The Board and Village staff responded to all inquiries.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the re-appointment of Stacy Gray to the Zoning Board of Appeals as their chairperson. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting February 18, 2020

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board of Trustees meeting held on February 18, 2020. 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.

VOTING ITEMS

Termination of Electric Department Employee – Robert Cassidy III

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the termination of Robert Cassidy III. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Hire Additional Lineworker Helper

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to hire an additional Lineworker Helper for the Electric Department to fill the vacancy caused by the dismissal of Mr. Cassidy. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Wastewater Treatment Plant Surplus](#)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to surplus the entire contents of the current wastewater treatment plant. This will allow for the sale of various equipment to the Catherine Valley Water Reclamation Facility and other wastewater plants who may be able to use equipment once the old plant is decommissioned. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Clute Park Redevelopment SEQR Resolution](#)

Kristin VanHorn, County Planning Director reviewed Part II of the SEQR. Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the following resolution declaring a negative declaration of environmental impact for the Clute Park Redevelopment Project. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law, the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees has received and reviewed Part 1 Short Environmental Action Form (EAF) for the proposed project.

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees, at their January 21, 2020 board meeting declared its intent to serve as lead agency for the environmental review and accepted the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and notified involved agencies of this intent to serve as lead agency, and

WHEREAS, no involved agencies challenged the Village of Watkins Glen's assertion of lead agency status within the required 30-day waiting period, and the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees considers itself as lead agency in this action.

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen has determined that the action to construct three new structures including a 6,000 SF pavilion and event space, a year-round bathhouse, and an ice-surfacers storage and chiller plant building. 10,000 SF ice rink and splash pad at Clute Park is a Type 1 action and has completed the parts 2 and 3 of the EAF to assess any environmental impacts, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees in consultation with the County Planning Director has reviewed the potential impacts of the proposed construction and redevelopment at Clute Park and found that there will be no significant negative environmental impacts associated with this action, and accordingly issues a negative declaration of environmental impact.

[Health Insurance Consortium – 2020 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the 2020 amendment to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the Health Insurance Consortium. The Board and Village Clerk reviewed previously and have no concerns with the proposed amendments, most of which were simply a change in language not policy. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[ESD Draw Request #3 – Streetlighting Project](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve and the Mayor to sign all documents in conjunction with ESD grant utilization draw request #3 in the amount of \$181,677.83. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Police Department New Vehicle Request](#)

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the Watkins Glen Police Department to purchase a new patrol vehicle through Ford Credit Financing at a cost of \$44,987.27. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion.

Much discussion followed regarding the necessity of another vehicle and the costs associated with the purchase. It was requested to table the matter. The Board then voted on the motion and all were opposed. Motion Failed.

[Water Department Surplus](#)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to surplus two W&T polymers blending and feed pumps and two alum feed pumps and sell as scrap. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Special Event Application – Finger Lakes Open Water Swim Festival](#)

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the special event application from the Finger Lakes Open Water Swim Festival for use of Clute Park on July 17-19, 2020. The festival committee is aware of the planned construction and feels that it should not interfere with their event and Park Manager Hyde concurred. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Special Event Application for Use of Fire Department Building – Eugene Mickey Fraboni Wedding Shower](#)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the special event application for use of the firehouse to host a wedding shower for Eugene Mickey Fraboni on April 25, 2020 from 11am to 5pm. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Water Department SCADA System - Purchase of Computers](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the purchase of a computer and various accessories for the Water Department SCADA System at a cost of \$2,535.00. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Implementation of COBRA Coverage](#)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the implementation of COBRA Coverage for the Village of Watkins Glen at a minimum payment of \$55/month (\$1.00/eligible employee) and a one-time startup fee of \$250.00. COBRA coverage used to be covered automatically under the previous health insurance provider however, the Health Insurance Consortium does not provide this type of coverage. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[CONFERENCE REQUESTS](#)

[2020 Stop DWI NY Regional Training Class – Aaron Jumper & Jacob Cardinale](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve Aaron Jumper and Jacob Cardinale to attend the 2020 Stop-DWI NY Regional Training Class presented by the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee at the Wings of Eagles Discovery Center, Horseheads, NY on March 3, 2020 at no cost. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[MEUA Engineering Workshop – Thomas Ballard & Dale Heichel](#)

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve Thomas Ballard and Dale Heichel to attend the MEUA Engineering Workshop at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, Syracuse Destiny USA, Syracuse, NY on March 18-19, 2020 at \$80/person. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Residential Code of NYS 2016 – Darrin Stocum](#)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve Darrin Stocum to attend the Residential Code of NYS 2016 at the Academy of Fire Science, Montour Falls, NY on March 17-19, 2020 at a cost of \$49.00. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Residential and Building Code of NYS 2016 – Darrin Stocum

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve Darrin Stocum to attend the Residential and Building Code of NYS 2016 at the Academy of Fire Science, Montour Falls, NY on March 17th – 19th and April 14th -16th, 2020 at a cost of \$49.00 for each class. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

General Audit & Online Audit

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the regular audit in the following amounts:

General	\$45,708.81	Sewer	\$8,687.31
Electric	\$120,358.81	Water	\$5,471.86
Padua Tank	\$1,791.38		

as well as the online payment audit for the NYS Department of Taxation, State Comptroller and JP Morgan Chase water improvement serial bond and fire station bond payments in the amount of \$106,853.74. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

Streetlight Project Update

Superintendent Terry Wilcox updated the Board on the banner arm and flag pole bracket issue. Horizon has stated that they feel they are not responsible for the matter and will not address the issue any further. Superintendent Terry Wilcox has determined how to tap the threads to be able to install the brackets. He will be teaching the Electric Department Employees how to fix them and is expecting that the Village can complete the project before summer.

MRB Group CDBG Water Study

The Village Board made the decision to put out an RFP for administration and SEQR work.

Property Tax Certificate Sale

Village Treasurer Rhonda Slater updated the Board on the results of the tax certificate sale that was held on February 28, 2020. Thirty-two tax certificates were offered up for tax sale, all but six were redeemed by those in attendance. The remaining six certificates will be retained by the Village until the tax is paid.

Reschedule Board Meeting

The Village Board will be moving the regularly scheduled Board meeting from March 17, 2020 to March 16, 2020 at 6:pm in the Village Boardroom in observance of Saint Patrick's Day.

Departmental Budget Discussions

The Village Board discussed the procedures for how the budget was created and what the process for Board review will be. Mayor Luke Leszyk officially designated the Village Treasurer as the Budget Officer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 6:57 pm to review the IBEW Collective Bargaining Agreement, proposed litigation matter for Codes Department and one Water Department contractual item. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION AND ADJOURN

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit executive session at 8:00 pm. 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 approve the IBEW Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Electric Department for the term of June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2023. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to hire Ioannis Prodromou as a Lineworker Helper for the Electric Department starting March 9, 2020 at a rate of \$19.71/hr. She further motioned to hire Clark Kendall as an additional Lineworker Helper for the Electric Department starting April 6, 2020 at a rate of \$19.71/hr. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.
Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater