



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 01, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Laurie DeNardo.

Present were Mayor Laurie DeNardo, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Trustee Bob Carson, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Craig Bond, Code Enforcement Officer Scot Cole, Clerk Fred Warrick and Treasurer Angela Ventra. Absent was Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox. There were approximately fourteen other people in attendance.

RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Laurie DeNardo presented the Certificate of Valor to park lifeguards Cameron Holland, Hannah Nolan, Isabella La Face, Giuseppe La Face and Nikhil Manakkal.

Mayor Laurie DeNardo gave thanks to Joe Fazzary for his years of service on the Planning Board.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Amanda Ratchford of Larson Design Group went over the current updates to the Water System Improvements Project.

Emily Hoffman of Schuyler County Public Health shared important public health updates they are doing: 1) Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), 2) Walkability Virtual Academy, 3) Medical Reserve Corps. (medical/non-medical volunteers).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on July 18, 2023

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on July 18, 2023. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All others were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve all Department Head reports. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

VOTING ITEMS

Water System Improvements Project – Pay Application

Trustee Bob Carson motioned to approve payment application #4 from G.M. McCrossin, Inc. for \$1,058,109.71 for work performed for the Phase 1 Water System Improvement project. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

LaFayette Park Project – Pay Application

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve payment application #2 from Economy Paving Co, Inc. for \$178,600 for work performed for the LaFayette Park project. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Schamel Wedding Refund Request

Trustee Nan Woodworth motioned to approve a voucher refund request for the Nate Schamel & Amanda Mallwitz Schamel wedding. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. In further discussion, the Board agreed on a refund in the amount of \$400.00. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Resolution](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve a resolution committing cash match of \$1,213,500 for the Appalachian Regional Commission funding for the lift station upgrade and force main reroute.

WHEREAS the Village of Watkins Glen is committed to securing funding to further the priority infrastructure projects within the Village; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2022 the Village of Watkins Glen passed a resolution apply for funds through the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to upgrade the Lift Station at Clute Park and Force Main Reroute.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees commits a cash match of \$1,213,500 to complete the project.

Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[AUDITS](#)

[General Audit](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made the motion to approve the general audit dated July 14, 2023 in the following amounts:

General	\$256,370.10	Sewer	\$7,188.93
Electric	\$194,856.40	Water	\$66,348.47
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$25,604.33		
Summer Rec	\$1,010.55		

Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[BOARD CONCERNS](#)

[Recycle Fee](#)

The Board discussed solutions to the increasing costs of recycling, including possible fee to residents.

[Summer Recreation](#)

Looking at Lakeside Pavilion as permanent HQ for Summer Rec program. Board to write a Thank you letter to supporting organizations/municipalities.

[Walmart Flowers](#)

Walmart donated clearance perennials to the Parks Dept.

[Lunar Eclipse](#)

Parks campgrounds planning to open early on April 5, 2024 to coincide with the lunar eclipse event happening April 8, 2024.

[Park Rates 2024](#)

Board needs time to review. Will be brought back to the 8/15 meeting.

[Season Employees Fall Prep](#)

Parks Maintenance to develop a staffing plan for the transition of the splashpad to the ice rink after October.

[Sticker Shops](#)

The last sticker shop, Fat Daddy's has closed. There are no more in the Village and the new zoning law permits any new like business only in the Mixed Use Industrial Zoning District with tightened restrictions.

Blacktopping Sidewalks

New sidewalks cannot be blacktop. Blacktop only allowed if already so.

EXECUTIVE

Trustee Bob Carson motioned to move into an executive session for a personnel issue. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Nan Woodworth motioned to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Fred Warrick
Village Clerk