

# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by Mayor Luke Leszyk. Present were Mayor Luke Leszyk, Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini, Trustee Anthony Fraboni, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Superintendent Terry Wilcox, Village Clerk Lonnie Childs, and Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present was Water Supervisor Martin Pierce. The meeting was held via ZOOM online video conferencing in compliance with COVID Executive Order 202.1. There were approximately five other persons in attendance.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The public hearings on the proposed 2020-2021 Water, Sewer and Water Reclamation budgets, proposed Local Law to repeal Local Law #1 of 2020 to override the tax cap, and proposed Local Law to increase water rates were opened at 3:09 pm with a motion by Trustee Anthony Fraboni and a second by Trustee Laurie DeNardo. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

There were no comments from the public; the hearings were left open.

#### PUBLIC BE HEARD

There were no public concerns.

## **VOTING ITEMS**

#### Resolution to Increase Sewer Rates

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following resolution to increase sewer rates. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Trustees to increase the sewer user rates as provided in Section 11-A of Local Law Number 8 of the year 2003, for the Village of Watkins Glen, and as set forth on Schedule A annexed thereto; and

WHEREAS, Local Law Number 8 of 2003, further provides, in Section 11-A, Subsection c, that changes in sewer user rates and rents may be made by resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village, and Section 452(2) of General Municipal Law provides that sewer user rates and rents may be established by resolution of the Board upon five (5) days' notice. Said Local Law No. 8 of 2003 was previously amended by Resolution Number 18-06-17.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Schedule A of Local Law No. 8 of the Year 2003, be and the same is hereby amended to increase the monthly per cubic foot/gallon charges from \$22.75 per 0 to 300 C.F., \$9.00 per 100 cubic feet over 300 C.F., or \$22.75 per 0 to 2,250 Gal, \$12.03 per 1000 gallons over 2,250 gallons, to \$35.00 per 0 to 300 C.F., \$10.00 per 100 cubic feet 300 C.F. to 5000 C.F., \$10.50 5001 C.F. to 10000 C.F., and \$11.00 per 10001 C.F. and over, or \$35.00 per 0 to 2,250 Gal, \$13.37 per 1000 gallons 2250 gal to 37400 gal, \$14.04 per 1000 gallons 37401 to 74810, and \$14.70 per 1000 gallons 74811 and over; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Schedule A of Local Law No. 8 of the year 2003, is amended as provided herein, is hereby adopted and becomes effective as of June 1, 2020.

#### SCHEDULE A

# RATES EFFECTIVE FOR METERS READING CUBIC FEET:

SEWER USER RATES (SECTION 11-A)

0 - 300 Cubic Feet Minimum Charge Per Month = \$35.00

Over 300 Cubic Feet To 5,000 Cubic Feet Per Month = \$10.00 Per 100 Cu Ft

Over 5,000 Cubic Feet To 10,000 Cubic Feet Per Month = \$10.50 Per 100 Cu Ft

Over 10,000 Cubic Feet Per Month = \$11.00 Per 100 Cu. Ft

SEWER RENTS (SECTION 11-B)

Each Unit = \$15.50 Per Month

# LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES (SECTION 11-C)

One Time 10 % Computed On The Delinquent Sewer User Rates And Rents

## RATES EFFECTIVE FOR METERS READING GALLONS:

## SEWER USER RATES (SECTION 11-A)

0 - 2,250 Gallons Minimum Charge Per Month = \$35.00

Over 2,250 Gallons To 37,400 Gallons Per Month = \$13.37 Per 1000 Gal

Over 37,401 Gallons To 74,810 Gallons Per Month = \$14.04 Per 1000 Gal

Over 7,4811 Gallons Per Month = \$14.70 Per 1000 Gal

# SEWER RENTS (SECTION 11-B)

Each Unit = \$15.50 Per Month

# LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES (SECTION 11-C)

One Time 10 % Computed On The Delinquent Sewer User Rates And Rents

These rates may be from time-to-time amended by resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen.

#### Non-Union Wage Increases

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the following raise increases for non-union workers effective June 1, 2020, unless otherwise stated. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Name	Position	20/21 increase		
Barber Jr., Kenneth F	Supervisor of Village Streets	1.3%		
Childs, Lonnie M	Village Clerk	2.5%		
Hyde, Michelle E	Supt of Village Park & Recreation	1.5%		
Pierce, Martin K	WTP Operator in Charge	1.5%		
Wilcox, Terry A	Supt of Public Works	2.5%		
Carl, Diane L.	Parks & Recreation Coordinator	1.0%		
LaFever, Minard	Electric Dept. Supervisor	3.5%		
Slater, Rhonda E	Village Treasurer	2.5%		
Upon completion of successful probationary period:				
Watson, Sarah S	Keyboard Specialist	25¢ increase		
Peterson, Barbara J	Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	25¢ increase		

#### **AUDIT**

#### General Audit

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the regular audit for May 28, 2020 in the following amounts.

General	\$34,765.68	Sewer	\$1,373.51
Electric	\$220,369.71	Water	\$441.38
Project Seneca	\$465,942.97	DRI Projects	\$91,654.00
LWRP #1	\$4,727.00	LWRP #2	\$7,441.00

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**

# Village Meetings

Mayor Luke Leszyk informed the public that the Village of Watkins Glen will be holding the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 2, 2020 as an in-person meeting, instead of being held on Zoom. All rules and regulations will be followed as set forth by the executive orders for holding public meetings. The meetings for the Planning Board and Zoning Boards will be determined by their respective Boards.

### House of Hong

The Village Board discussed the House of Hong unresolved sewer clean-up billing. Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to waive the remainder of the outstanding bill in the amount of \$2,037.18 if an outside sewer grease trap is installed. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The public hearings were closed at 3:28 pm with a motion by Trustee Nan Woodworth, a second by Trustee Laurie DeNardo and all being in favor. Motion Carried.

# Local Law to Repeal Local Law #1 of 2020

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the Local Law to repeal Local Law #1 of 2020 to override the tax cap. The Village adopted a budget in compliance with the tax cap. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

A local law to repeal Local Law #1 of 2020 to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c for fiscal year 2020-21.

## Section 1. Legislative Intent

This local law hereby repeals Local Law #1 of 2020 that would allow the Village of Watkins Glen to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

#### Section 2. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

# Local Law to Increase Water Rates

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following Local Law to increase water rates. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

A local law to amend Local Law No 2 of 2019 as follows:

## Section 1. Inside Users

Water user charges to consumers within the corporate limits of the Village of Watkins Glen shall be based on the amount of water used each month, and shall be as follows:

0-300 c.f. minimum charge per month	\$20.00
Additional per 100 c.f. over 300 c.f. to 5,000 c.f.	\$6.00
Additional per 100 c.f. over 5,001 c.f. to 10,00 c.f.	\$6.50
Additional per 100 c.f. over 10,001 c.f.	\$7.00
Or 0-2,250 gallons minimum charge per month	\$20.00
Additional per 1,000 gal over 2,250 gal to 37,400 gal	\$8.02
Additional per 1,000 gal over 37,401 gal to 74,810 gal	\$8.69
Additional per 1,000 gal over 74,811 gal	\$9.36

The Water Rent charge shall remain the same at \$15.50.

#### Section 2. Outside Users

Water user charges to consumers outside the corporate limits of the Village of Watkins Glen shall be based on the amount of water used each month, and shall be as follows:

0-300 c.f. minimum charge per month	\$30.00
Additional per 100 c.f. over 300 c.f. to 5,000 c.f.	\$9.00
Additional per 100 c.f. over 5,001 c.f. to 10,00c.f.	\$9.75
Additional per 100 c.f. over 10,001 c.f.	\$10.50
Or 0-2,250 gallons minimum charge per month	\$30.00
Additional per 1,000 gal over 2,250 gal to 37,400 gal	\$12.03
Additional per 1,000 gal over 37,401 gal to 74,810 gal	\$13.04
Additional per 1,000 gal over 74,811 gal	\$14.04

## Section 3. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect on June 8, 2020.

# Adoption of Water, Sewer and Water Reclamation Budgets

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the attached Water, Sewer and Water Reclamation budgets. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini 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 Laurie DeNardo made the motion to adjourn at 3:36 pm. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,