



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 02, 2021

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Mayor Luke Leszyk. Present were Mayor Luke Leszyk, Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Trustee Bob Carson, Superintendent Terry Wilcox, Village Clerk Lonnie Childs, and Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present was Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever, Code Enforcement Officer Darrin Stocum, Sergeant Ethan Mosher and Park Manager Michelle Hyde. The meeting was held via ZOOM online video conferencing in compliance with COVID Executive Order 202.96. There were approximately seventeen other persons in attendance.

### MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the Mayoral Appointment of Phil Cherry to the Zoning Board of Appeals effective April 1, 2021 to fill the vacancy created by the term end of Colleen Chavchavadze. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

### PUBLIC BE HEARD

Dale Irwin, CEO of Greenidge Generation LLC, was present to refute claims made in the proposed resolution requesting a moratorium on expansion of the company. The Board opted to table the resolution under voting items until more information could be gathered.

Kevin Thornton inquired about the regulations regarding snow removal and the sending out of Village crews to do cleanup of individual's properties.

Kevin Thornton further commented that he felt the appointment of Phil Cherry to the Zoning Board would create a conflict of interest being that Mr. Cherry is married to Judy McKinney Cherry, executive director for Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development (SCOPED). Sandra Barton then commented that she also felt that the appointment would create a conflict of interest. Phil Cherry commented back he feels he can do the job without creating a conflict of interest and that Judy and himself have worked closely together in the past and it has never been an issue. The Mayor then stated that this was not the forum for debating the issue. The Board moved on.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### Minutes for Regular Meeting February 16, 2021

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on February 16, 2021. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and the vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mayor Luke Leszyk, Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini, Trustee Bob Carson, Trustee Nan Woodworth

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Laurie DeNardo Motion Carried.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the department heads reports. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

## VOTING ITEMS

### Water Improvement Project – Phase 1

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve moving forward with phase 1 of the water improvements project which would include improvements and upgrades to the raw water intake, pump station and water treatment plant at an estimated cost of \$9,000,000.00. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

### LDG Proposal for Phase 1 Engineering

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to enter into an agreement with Larson Design Group for engineering services in conjunction with the water improvements phase 1. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

### ESD Grant Disbursement Agreement Resolution in Conjunction with the CVWRF

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the following resolution to enter into a grant disbursement agreement with Empire State Development. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen was eligible to apply for funding thru the Empire State Development Economic Transformation Project 2014-2015; and

WHEREAS, the Village has been approved for grant funding of up to \$2,500,000 to be used for a portion of the cost of construction and renovations for the construction of a new regional advanced technology wastewater treatment plant to better support residents and tourism activities located at Boat Launch Road, Watkins Glen, NY;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Watkins Glen authorizes the approval of the Empire State Development Grant Disbursement Agreement designated as project number AC622; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to sign all paperwork in conjunction with the Empire State Development Capital Grant Disbursement Agreement.

### DRI Project Engineering and Design RFP

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion for Village Clerk Lonnie Childs to post the Downtown Revitalization Initiative project engineering and design requests for proposals as it pertains to the East Fourth Street Improvements, LaFayette Park Upgrades and Gateway/Wayfinding Signage. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

### Firefighter Records Listing for LOSAP 2020 Program Resolution

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the following resolution approving the firefighter records listing. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen has adopted a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for the volunteer firefighters of the Watkins Glen Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the LOSAP program requires that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees, as Program Sponsor, approve the firefighter records listing on an annual basis;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees has reviewed and approved the attached firefighter records listing of all active members as it pertains to the Service Award Program for calendar year 2020.

#### Dude Solutions Asset Management Program

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to purchase an asset management program from Dude Solutions for the Village of Watkins Glen. The annual subscription rate is \$6,525.40 which can be split between all departments as the software can be utilized village-wide. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

#### Cardinal Disposal Recycling Contract 2021-2022

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the Cardinal Disposal recycling contract for 2021-2022 at a cost of \$4,250/month. This is a monthly increase of \$250 from last year's contract. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and the vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mayor Luke Leszyk, Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini, Trustee Bob Carson, Trustee Laurie DeNardo

Nays: Trustee Nan Woodworth Motion Carried.

#### Post Position – Water Treatment Plant Supervisor

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to post the Water Treatment Plant Supervisor position with salary commensurate with experience. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

#### Sewer Credit Request – Specialty Used Cars

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve a two-unit, \$20 sewer credit for Specialty Used Cars, located at 423 S Franklin St, due to a leak that flooded his garage. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

#### Sewer Credit Request – Lorraine Menio

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve a twelve-unit, \$120 sewer credit for Lorraine Menio, located at 109 Eleventh Street, due to a broken pipe in a basement wall. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

### CONFERENCE REQUESTS

#### Pretreatment 101 Webinar Region 2 – Terry Wilcox

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve Superintendent Terry Wilcox to attend the United States Environmental Protection Agency's course titled Pretreatment 101 Webinar-Region 2 to be held online at no cost from March 8 – 11 from 9am to 1:30pm each day. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

### AUDIT

#### General Audit

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the general audit dated March 1, 2021 in the following amounts:

General	\$49,572.69	Sewer	\$1,485.45
Electric	\$150,044.72	Water	\$16,420.17
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$10,548.75	Project Seneca	\$3,518.99

as well as the online audit for February sales tax, 2004 serial bond interest payment, 2013 serial bond principal and interest, and the 2020 EFC loan principal and interest payments totaling \$532,751.48. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

## BOARD CONCERNS

### [Executive Order 202.96](#)

Governor Cuomo's executive order 202.96 extending Executive Order 202.1, which authorizes public bodies to meet remotely is has been extended to March 28, 2021.

### [Second Street Traffic Concern](#)

Trustee Nan Woodworth requested that the Board look into designating the two-hundred block of East Second Street as a one-way only. Sergeant Ethan Mosher recommended that the street be a one-way flow pattern from east to west. Others expressed the desire that the flow pattern run the opposite way. Sergeant Mosher will conduct a traffic pattern test to see which way would work best. Trustee Nan Woodworth then requested that a crosswalk be striped between the Jefferson Village building and the Glen Lake Apartment complex. Superintendent Terry Wilcox will discuss it with the Street Department.

### [Clute Park Life Guards](#)

Park Manager Michelle Hyde has been in contact with the Watkins Glen High School regarding lifeguard testing for the upcoming summer season. The qualifying tests for lifeguarding have not been scheduled at this time and it is unknown when the tests will begin.

### [Enterprise Fleet Leasing Program](#)

Mayor Luke Leszyk and Superintendent Terry Wilcox met with a representative from the Enterprise Fleet Leasing Program in order to get information on a program to lease vehicles and get them on a rotating basis. More information will follow.

### [Greenidge Generation Moratorium](#)

The Board briefly discussed the Greenidge Generation moratorium resolution and requested they receive input from the opposing side before moving forward with any decisions.

### [Concerned Citizen Complaint](#)

A person self-identifying as "concerned citizen" voiced her anxiety regarding COVID-19 court procedures.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter into executive session at 7:31 pm for one Fire Department personnel item, one Codes Department personnel matter and one pending litigation matter – cod violation. 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 7:18 pm. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater