



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 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 were Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever and Sergeant Ethan Mosher. The meeting was held via ZOOM online video conferencing in compliance with COVID Executive Order 202.96. There were approximately sixteen other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Kevin Thornton inquired about how the Board was coming along with the vacant property law and how it will deal with trash and overgrowth. He was informed by the Mayor that the law has been sent to the attorney for final review and that the Village is expecting to hold the public hearing on the proposed local law sometime in April. Trustee Laurie DeNardo commented that the vacant property law will not address the trash issue as that is already a part of the Village Zoning law.

Several persons having various relations with the Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes spoke to the Board regarding the purported dangers of allowing Greenidge to continue their planned expansion of their company and urging the Board to reconsider adopting the resolution that was brought before the Board at the last Board meeting. They expressed the urgency of adopting the resolution as the matter is up for consideration on April 26th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting March 2, 2021

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on March 2, 2021. 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. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

VOTING ITEMS

Resolution to Amend the 2020-2021 Joint Activity Budget

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the following resolution as adopted by the JCP Board at their March 9, 2021 meeting to amend the 2020-2021 Joint Activity budget. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer funds within the Joint Activity accounts in order to balance the budget; and

WHEREAS, the JT.9710.600 Bond Principal Expense budget line came in under budget in the amount of \$275,950.00 and the JT.9710.700 Bond Interest Expense came in overbudget in the amount of \$9,802.37;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Treasurer be authorized to increase budget line JT.9710.700 by \$9,802.37 and decrease budget line JT.9710.600 by \$9,802.37 for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Resolution for Receivable Write-Offs

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

WHEREAS, the following accounts are over 18 months old or went through bankruptcy and therefore, deemed to be uncollectible; and

WHEREAS, proper accounting procedures require that any uncollectible accounts be written off occasionally so that they do not impact the current receivables of the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following accounts be written off as uncollectible balances:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Balance</u>
B1380.05	HAZEN, DALE	101 ELEVENTH ST	\$192.53
F0065.11	ARANDA, AURELIA	107 N MONROE ST B	\$83.00
F0370.07	CORNETTE, PATRICIA	116 N MONROE ST LOWER	\$5.66
F0800.08	KOMNICK, JOHN & LEANNE	401 S MADISON AVE	\$13.07
F1330.05	RAPLEE II, MICHAEL	200 N MADISON 3	\$94.56
G0060.04	BASTION, DIANA L	124 E FOURTH ST 1	\$138.57
G0060.06	GIASI, JACQUELINE M	124 E FOURTH ST 1	\$183.29
G0460.09	WHITNEY, RYAN	206 N DECATUR ST 4	\$58.00
G0940.02	PERRONE, REBECCA	308 THIRD	\$20.26
G1670.00	WOODWORTH, JAMES	123 FIFTH ST 5	\$46.09
G1690.13	GAETA, TINA	123 FIFTH ST 1	\$128.34
H0060.08	PAREZ, CHRIS	120 FIFTH ST 2	\$15.32
H1671.09	TRAMMEL, ERIN	208 SEVENTH ST A	\$105.25
I1115.03	BAILEY, RHODA	906 N DECATUR ST 115	\$11.78
19-36	Anthony Brady	Clute Park Parking	\$400.00
21-27	Schuyler County Sheriff	Towing	\$100.00
			\$1,595.72

Sewer Credit Request - 143 S Monroe Street

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve an eighty-three unit, \$830.00 sewer credit for Katherine Anderson-Reynolds for a burst kitchen water pipe. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Approval to Create New Position - Less Than Full Time Building Safety Inspector

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to allow the Village Clerk Lonnie Childs to create a new position with civil service for a less than full time building safety inspector for the Codes Department at 32 hours a week with a flexible pay range of \$18-\$22 based on experience. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Approval of New Hires

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainee

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to hire Logan Corey as a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainee at \$14.76/hr. starting March 29, 2021. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the

motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Motor Equipment Operators

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to hire David LaBarr and Derek Steinruck as Motor Equipment Operators for the Streets Department at \$16.36/hr. starting March 22, 2021. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Temporary Seasonal Parks & Streets Laborers

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to hire the following list of persons as temporary seasonal laborers at \$12.50/hr. starting April 26, 2021 (unless otherwise stated).

Park Maintenance

Tony Ventra
Bob Spencer
Scott Grebleski
Jeremy Landon
Jim Dryburg (start May 31)

Park Office

Naomi Kingsley (start March 29)
Patricia Dryburg (start May 31)
Aislinn Klemann (start May 7)
Jamie DeJong (ticket booth/maint.)
Mason Neira (ticket booth/maint.)

Cemetery

Carroll Cervoni
Mark McClain
Charles Drake
William Spencer

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

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

NYWEA/ASCE PDH Series – Safe Drinking Water Act

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve Water Supervisor Martin Pierce and Water Treatment Operator John Rekczis to attend the New York Water Environment Association and American Society of Civil Engineers co-hosted PDH series on the Safe Drinking Water Act lead and copper rule revisions to be held online at no cost on March 24, 2021 from 12pm to 1pm. 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

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the general audit dated March 15, 2021, along with the tax certificate payment add-on in the following amounts:

General	\$61,393.54	Sewer	\$114,607.54
Electric	\$179,469.06	Water	\$4,814.61
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$18,236.06	DRI Projects	\$41,471.57
LWRP #1	\$12,480.88	LWRP #2	\$42,275.00
OPRHP	\$13,269.69		

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the online audit for the 2020 EFC loan interest payment and the State fines and fees payment for February totaling \$13,946.56. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

Dumpster Day

The Village will hold its annual Dumpster and Shredding day on Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 8am to noon.

Executive Order 202.96

Governor Cuomo's executive order 202.96 extending Executive Order 202.1, which authorizes public bodies to meet remotely will expire on March 28, 2021. Providing there are no further extensions, the regularly scheduled Board meetings will be held at the Community Center for the month of April 2021.

Police Reform Survey Results

Trustee Laurie DeNardo inquired about the results of the police survey results that was completed. Sergeant Ethan Mosher stated that he is compiling the data now and will have it finalized and ready for Board review by next week.

Parks and Event Center Manager Position

The Village has received multiple applications for this position and Trustee Laurie DeNardo will be setting up interviews.

Election Signage

Trustee Laurie DeNardo requested that the Village office put up reminders on the website and/or on Facebook regarding election signage locations and duration as people are putting up signage too early as they shouldn't go up until May.

Village Square

The Board briefly discussed the Village Square for 2021 and the new design elements. The Mayor would like to see the square up and usable by May 1, 2021.

Seneca Lake Monster

Trustee Nan Woodworth communicating a message from John Derrig for promoting his book *Seneca Lake Monster*. It was recommended that he might speak with Michael Hardy with the Chamber of Commerce.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to exit public session and enter into executive session at 6:48 pm for one Parks Department personnel item. Trustee Laurie DeNardo 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, Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to adjourn at 7:36 pm. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater