

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:01 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 Laurie DeNardo, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox, Sergeant Brandon Matthews, Village Clerk Lonnie Childs and Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present were Street Supervisor Kenny Barber and Water Supervisor Martin Pierce. There were approximately nine other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Local Law #4 of 2019 – Animal Control “Salty’s Law”

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to open the public hearing at 6:02 pm. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

The Board thanked Barbara Cook for her assistance in preparing this law. There were no comments from the public regarding the proposed law. The public hearing was left open.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Philip Barnes

Philip Barnes was present to discuss the improved drainage on Second Street. He then discussed the possible annexation of John Barnes’ property, 716 Second Street, located in the Town of Dix, of which the Board would be in favor of. Mr. Barnes also discussed the animal control contacts the townships had with the Humane Society that are being terminated. Lastly, he requested permission to park the cars on a diagonal on Franklin Street from Second Street to Fourth Street for the Grand Prix Festival this year as it had been done in the past. The Board was supportive.

Derek Bacon – New Fire Chief

Dereck Bacon was present to introduce himself to the Board members as the new fire chief as Charlie Smith III resigned the position on June 25, 2019. He also updated the Board on the tanker truck repairs stating that they found another issue so the completion date has been pushed back to sometime in December.

Stacy Gray – Short Term Rental Issues

Stacy Gray was in attendance to discuss the 407 S. Madison Ave. short-term rental and their purported over occupancy violations. She further stated that there are at least three other short-term rentals that are still advertising occupancy for over ten persons, in violation of the law. The Board stated that the Village will reach out to these rental owners and require them to comply.

Raphael Specchio, Jr

Raphael Specchio was in attendance to discuss tree replacement at 202 N. Monroe St. and the removal of his planter on Franklin Street during the Franklin Street pavement project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting June 18, 2019

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board of Trustees meeting held on June 18, 2019. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

[Parks Report; Streets Report; Water Report; Sewer Report; Superintendent Report; Police Report](#)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the Department Heads' reports as presented. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

VOTING ITEMS

[Corrected Tax Roll](#)

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the application for corrected tax roll as filed with the Schuyler County Real Property Tax Service for parcel 65.09-3-68.21/10 reducing the overall tax by \$465.39 for an incorrectly calculated omitted tax. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Resolution – CFA/LWRP Grant, Clute Park Phase III](#)

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following resolution for application of CFA funds to help with lighting and playground equipment for Clute Park. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the Watkins Glen Village Board, Schuyler County, supports the submission of a 2019 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on behalf of the Village, through the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) under the category: Implementing a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program; and

WHEREAS, the LWRP provides grants to communities located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways to advance the preparation of strategies for community and waterfront revitalization through proper planning; and

WHEREAS, if funding is awarded the Village of Watkins Glen would like the opportunity to construct projects necessary to implement our Local Waterfront Revitalization Program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, it is anticipated that the Watkins Glen Village Board, on behalf of the Village, will complete the necessary actions to authorize expenditures for the proposed project, accepting that they shall provide at least 25% match of the total of any grant funding awarded as a local match in the form of in-kind services or cash contributions hereby appropriated and obligated from the General Fund of the Village of Watkins Glen; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Mayor Luke Leszyk is authorized to execute necessary documents relative to, and as required for, the LWRP application; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Watkins Glen Village Board, recognizes and fully supports the submission of a Consolidated Funding Application for a LWRP grant on behalf of the Village, for the implementation the LWRP.

[Resolution – CFA/LWRP Grant, Clute Park Lift Station](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the following resolution for application of CFA funds for the Clute Park lift station upgrades. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, The Village of Watkins Glen is committed to securing funding to further the priority projects identified by the Village's Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP); and

WHEREAS, Clute Park is undergoing significant improvements to the pavilion and bathhouse creating year-round activity. As a result of these improvements the wastewater lift station will

also need to be upgraded.

WHEREAS, Funds are available to support this project through the 2019 NYS Consolidated Funding Application through the Department of States Local Waterfront Revitalization Funds to support such activities; and

WHEREAS: it is anticipated that the Watkins Glen Village Board, on behalf of the Village, will complete the necessary actions to authorize expenditures for the proposed project, accepting that they shall provide at least 25% match of the total of any grant funding awarded as a local match in the form of in-kind services or cash contributions hereby appropriated and obligated from the General Fund of the Village of Watkins Glen; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to apply for funds through the Department of States 2019 Consolidated Fund and to further execute any additional documents or paperwork required to go along with said application.

[Purchase of Mini Excavator](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to purchase a mini excavator and trailer for the Village crews at state bid pricing of \$85,092.75 from Monroe Tractor. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Proposed Local Law #4 of 2019 – Animal Control “Salty’s Law” Revisited](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to close the public hearing on proposed local law #4 of 2019 at 6:49pm. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to adopt the aforementioned local law as attached. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Resolution – Support of Community Progress Application](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the following resolution in support of a community progress application for Gerlando Purpura’s property located at 142 E. Fourth St. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, Community Progress, Incorporated intends to submit an application of up to an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 that will assist property owner Gerlando Purpura to develop a mixed-use building that will include upper floor residential units, an interactive child center and a commercial space on all three floors of the building. Also included in the application is a request for the maximum allotted administrative and program delivery expenses to be paid from grant funding, which is included in said amount; and

WHEREAS, the grant guidelines require that the grant application has the support of the local municipality,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees does hereby authorize by signature support of an application by Community Progress, Inc. to take all actions necessary to submit a grant application to the Office of Homes and Community Renewal for the 2019 round of New York Main Street grant program, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000; and

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent by the Village Mayor to Community Progress, Inc., c/o the Executive Director, Julie Chevalier at 147 E. 2nd St. Corning, NY 14830.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

There were no conference Requests

AUDIT

General Audit

Online Audit

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the regular audit and the online audit for the sales tax, fines and fees payment to the state and the EFC loan 1259 final payment in the following amounts. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion.

General	\$14,220.56	Sewer	\$156,849.61
Electric	\$7,850.06	Water	\$1,932.58
Madison Ave/Rte 14 Project	\$93.00	SCADA Upgrades	\$5,811.58
Padua Tank Project	\$2,062.50	CDBG Water Grant	\$5,720.00

The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

Summer Youth Program

Village Clerk Lonnie Childs updated the Board on the summer youth program. The Village was awarded one student who will be helping out in the Streets Department for the summer.

Decommissioning of the Current WWTP

Mayor Luke Leszyk gave an update to the public regarding the tear-down and clean-up of the current wastewater treatment plant. SCOPED is going to assist the Village in obtaining grant funds to cover this cost. The Village has no intention of selling the property, but to retain ownership and to find a way to generate revenue on the site.

NYISO HFPTCC Agreement

Village Treasurer Rhonda Slater updated the Board on the proposed HFPTCC agreement for the coming year. It has been determined that the renewal cost will be \$103,802.58, a substantial increase from the current year at \$57,439.84. The following chart shows the historical cost of the TCC rents for the years 2009 to 2018.

2009	\$81,756	2014	\$145,609
2010	\$40,481	2015	\$103,408
2011	\$81,131	2016	\$92,517
2012	\$15,604	2017	\$35,846
2013	\$79,585	2018	\$53,198

As there has only been one year in which the TCC rents have been higher than the renewal cost, it is recommended that the Village opt out of the program for this year. This will not deter the Village from opting back in at a later date. Given this new information, Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to rescind the prior motion from May 7th to opt into the program and re-motion to opt out for this coming year. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 7:04pm for one personnel matter and one contractual issue. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to exit executive session and re-enter public session at 7:32pm. Trustee Louie Perazzini seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to reduce the levied sewer on tax bill 65.45-1-13 for GCCC, Inc from \$6,037.18 to \$7,109.79 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The \$2,037.18 reduction will remain owing as an outstanding invoice until an agreement is signed between the Village of Watkins Glen and GCCC, Inc requiring payment in full of any and all expenses should another sewer blockage issue occur and the event being reported to the EPA and DEC or payment in full is received. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion for the Village Clerk to advertise for a full-time Municipal Worker position with the Village of Watkins Glen Streets Dept. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.
Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater