



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Luke Leszyk. Present were Mayor Luke Leszyk, Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini, Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Trustee Bob Carson, Village Clerk Lonnie Childs and Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Absent were Trustee Nan Woodworth and Superintendent Terry Wilcox. Also, present were Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever, Parks and Event Center Manager Craig Bond, Sergeant Ethan Mosher and Fire Chief Jason Hudson. There was one other person in attendance.

### PUBLIC HEARING

[Sewer Use Local Law Revision – Capital Recovery, Collection of Charges](#)

[Water Use Ordinance Revision – Capital Recovery, Collection of Charges](#)

The public hearing on the proposed local laws was opened at 6:00 pm with a motion by Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini and a second by Trustee Laurie DeNardo. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

### PUBLIC BE HEARD

There were no comments from the public.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[Minutes for Regular Meeting May 18, 2021](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on May 18, 2021. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Minutes for Special Meeting May 27, 2021](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the minutes for the Special Board of Trustees meeting held on May 27, 2021. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini 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 Laurie DeNardo

Abstain: Trustee Bob Carson

Absent: Trustee Nan Woodworth 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

[New Hire – Head Lifeguard](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to hire Peighton Cervoni as head lifeguard at a rate of \$20.00/hr. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

[Fourth of July Fireworks – Clute Park](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to allow the Schuyler County Chamber of Commerce to host the Fourth of July fireworks display at Clute Park on July 4, 2021. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then

voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried

#### Clute Park Seasonal Campers – Reimbursement Request

The Board discussed the request from seasonal campers to provide them a discount due to the disruptions at the park from the Cargill construction. The matter was tabled.

#### Temporary Full-Time Position – Police Department

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the creation and advertisement of a temporary full-time position with the Watkins Glen Police Department at the full-time patrolman rate for a maximum term of three months. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

#### Town of Dix Water Credit

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to approve a 112,000-gallon, \$1,572.48 water credit to the Town of Dix for water used from a hydrant while fighting a house fire on Beaver Dams-Moreland Rd. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

#### Turn on Fee Waiver Request

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the waiver of the \$25 turn on fee for electric for Garrett Ransom, property owner of 900 N. Porter Street. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then discussed the matter. The electric was turned off in December of 2019 when a tenant vacated the building and has remained off until May of this year. Per our regular protocols, the \$25 turn on fee was assessed as the electric was not turned off for repairs and was off for an extended amount of time. The Board then voted on the motion and all were opposed. Motion Failed.

### AUDIT

#### General Audit

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

General	\$141,763.91	Sewer	\$2,433.10
Electric	\$13,483.52	Water	\$25,550.70
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$25,505.03		

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

### BOARD CONCERNS

#### Enterprise Fleet Management Program Presentation

Connor Timbal, with Enterprise Fleet, provided the Board with a presentation on a fleet management program via Zoom during the meeting. The Board engaged in the presentation asking questions. The program would involve replacement of 18 vehicles, all owned by the Village's general fund departments, over the next ten years. The Board motioned to move forward, pending approval and review by the Village Attorney, David Ealy, with a motion by Trustee Bob Carson, a second by Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

#### Reopening NY – Mask Restriction Policy

It shall be the policy of the Village of Watkins Glen to follow CDC guidelines, using the honor system, to allow all vaccinated persons to enter Village buildings without a mask, with the exception of the Village Court, which has separate mandates from the State.

### [New Temetra Meter Reading Software – Charges to other Municipalities](#)

The Board discussed the requests from the Town of Reading and Town of Dix to waive the fees of the meter reading software that have historically been billed to the townships. As the townships do not have a way to recoup the costs and whereas, each district has only 40-60 persons in their districts, which is a small percentage of the roughly 1,050 water/sewer customers within the service area, the Village Board agreed to absorb all costs associated with the meter reading systems moving forward.

### [Clute Park Basketball Court](#)

Parks and Event Center Manager Craig Bond discussed proposed plans for removing the current basketball court instead of resurfacing the existing asphalt pad and relocating the court to the vacant concrete pad located to the east of the new event center. It has been proposed that the Village will use any leftover material from the current construction to help extend the concrete pad making it large enough to accommodate a basketball court. Most of the cost of this will come out of the Clute Park project contingency budget as a change order request.

### [Seneca Lake Event Center – Liquor Liability Insurance](#)

Parks and Event Center Manager Craig Bond discussed the Village obtaining liquor liability insurance to be able to sell alcohol at the event center. He will be doing some cost analysis to see which is the most economical way to proceed.

### [Restructuring of Municipal Office Space](#)

The Board discussed the relocation of the Codes Department to the Village Hall and the moving of the Police Department from the front of the building to the rear. No final decisions were made.

### [Zoning Update](#)

The Village Board may need to extend the moratorium on short term rentals as the moratorium is due to expire the end of August and it appears that the new Zoning Law update will not be completed until September.

### [PUBLIC HEARING – Revisited](#)

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:03 pm. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

### [Sewer Use Local Law Revision – Capital Recovery, Collection of Charges](#)

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the following Sewer Use Local Law amendment. Trustee Bob Carson 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. 4 of the Year 2020, relating to the regulation of Sewer Use in the Village of Watkins Glen, New York.

Section 1. This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the Village Law of the State of New York, and the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

Section 2. The purpose of this Local Law is to amend Local Law No. 4 of 2020 to allow for the addition of collection charges for capital improvements to ensure the proper operation, repair and maintenance for the continued functioning of the Sewer Department and sewage treatment plant of the Village of Watkins Glen.

Section 3. Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2020 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Section 11-E. Capital Recovery; Collection of Charges.

- A) The Village of Watkins Glen may institute an equitable procedure for recovering the costs of any capital improvements made to ensure the proper operation, repair and maintenance continued functioning of the Sewer Department and sewage treatment plant of the Village of Watkins Glen by the addition of such charges to the monthly utility bill.
- B) The collection charge shall be set by the Board of Trustees by Board resolution. At any time, whenever the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen deems it necessary, prudent or advisable to change or increase the collection charges, the Board of Trustees may do so upon written resolution adopted by majority vote.
- C) Provisions of Section 11-c relating to the collection of penalties and the authority to re-levy water charges shall apply to the collection of charges for capital recovery.

Section 4. This Local Law will become effective immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

#### Water Use Ordinance Revision – Capital Recovery, Collection of Charges

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the following Water Use Ordinance amendment. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

A local law to amend Village Ordinance No 95 of the Year 1936, relating to Water Regulations in the Village of Watkins Glen, New York.

Section 1. This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the Village Law of the State of New York, and the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

Section 2. The purpose of this Local Law is to amend Village Ordinance No 95 of the Year 1936 to allow for the addition of collection charges for capital improvements to ensure the proper operation, repair and maintenance for the continued functioning of the Water Department and water treatment plant of the Village of Watkins Glen.

Section 3. Village Ordinance No 95 of the Year 1936 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Capital Recovery; Collection of Charges.

- A) The Village of Watkins Glen may institute an equitable procedure for recovering the costs of any capital improvements made to ensure the proper operation, repair and maintenance continued functioning of the Water Department and water treatment plant of the Village of Watkins Glen by the addition of such charges to the monthly utility bill.
- B) The collection charge shall be set by the Board of Trustees by Board resolution. At any time, whenever the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen deems it necessary, prudent or advisable to change or increase the collection charges, the Board of Trustees may do so upon written resolution adopted by majority vote.
- C) Provisions of Sections relating to the collection of penalties and the authority to re-levy water charges shall apply to the collection of charges for capital recovery.

Section 4. This Local Law will become effective immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter into executive session at 7:05 pm for one Police Department pending litigation matter. Trustee Bob Carson 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 7:30 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  
Treasurer