



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, JANURAY 17, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Deputy Mayor Louis Perazzini. Present were Deputy Mayor Louis Perazzini, Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Trustee Bob Carson, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox, Village Clerk Fred Warrick and Treasurer Angela Ventra. Also present was Code Enforcement Officer Scot Cole. Absent was Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Craig Bond and Sergeant-in-Charge Ethan Mosher. There were approximately 4 other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Judy Cherry, Executive Director of the Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development, went over the Restore NY grant for the Village. There were no comments from the public.

Carrie Watt of E 2nd Street requested the status of the street laws that are being revised, addressed her concern regarding a large puddle that frequently forms on 3rd Street near Village Hotel, asked about the brick building on Franklin next to Kookalaroc's, and about the clearing of land by the old pump station.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on January 3, 2023

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on January 3, 2023. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor with the exception of Trustee Nan Woodworth who abstained due to her absence at that meeting. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve all Department Head reports. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

VOTING ITEMS

Tax and Assessment Settlement Request

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the request by Watkins Glen Motor Racing Council, Inc. dba International Motor Racing Research Center to pay \$13,886.82 of the \$32,571.68 due to satisfy the outstanding Village Taxes and Assessment for parcel number 65.45-1-5. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. In further discussion, the Board is unable to obtain enough information to validate the accuracy or inaccuracy of any prior discrepancies made under a former Treasurer to deny the request. The Board then voted on the motion and all approved. Motion carried.

Fire District

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the Watkins Glen Fire Department to hire attorney Mark C. Butler, Esq. to guide the process for the formation of a Joint Fire District. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Clute Park Expansion Project

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the rejection of all Clute Park Expansion Project bids. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. In further discussion, all bids came in higher than anticipated and other considerations must be revisited before considering a re-bid at a later date. The Board then voted on the motion and all approved. Motion carried.

Hourly Rate Adjustments

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve adjusting the hourly rate for Parks Seasonal Laborers Teagan Lampman and Bob Heun from \$14.20/hr to \$15/hr. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. In further discussion, the Clerk informed the Board that Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Craig Bond is requesting an adjustment to match the two employees with all other temporary laborers currently working. The Board then voted on the motion and all approved. Motion carried.

Holidays

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve recognizing Juneteenth as a Village holiday beginning with 6/19/2023. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. In further discussion, Trustee Laurie DeNardo suggested that the Board also add Indigenous People's Day (Formerly Columbus Day) to align with a prior management request. The Board then voted on the

motion and all approved. Motion carried.

WGFD Building Use

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the member application for use of the WGFD building by Mickey Fraboni on 4/8/2023 from 1-4pm. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all approved. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Water Systems Improvement Project

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the award of the Water Treatment/Storage (Contract #1) and Water Intake/Pumphouse (Contract #2) bids for the Watkins Glen Water System Improvement Project. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. In further discussion, Michael O'Connell briefed the Board that bids came in about 22% higher than budgeted, but was still within the norm for the scope of the project and the strain on the economy. So far, 8 million of the 21 million in grant funding has been received.

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen (Village) is the owner of the Watkins Glen Water System Improvement Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Municipal Law, bids for the project were received, publicly opened and read aloud on January 11, 2023 at the Village of Watkins Glen Village Offices, 303 N. Franklin Street, Watkins Glen, New York 14891; and;

WHEREAS, the Village's Engineering Consultant, Larson Design Group, tabulated and analyzed the bids received, and by letter dated January 17, 2023, has recommended award of both the Water Treatment/Storage (Contract #1) and the Water Intake/Pumphouse (Contract #2) for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of Larson Design Group, the Village Board Members hereby award Contract #1 and Contract #2 for the Watkins Glen Water System Improvement Project to McCrossin Construction, in the amount of \$6,657,595 for Contract #1 and \$1,615,976 for Contract #2, for a total award of \$8,273,571.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Board then voted on the motion and all approved. Motion carried.

Restore NY

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the resolution to support & sponsor an application for Restore NY. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion.

WHEREAS the Village of Watkins Glen ("Village") is eligible for grant funding under Round 2 of the Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program, and

WHEREAS the Watkins Glen Board of Trustees ("Board") has considered proposals that qualify for funding under the program and selected one project to be included in an application that will be submitted to Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) as follows:

To facilitate revitalizing urban and rural areas, disadvantaged communities, and stabilizing neighborhoods, collectively submitted as 111 North Franklin Street, 16,700 square feet, vacant commercial building, proposed for demolition, site remediation, and redevelopment. 109 North Franklin Street, .44 acres, property vacant proposed for redevelopment, and 111 North Franklin Street, .19 acres, vacant, proposed for redevelopment.

WHEREAS this project is consistent with all existing local plans, the proposed financing is appropriate for the project, the project will facilitate effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources and the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create and sustain employment opportunities in the Village.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby supports and will sponsor an application for Restore NY funding for 111 North Franklin Street, 109 North Franklin Street, and 111 North Franklin Street and will administer the grant in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations established by ESDC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is authorized to sign the applications and any agreements required by ESDC for grant funding that results from the application.

The Board then voted on the motion and all approved. Motion carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the general audit dated January 13, 2023 in the following amounts:

General	\$68,854.16	Sewer	\$107,569.43
Electric	\$32,397.43	Water	\$12,103.41
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$11,639.45		

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

BOARD CONCERNS

Street Laws

Clerk Fred Warrick updated the Board and public that the changes are still under review with the attorney, but the project is progressing.

Housing Authority

Trustee Nan Woodworth announced that the Housing Authority would have an open house on 1/27/2023 from 10am – 2pm.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Fred Warrick
Village Clerk