



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 04, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Laurie DeNardo.

Present were Trustee Peter G. Cherock, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi, Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox, Clerk Fred Warrick and Treasurer Angela Ventra. Also present was Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Craig Bond, Code Enforcement Officer Scot Cole, Streets Supervisor Ken Barber and Sergeant-in-Charge Ethan Mosher. Absent was Trustee Bob Carson. There were approximately 15 other persons in attendance.

OATH OF OFFICE

Clerk Fred Warrick performed the Oath of Office with elected Village Justice Steven M. Decker, elected Trustee Peter G. Cherock, elected Trustee Margaret Schimizzi, and appointed Trustee Nan Woodworth.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

In addition to appointing Nan Woodworth as a Trustee, Mayor Laurie DeNardo appointed Peter G. Cherock as Deputy Mayor, Catrina Decker as Court Clerk, Barbara Cook as Vice-Chairperson of the Housing Authority, and William Kennedy as Associate Justice.

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve all Mayoral Appointments. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motions. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Bill Pylypciw offered his congratulations to Laurie and the Board and said he looked forward to returning to attending regular board meetings.

David Boyle came to crusade for the re-instatement of Inventory Clerk. A position that was taken down to be re-evaluated. He requested that if the position was ever re-instated, he would like to be considered.

Michael Lausell, Schuyler County Legislator, District 3 (Hector), offered congratulations to the Mayor and the Board on behalf of the entire legislator. He invited the Board to an open-door relationship and looked forward to working together as needed to tackle community issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 20, 2023](#)

Minutes for the regular Board meeting held on March 20, 2023 were tabled for lack of a quorum.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve all Department Head reports. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

VOTING ITEMS

[Resolution for Seasonal Laborer Wages](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made the motion to approve a resolution setting a wage scale for seasonal laborers.

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen (“Village”) has defined “Seasonal Employee” as an employee who is employed to work only for a given season not to exceed six (6) months; and

WHEREAS, the Village utilizes seasonal employees primarily to help service the needs of the Streets Department and Parks & Recreation; and

WHEREAS, seasonal employees are not eligible for paid leave, health & welfare benefits, or other benefits provided to regular part-time and full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined the need for a pay scale for seasonal employees to control pay expenses and ensure pay equity,

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees has reviewed and approved the below listed guidelines for wage rates of all seasonal employees:

Employees hired as Seasonal Laborer shall be paid at a rate according to the following schedule:

- \$15/hour for new hires (1st season).
- \$16/hour for employees returning consecutively for a 2nd and 3rd season.
- \$17/ hour for employees returning consecutively for a 4th and 5th season.
- \$18/hour for employees returning consecutively for a 6th season or more.

In the event that a new hire or rehired seasonal employee is determined to have a significant and relatable work history, credit may be given to adjust the starting rate, credited as one season per every two years of work experience as determined by Board review and approval.

This schedule shall only be changed by a new resolution approved by the Board.

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

Job Posting – Building and Maintenance Lead (Provisional)

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the job posting for a Building & Maintenance Lead (Provisional) at \$21.50/hr effective 4/10. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

HIRES

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made the motion to approve Park seasonal laborers Wallace Chouinard and Jonathan Seaman at \$15/hr effective 4/10. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the hire of Paul Schutt as a Part Time Police Officer (School Resource Officer) at \$23/hr effective 4/10. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made the motion to approve Streets seasonal laborers (for the cemetery) William Spencer - \$18/hr, Carroll Cervoni - \$17/hr, Mark McClain - \$18/hr and David Tillotson - \$15/hr effective 4/17. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Event Center Kitchen Equipment

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the purchase of commercial kitchen equipment using LWRP Phase 1 remaining grant money in the amount of \$34,000. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. In further discussion, the Board is approving to move forward with the use of the grant money, but advising to exhaust all possibilities of purchasing a stove as priority. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Corvette Festival Banner

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the purchase of two banners to promote the Corvette Festival. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Tax Bill Distribution

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made the motion to approve the participation with Schuyler County in outsourcing tax bill distribution using ABS. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Lakeside Trolley

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the request from Lakeside Trolley for a designated, permanent pull-off space at the Northside of 3rd & Franklin to the alley (approx. 100'). Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. In further discussion, Sergeant-in-Charge Ethan Mosher suggested that the space be labeled as a Tow Away Zone to discourage tourist from parking. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Resolution – April as Fair Housing Month

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve designating April as Fair Housing Month.

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act was passed in April 1968 and prohibits discrimination in housing due to race, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability status, etc. and

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen understands the importance of acting to further fair housing in the community:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Village Board designates April as Fair Housing Month
2. The Village Board has designated the Village Clerk to act as the Fair Housing Officer.

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

Municipal Space for Dining

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve support by the Village Board to allow continued use of municipal space for outside dining by local restaurants in accordance with state law. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the general audit dated April 03, 2023 in the following amounts:

General	\$57,115.49	Sewer	\$3,272.63
Electric	\$207,260.92	Water	\$15,343.49
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$40,323.77	Summer Rec	\$1,538.00
Water Improvements	\$41,842.04		

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

BOARD CONCERNS

Board Meeting Rescheduled

The Board meeting regularly scheduled for Tuesday, April 17 will be moved to Thursday, April 20th.

Zoning Law Update

Mayor Laurie DeNardo provided an update that revisions are still being fine-tuned and the next steps would be for review by the County and Village planning boards.

Other Board Openings

Mayor Laurie DeNardo announced Stacy Gray's resignation from the ZBA effective April 30th.

Containers for Parks

Containers to store the ice rink have been ordered and will be based outside the sewer plant.

Accessible Playground – RFP Results

Scoring of bids has been completed and the Village is ready to award the contract.

Flags in the Park

Flags are part of a grant to support the trailways project. Outer ring is one mile and inner ring is a half mile. It's part of the LWRP Phase 3 and there is \$21,000 left in grant funds that will be used to help complete a portion of the trailway. The outer circle should be covered by the grant, the inner circle would be paid by the Village.

EXECUTIVE

Mayor Laurie DeNardo requested a motion to move to an executive session to confer with the Village attorney. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made the motion to enter the executive session at 7:12 p.m. Trustee Nan Woodworth 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 Peter G. Cherock made the motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi 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