



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Laurie DeNardo. Present were Mayor Laurie DeNardo, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Trustee Bob Carson, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi and Clerk Fred Warrick. Also in attendance were Sergeant-in-charge Ethan Mosher, Water Supervisor Meghan Fox, Electric Supervisor Tom Ballard, and Parks and Recreation Coordinator Chantal Fitzgerald. Absent was Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox. There were approximately three other people in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on November 7, 2023

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on November 7, 2023. Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. In further discussion, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi requested that the minutes be amended to note that regarding the PUD public hearing, Julie Symes specifically asked if the developer would be paying for all the electric, water and sewer that would need to be installed and the developer said “yes”. The Board then voted on the motion. Trustee Nan Woodworth abstained due to her absence from the 11/07 meeting. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made the motion to approve all Department Head reports. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VOTING ITEMS

Rural Development Loan

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to decline the Rural Development loan (\$2,750,000) and grant (\$500,000) funds for the Water Systems Improvement Project in favor of a NYS EFC funded project. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ladder Truck

Request for financing of a new ladder truck was again tabled. Mayor Laurie DeNardo suggested the Fire Dept. liaisons work with the Chief to further plan how to cover the expense and suggested also the possibility of placing the purchase on the March ballot for residents to vote on.

Easement

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to approve the municipal utility easement & assignment agreement between the Village and Watkins Brewery Holdings, LLC. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Trustee Nan Woodworth made the motion to approve the general audit dated November 20, 2023 in the following amounts:

General	\$41,224.82	Sewer	\$4,518.20
Electric	\$136,324.59	Water	\$5,866.78
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$21,687.29		
Summer Rec	\$29.25		

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

BOARD CONCERNS

Village holiday decorating

Volunteers needed for light pole decorating. November 25th at 8am.

Tree lighting & Christmas Parade

Tree lighting ceremony in Gifford Park at 5:00p. Parade starts at 6:00p.

Roller Skating

Roller skating plans to continue as the chiller is being repaired for the ice rink. The Village is looking at options to extend the roller-skating season.

Live Stream

Live stream is delayed while we work on minor technical preparations.

EXECUTIVE

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to enter an executive session for a legal 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 Bob Carson motioned to adjourn at 7:30 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