

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

#### 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, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi, and Clerk Fred Warrick. Also in attendance were Sergeant-in-charge Ethan Mosher, Code Enforcement Officer Scot Cole, and Parks and Recreation Coordinator Chantal Fitzgerald. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock, Trustee Bob Carson and Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox were absent. There were approximately three other people in attendance.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Amanda Ratchford of Larson Design Group gave an update to the board on the Water System Improvements project.

# **PUBLIC BE HEARD**

Julie Krause addressed the board regarding the water tap fee for a 4" tap. She does not feel the tap fee aligns with surrounding municipalities and believes it should be lower. She asked the board where the \$2,000 tap fee came from and if she chooses to keep her service line where it is and have her 4" sprinkler line solely for fire suppression, what charges will she have for two meters? She specifically referred to the water rents and debt service charges.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2023

Approval of the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on December 19, 2023 were tabled.

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

#### **VOTING ITEMS**

# Settlement and Release Agreement

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve the settlement & release agreement between Martin Wojcik and the VOWG. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

# **Shared Services Agreement**

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to approve the shared services agreement with NYSDOT. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### Clute Park Concession Stand Proposal

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to approve the Clute Park concession stand Request for Proposal ad. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### McCrossin Pay Application

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve McCrossin's pay application #9 in the amount of \$373,628.47. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

# **Special Event Application**

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to approve a special event application by Agape Bible Church for a fundraiser to be held 1/17/2024 from 10a – 6p. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor, with the condition that Doug's Fish Fry must apply for a vendor permit. Motion carried.

# New Hire (After Executive Session)

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to approve hiring Naomi Kingsley as the Village Treasurer for up to 20 hours a week (part time) at \$30.77/hr, effective 1/1/2024. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **AUDIT**

# General Audit

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made the motion to approve the general audit dated December 29, 2023 in the following amounts:

General	\$33,471.10	Sewer	\$3,390.75
Electric	\$15,173.66	Water	\$8,658.76
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$37,975.44		

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

#### **BOARD CONCERNS**

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Tabled.

#### Ice Rink

Weather is still the top cause of delay. The rink is ready to make ice, but the temperature is not ideal to begin yet.

#### Village Elections

The Village election is March 19, 2024. Voting is from Noon to 9pm at the Community Center.

#### **Summer Recreation**

Next meeting with Nan and Margaret is January 9<sup>th</sup>. Currently working towards outreach for donations.

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The Village office will be closed in observance.

# **CBA** Negotiations

Discussion on assigning board members to the PBA and Teamsters contract renewals was tabled.

# **EXECUTIVE**

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to enter an executive session for a personnel discussion. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **RE-ENTER THE PUBLIC SESSION**

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to re-enter the public session at 7:04 p.m. to vote on a new hire. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion carried. (See last voting item)

# **ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned 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