



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 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, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Trustee Bob Carson, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi, Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox, and Clerk Fred Warrick. Also, in attendance was Sergeant-in-Charge Ethan Mosher, Streets Supervisor Ken Barber, Water Supervisor Meghan Fox, Code Enforcement Officer Scot Cole, and Parks Coordinator Chantal Fitzgerald. There were approximately five others in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

Amanda Ratchford with Larson Design Group updated the Board on the most recent events of the Water System Improvements project.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Jochen Behydt, co-owner of Seneca Sunrise, addressed the Board in response to a complaint brought to Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock regarding a smell the business omits from roasting coffee. Mayor Laurie DeNardo noted that there was nothing in the zoning laws that addressed “smells” and therefore it was not a matter for the Board to address further.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on February 20, 2024

Trustee Nan Woodworth motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on February 20, 2024. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor, except Bob Carson who abstained due to his absence at that time. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made the motion to approve all Department Head reports. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VOTING ITEMS

Resolution – Clute Park Road Reconstruction

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to approve a resolution for the bid award of the Clute Park Road Reconstruction to Evergreen Excavating & Demolition, LLC in the amount of \$298,900.

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen (Village) is the owner of the Clute Park Road Reconstruction Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Municipal Law, bids for the project were received, publicly opened and read aloud on February 14, 2024 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 February 29, 2024, has recommended award of the Clute Park Road Reconstruction Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of Larson Design Group, the Village Board Members hereby award the Clute Park Road Reconstruction Project to Evergreen Excavating and Demolition, LLC, in the amount of \$298,900.

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

Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Pay Application - McCrossin](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve payment application #11 by G.M. McCrossin, Inc. in the amount of \$533,220.65 for work performed on the Water System Improvements project. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Sewer Camera](#)

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to approve the purchase of a Voyager HDTV Inspection system (Sewer Cam) from Aries Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$111,122.00. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Police Training](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve Officer Agosto to attend the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Awareness course in Monroe County on March 11th – 13th. Cost is free, lodging is \$238. Trustee Bob Carson 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 March 4, 2024 in the following amounts:

General	\$78,943.95	Sewer	\$107,432.75
Electric	\$7,823.67	Water	\$10,493.88
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$18,562.85		
ADA Playground	\$15,080.75		

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

[BOARD CONCERNS](#)

[Dumpster Day](#)

Dumpster Day will be May 11th, same day as Village Clean-up. Dumpsters will be setup in the shared services parking lot at 906 Decatur Street from 8 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

[Concession Stand – Clute Park](#)

Reminder that the Village is taking RFPs for the Clute Park Concession Stand until March 15th at 1:00 p.m.

[Easter Egg Hunt – Clute Park](#)

March 30th is the annual Easter egg hunt hosted by Cabins to Castles. This year the event will be held in Clute Park rather than LaFayette. More info to come.

[Important Dates](#)

March 19th is election day. Therefore, the next Board meeting will be moved to March 26th.

[Clute Park Road Reconstruction – Additional Paving](#)

Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox asked the Board if they would like to consider additional paving of the areas outside of the main strip of Clute Park Road, such as the Camp Office and Community Center. The main paving will come from the sewer budget. Any additional paving would be applied to the General Fund.

[Canal Dredging](#)

Mayor Laurie DeNardo will contact the Canal Crop to get an update on the dredging of the canal.

[Padua Ridge Comment Period Extension](#)

Mayor Laurie DeNardo announced that the DEC has extended the comment period to April 13th.

Splash Pad

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock suggested that the Village put a coin machine in to operate the Splash Pad to defray some of the cost.

All-Stops

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock suggested that the Village utilize all-stops at certain intersections which would prevent traffic from moving at all four corners of an intersection while pedestrians cross.

EXECUTIVE

Trustee Nan Woodworth made a motion to move to an Executive Session for personnel. 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, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Margaret seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Fred Warrick
Village Clerk