



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 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 Bob Carson, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi, Trustee Stephen Klemann, Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox and Clerk Fred Warrick. Also, in attendance was Sergeant-in-Charge Ethan Mosher, Superintendent of Village Parks & Recreation Stacey Parrish, and Code Enforcement Officer Scot Cole. There were approximately eleven others in attendance.

OATH OF OFFICE

Village Clerk Fred Warrick performed the Oath of Office with re-elected Trustee Bob Carson, newly elected Trustee Stephen Klemann, and new part time Police Officer Michael Gee.

PRESENTATIONS

Elizabeth Watson, Public Health Specialist for Schuyler County Public Health presented to the Board the county's public health programs.

PUBLIC HEARING – DEMOLITION OF ABANDONED/UNSAFE BUILDINGS

Trustee Bob Carson motioned to open the public hearing on the demolition of abandoned/unsafe buildings. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 26, 2024

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on March 26, 2024. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. In further discussion, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock request that the minutes on Code Enforcement clothing discussed during board concerns was not included and the minutes should be amended to reflect that conversation. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The minutes have since been amended by the clerk.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

VOTING ITEMS

Resolution - Padua

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve a resolution renewing and restating opposition to the current application for the Padua gravel quarry in the Town of Dix, Schuyler County New York.

WHEREAS, it has been reported in the New York State Environmental News Bulletin on January 3, 2024 and elsewhere that It's Greener Now, LLC - Padua Gravel ("applicant") is proposing a 60-acre expansion to their gravel quarry operations, located in the Town of Dix, County of Schuyler, State of New York, adjacent to the Village of Watkins Glen pursuant to the applicant's Mined Land Reclamation Modification Application (Application ID: 8-4424-00006/00001) ("current application"), and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 5, dated February 20, 2024, the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees set forth its opposition to the current application, as set forth more fully in said Resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is in receipt of that certain letter dated April 5, 2024, from Rupp Pfalzgraf, LLC (William F. Demarest III, Esq.), addressed to the New York State Department of Environmental

Conservation (DEC), raising multiple areas of concern and allegations regarding the applicant's current application and encouraging the DEC to require applicant to complete a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (sEIS) and correct the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (dEIS) as part of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) review; and further requesting, should the DEC issue a Findings Statement and approve the permit application, it should impose conditions regarding future expansion; concurrent reclamation and maximum affected acreage; prohibition of refueling in the excavated and reclaimed areas; and setting a maximum operational duration for the mine at issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees hereby renews its opposition to the current application pending a full, fair and exhaustive environmental review of the project to address all legitimate areas of concern prior to any decision, including, but not limited to, those issues alleged in the aforesaid letter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Village shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the following: Governor Kathy Hochul, DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos, New York State DEC Region 8, New York State Historic Preservation Office, Senator Thomas F. O'Mara, Assemblyman Philip A. Palmesano, and such other and further officials as might be deemed appropriate and proper.

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

[Pay Application - McCrossin](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve the approve McCrossin's payment application #12 of \$135,555.77 for work performed on the Water System Improvements project. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Special Events Application](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve a special events application for "Push Through 5k" on 5/18/24 at 9am – 12p. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Sewer Credit](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve a sewer credit request for 221 S. Jackson Street in the amount of \$1,096. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[HIRES](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve the hire of Michael Gee as PT Police Officer at \$23.69/hr starting April 11th. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve the hire Owen Buckley as Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator trainee at \$18.45/hr (90% of scale) effective date TBD. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve the rehire of Patricia Dryburgh starting May 25th for \$18/hour as a Recreation Attendant (Seasonal). Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve the rehires of Bill Spencer (\$18/hr), Carroll Cervoni (\$17/hr), Mark McClain (\$18/hr), and David Tillotson (\$16/hr) as seasonal laborers for the cemeteries starting April 22, 2024. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve the rehires of Connor Novinski (\$16/hr) starting May 13th, Jim Dryburgh (\$18/hr) starting May 23, and Bob Spencer (\$18/hr) with a start date TBD as seasonal laborers for Buildings & Grounds.

PUBLIC HEARING – CLOSING

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to closed the public hearing on the demolition of abandoned/unsafe buildings. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried

AUDIT

General Audit

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to approve the general audit dated April 10, 2024 in the following amounts:

General	\$47,256.11	Sewer	\$1,703.78
Electric	\$4,215.49	Water	\$8,348.60
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$34,595.55		

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

BOARD CONCERNS

NYS 6th Judicial District Art Contest Winners

Court Attorney for Judge Hayden sent the Board an invite to an awards ceremony that will take place in the Schuyler County Courtroom on Tuesday, May 7 at 3:30 pm., honoring the three Watkins Glen students whose artwork was selected to represent the 10 counties in the Sixth Judicial District of our NYS Unified Court System (the 10 counties being Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Madison, Otsego, Schuyler, Tioga, and Tompkins counties).

Playground Equipment

The design phase is 75% complete. An equipment list was made available to show the Board and public what was intended to be purchased as play equipment.

Elks Youth Week

The Elks lodge requested the board to consider proclaiming the first week of May as Youth Week. The Elks are having a pizza party for the kids that finished on the podium for the Hoop Shoot from around the County including their parents that week. It will involve 24 of the winners and their parents.

Street Laws

The street laws are still under review and final edits are expected to be completed for a vote on April 23rd.

Seneca Seven Race

Large running event around the lake coming soon. More information to come.

ARISE program & STR Sessions at the STC Leadership Conference

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi attended the ARISE program. The idea is to get youth connected with local businesses. She also attended a session that was very informative on short term rentals.

Village Clean-Up Day

Mayor Laurie DeNardo announces that the community event starts at 7:00 a.m. on May 5th. All are encouraged to participate.

Dumpster Day

May 11th at 8:00 a.m. 910 S. Decatur Street.

Budgets

The 2024 – 2025 fiscal budget will be presented to the Board and public through a public hearing at the April 23rd meeting.

Railroads

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock asked about paying the Railroad for rent and asked why. Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox explained the process.

Pole Attachment Agreements

Trustee Bob Carson ask what the status was on learning more about pole attachments. Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox stated that the electric supervisor was still looking into it.

EXECUTIVE

None

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Fred Warrick
Village Clerk