



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 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 Margaret Schimizzi, Trustee Stephen Klemann, Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox and Clerk Fred Warrick. Also, in attendance was Sergeant-in-Charge Ethan Mosher, Water Supervisor Meghan Fox, Superintendent of Village Parks & Recreation Stacey Parrish, and Code Enforcement Officer Scot Cole. Absent was Trustee Bob Carson. There were approximately two others in attendance.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve the appointments of Alice Dalrymple, Ian Ault and Rukundo Benedict to the Planning Board. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Daniel Woodring from Skate Garden, Inc. presented to the Board the idea of upgrading the Clue Park skate park to be a skate garden. Skate Garden, Inc. is a volunteer based non-profit organization of skateboarders dedicated to sharing the physical, mental & social benefits of Skateboarding and Ecology.

PUBLIC HEARING – TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 24/25 FISCAL YEAR

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to open the public hearing on the tentative budget for the 24/25 fiscal year. Trustee Margaret 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 April 11, 2024

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on April 11, 2024. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock 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

Appointed members of the WGFD

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve and support the 2024-2025 elected and appointed members of the Watkins Glen Fire Dept.:

Fire Chief	Jason Hudson
1 st Asst. Chief	Charlie Scaptura
2 nd Asst. Chief	Aaron Emery
Deputy Chief	Anthony Nieves
Deputy Chief	Rob DeDominick
Safety Officer	Brian Hudson
EMS Captain	Nick Dalrymple

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

[Traffic Regulations – Local Law 1 of 2024](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve Local Law 1 of 2024 – Traffic Regulations, which repeals and replaces Local Law 2 of 2018. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Demolition of Unsafe Buildings – Local Law 2 of 2024](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve Local Law 2 of 2024 – Securing, Repair, Removal or Demolition of Unsafe Buildings and Structures, which repeals and replaces Local Law 3 of 2021. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Resolution – May Youth Week](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve a resolution proclaiming the first week of May as Youth Week.

WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has designated May 1-7, as Youth Week to honor America’s Junior Citizens for their accomplishments, and to give fitting recognition of their services to Community, State and Nation; and,

WHEREAS, Watkins Glen Elks Lodge #1546 will sponsor an observance during that week in tribute to the Junior Citizens of this Community; and,

WHEREAS, no event could be more deserving of our support and participation than one dedicated to these young people who represent the nation’s greatest resource, and who in the years ahead will assume the responsibility for the advancement of our free society; and,

WHEREAS, our Youth need the guidance, inspiration and encouragement which we alone can give in order to help develop those qualities of character essential for future leadership; and go forth to serve America; and,

WHEREAS, to achieve this worthy objective we should demonstrate our partnership with Youth, our understanding of their hopes and aspirations and a sincere willingness to help prepare them in every way for the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees do hereby proclaim the first week in May as Youth Week, and urge all departments of government, civic, fraternal and patriotic groups, and our citizens generally, to participate wholeheartedly in its observance.

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

[Hires](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve the rehire of Earnest Randall as a seasonal laborer for Buildings and grounds at \$16/hr starting April 22nd. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi 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 hire of Nan Woodworth as a part time Account Clerk at \$20/hr starting April 11th. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi 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 hire of Haley Bond as a part time Clerk for the camp office at \$17/hr. Start date TBD. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi 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 of Teri Bierline as a Summer Youth Supervisor at \$22/hr starting April 22nd. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department – Tactical Gear

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve a purchase by the Fire Department for Tactical EMS gear from S&K Tactical in the amount of \$9,922.64. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Eliminating Unoccupied Positions

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to eliminate the Maintenance Mechanic positions for both Buildings & Grounds (formerly Parks) and Streets. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Closing the Public Hearing

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to close the public hearing on the tentative budget for the 24/25 fiscal year. Trustee Margaret seconded the motion. In further discussion, Mayor Laurie DeNardo informed the Board that the increase this year was 1%, but that the tax rate is being reduced. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made the motion to approve the general audit dated April 23, 2024 in the following amounts:

General	\$67,858.54	Sewer	\$106,422.94
Electric	\$193,436.18	Water	\$4,098.30
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$2,533.47	DRI Projects	\$707.29

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

BOARD CONCERNS

Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on April 29th at 3:00 p.m. to adopt the 24/25 fiscal budget.

Code Red Alerts

The Code Red alert system for the Village is not just for urgent matters. It is a communication tool to help keep the community informed as needed. The village will attempt to keep alerts issued during business hours, but cannot guarantee based the urgency.

EXECUTIVE

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to move to an executive session for legal. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Fred Warrick
Village Clerk