



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock. Present were Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock, Trustee Bob Carson, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi, Trustee Stephen Klemann and Clerk Fred Warrick. Also, in attendance was Sergeant Aaron Jumper and Superintendent of Village Parks & Recreation Stacey Parrish. Absent was Mayor Laurie DeNardo. There were approximately three others in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Steven Hohle runs the Sunshine Boat Rentals, previously located at Frog Hollow Marina in which he had slips. He gave the slips up at the end of last year as he was going to dissolve the business. Plans changed and he is wanting to offer the boats for rent in 2024 and operate out of the boat launch in the campground area. The board requested more information to consider drawing up an agreement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on May 7, 2024

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on May 7, 2024. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. Trustee Stephen Klemann abstained due to his absence from that meeting. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi 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

Fire Dept – Building Use Applications

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve the building use applications for Haley States – birthday party – 5/25 – 2p – 4pm; Ken Thurston – birthday party – 6/2 – 11a-3pm; and Aaron Emery – birthday party – 6/16 – 11a-5pm. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Electric Bill Credit

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve an electric utility bill credit for 806 N. Decatur Street in the amount of \$425.62. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Hires/Rehires

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve the rehire of Matt Sandwritter – Seasonal Laborer - Buildings & Grounds - \$16/hr starting 5/31. Trustee Bob Carson 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 Carson Thaete – Lifeguard - \$20/hr – 6/10. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Rate Chnage

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve a wage increase for Carroll Cervoni in the cemetery team to \$18/hr, retroactive to his start date. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Resolution \(After Executive Session\)](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve a resolution for authorization to execute a settlement agreement and general lease for 104 Lakeview Avenue.

WHEREAS, real property located at 104 Lakeview Avenue, in the Village of Watkins Glen New York (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, situated on the Property is a modular home that has been damaged by fire and other hazardous debris, which poses an imminent threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Owner and the Village deem it to be in the public interest, due to the environmental, health and safety risks, that the structure on the Property be demolished and any debris removed; and

WHEREAS, the Village with the assistance of the County of Schuyler in partnership through their shared services agreement has agreed to perform the necessary removal and demolition and such other services as the Village deems necessary to secure the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Mayor Laurie DeNardo is hereby authorized to execute a Settlement Agreement and General Release for the Property to be demolished and removed.

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 May 17, 2024 in the following amounts:

General	\$52,217.05	Sewer	\$106,583.26
Electric	\$125,484.33	Water	\$11,705.06
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$18,867.32		

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

[BOARD CONCERNS](#)

[Special Meeting](#)

A special meeting will be held on May 31, 2024 to approve final payables for the fiscal year.

[TASER Course](#)

The Board was provided information from Officer Daloia on information about the benefits of hosting a TASER Energy Weapon Instructor Course.

[General Audit Review](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock went over some expenses that he had questions on.

[EXECUTIVE](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to move to an executive session for legal on property demolition. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to re-enter the regular session to vote on a resolution for authorization to execute a settlement agreement and general lease for 104 Lakeview Avenue. (See Voting Items). Trustee Bob Carson 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, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 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