



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 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 Sergeant Aaron Jumper, Officer Michael Gee and Superintendent of Village Parks & Recreation Stacey Parrish. There was approximately five other person in attendance.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve Samantha Boyette as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Charlie Saptura with the Watkins Glen Fire Department gave a presentation on Tactial Medics.

Ian Smith spoke on behalf of the Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association regarding a Floodplain Creation/Restoration/Reconnection Engineering Design grant. The organization is looking at Catherine Creek to reshape the existing diversion channel to properly fill the flood plains and reconnect the original flow path.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Alise & Chris Bowman are adjacent to Padua Ridge. They went to the Town of Dix to discuss an abandoned home in the area. She expressed her concerns regarding the care of any portion that is within village limits that is not cared for. She is concerned of the risk of fire with all the tall grass and also the inability to find/access the fire hydrant.

Rapheal (Junior) Specchio requested the board to consider a resolution granting a subdivide of a property so that he can re-purchase the non-conforming lot portion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on June 04, 2024

Trustee Bob Carson motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on June 4, 2024. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

McCrossin Pay App

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve McCrossin's Pay App #14 for \$198,288.59 for work performed for the Water System Improvements. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Special Event Applications

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve a special events application for a block party for Vera Franzese's 95th birthday party to be held 7/6/2024 from 10a – 9p. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock 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 a special events application for the Odessa-Montour/Watkins Glen Summer Wrestling Camp for a beach wrestling event to be held at the Clute Park volleyball courts on 7/26/2024 from 1p-3p. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Terminable Easement

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve a terminable easement agreement between the Village of Watkins Glen and Alexander A. Cole and Marjorie A. Cole, residing at 301 Steuben Street. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Memorial Benches

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve Belson Outdoors as the supplier to be used for the Clute Park Memorial Bench program. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIRES

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to hire Richard Pike II as a part time laborer for Parks & Recreation starting June 18th at \$16.00/hr. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve the general audit dated June 14, 2024 for the total amount of \$340,454.28. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities

The discussion was actually about NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities and a grant opportunity for the Village. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi and Trustee Stephen Klemann will continue to represent the Village on this potential opportunity. The board will further discuss the possibility of utilizing the grant for electric powered equipment for the Streets dept.

Yard Bags

Discussion regarding doing away with the bags. Will be on the agenda for a vote on 7/16.

Decatur & East 2nd

A resident requested that the board consider this intersection be made a 4-way stop. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock discussed also the need to move a stop sign at that intersection to a proper placement.

EXECUTIVE

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to move to an executive session to discuss a legal matter regarding real estate property. 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, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 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