



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, JULY 16, 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 Officer Chris Daloia, Superintendent of Village Parks & Recreation Stacey Parrish. There was approximately five other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Laurie DeNardo opened the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects: 1211PW55-20 & 1211PW95-21. Michael O'Connell, Project Manager from Larson Design, reviewed the use of the two grants that totaled \$2.5 million dollars of which helped fund Phase I of the Water System Improvements project. There was no feedback or comment from the public.

PRESENTATIONS

Michael O'Connell, Project Manager from Larson Design, went over the most recent project updates for the Water System Improvements project. Some items reviewed were that the pressure filter tank start-up is still ongoing, 3 out of 4 filter cells are completed, interior renovations of the pumphouse/intake are ongoing, Phase II is still in design. It was announced that the Village was awarded a \$4.6 million grant through the US Economic Development Agency (EDA).

Also, the Clute Park Road Reconstruction project is complete.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Louise Wilkins reported to the Board that she had neighbors that were harassing her by playing loud music and asked that the police do something, stating that they have come out several times but they still keep making disruptive sounds that affect her health.

Michael Hartney would like his water/sewer reviewed citing that he owns one property at 210 Reading Road. His tax parcel goes between Reading Rd and N. Glen Ave. About 20 years ago the post office renumbered his garage and the apartment above the garage as 355 N. Glen Ave. Therefore, he has two addresses on his one tax parcel. He has electric, water, and sewer at his 210 address. The 355 address has electric with two meters. One for the garage and the other for the apartment, which is a legal short-term rental. The apartment is charged a commercial rate. The issue is that he is being charged water & sewer rents and debts on the 355 that has no water or sewer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on June 18, 2024

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on June 18, 2024. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

VOTING ITEMS

McCrossin Pay App

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve McCrossin's Payment Application #15 for \$440,850.54. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Change Orders](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve McCrossin Change Order #9 for water treatment plant lighting upgrades and electrical disconnect at pumphouse for a total of \$71,746.42. 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 LDG Design Change Order #2 for \$45,000.00. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. Trustee Stephen Klemann opposed. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

[Clute Park Road Reconstruction](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve Evergreen Excavating Payment Application #2 for \$34,905.64. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Retainer Agreement](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve LDG 2024-2025 Retainer Agreement for engineering services. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Hires](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to hire Jacob Yontz and Sasha Honrath as Summer Recreation Assistants starting 6/19/2024 at \$20.00/hr. 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 hire Dennis Tremblay as a temporary part time Code Enforcement Officer effective 07/12/2024 at \$30/hr. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to hire Jennifer Schoffner as a full time Keyboard Specialist starting 7/12/2024 at \$19.00/hr. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Special Event Applications](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve a special event application for the Grand Prix Festival to take place on 9/5 & 9/6/2024 as well as a special event application for the Watkins Glen Village Christmas to be held on Friday, 12/6/2024 on Franklin Street between 2nd and 7th Streets. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Resolutions](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve a resolution in support of the Justice Court Assistance Program's 24/25 grant application. 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 a resolution for the 2024 amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Playground Equipment](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve the purchase of playground equipment from Kompan for the Clute Park Redevelopment - Phase III - Accessible Playground project in the amount of \$327,616.52 (Grant funded). Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Yard Waste Bags](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve to discontinue yard waste bags. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Dept. Building Use Application

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cheroch made a motion to approve Member Application For Use Of (Fire Dept.) Building for Ashley Jayne on 8/3/2024 from 8a – 4p for a family reunion. Trustee Margaret seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Bay Heater Replacements

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve the Fire Depts apparatus bay heater replacements by Finger Lakes Climate Control for a total of \$9,500. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor with the stipulation that the cost is only up to \$9,500 pending the reissuance of a current quote. Motion carried.

Emergency Sewer Pipe Repair/Replacement

The Fire Chief's request for an emergency sewer pipe repair was tabled. The Board requests separate quotes (3 each) for both a repair and a full replacement of the troubled line.

Municipal Solutions Contract for Services

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cheroch made a motion to approve the Municipal Solutions annual contract for services. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Trustee Bob Carson motioned to approve the general audit dated July 16, 2024 for the total amount of \$304,570.57. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

2024 NYSC SCR Round 2 Community Arts Grant

A grant applied for by Trustee Margaret Schimizzi through the Community Arts for music in the park was approved and awarded \$4,300.

Recycling in the village

The Board was asked to begin considering the evaluation of the Village's recycling service. Steve Klemann is working on gathering some collection data from the current service company.

NYCOM Conference

Hotels are filling up. Board members that would like to attend must decide as soon as possible.

EXECUTIVE

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cheroch motioned to move to an executive session for collective negotiations and other personnel. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi was not present for this vote as she briefly had to step out. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Stephen Klemann motioned to move back into regular session to vote on the Teamsters agreement and wage increases. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VOTING ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Teamster Contract

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to accept terms of the collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Watkins Glen and the Teamsters Local 118, pending the correction of sections 7.1.1, 7.5.1, 7.6.1, & 8.1.1 as discussed. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Non-Union Pay Increases

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve the non-union pay increases. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Terry Wilcox	Superintendent of Public Works	\$110,756
Tom Ballard	Electric Supervisor	\$102,542
Meghan Fox	Water Supervisor	\$81,354
Fred Warrick	Village Clerk	\$70,950
Barb Peterson	Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	\$48,204

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 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