



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 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, Water Supervisor Meghan Fox, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Barb Peterson. Also, in attendance was Officer Michael Gee, Superintendent of Village Parks & Recreation Stacey Parrish. There was approximately two other persons in attendance.

### PUBLIC BE HEARD

Michael Hartney returned regarding his water/sewer being reviewed. See minutes from 7/16/2024.

He also provided his opinion on the decision by the village to cease yard waste bags. Deputy Peter G. Cherock responded by citing that the village is not discontinuing the service of picking up yard waste, just not providing bags.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on July 16, 2024

Trustee Bob Carson motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on July 16, 2024. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi 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. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### VOTING ITEMS

#### 2024 MEUA Annual Conference

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to authorize Tom Ballard to attend the 2024 MEUA Annual Conference at the Hotel Canandaigua in Canandaigua, NY on October 1-3, 2024. Full registration attendance is \$510, plus \$418 for lodging, total of \$928.00. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### Resolution MEUA Delegate

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve a resolution designating Tom Ballard as delegate for the Village of Watkins Glen for purposes of voting at the MEUA conference..

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Watkins Glen is a municipal member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Conference of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State has been called to be held on October 1-3, 2024, at Hotel Canandaigua, Canandaigua, NY, and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the bylaws of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Thomas Ballard be and is hereby designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Watkins Glen, New York.

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

### [Special Event Applications](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve a special event application for Southern Tier Brass Quintet to perform in the Summer Concert Series on September 8, 2024 from 3p - 6p. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The special event application for 6-Pack Trials 2024 on September 20, 2024 from 3p – 4p was tabled for further information.

### [Hires](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve a temporary increase of Alex Walters' wage to \$21/hour as of August 18th, 2024 to transition to lead lifeguard to finish out 2024 season. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi 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 hiring of Kendra Fish as Lifeguard at \$20/hour starting August 7th to keep the swim beach open through September 2nd. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### [Pickleball Rates](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve charging \$3 per person as the Pickleball rate at the Community Center effective August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. In further discussion, the board agreed to the current rate and effective August 12, 2024 with consideration of increasing the rate at a later date after further evaluation. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### [AUDIT](#)

#### [General Audit](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock approved the general audit dated July 26, 2024 for the total amount of \$600,862.43. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock approved the general audit dated July 31, 2024 for the total amount of \$45,811.57. Trustee Stephen Kleman seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock approved the general audit dated August 2, 2024 for the total amount of \$100,717.27. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### [BOARD CONCERNS](#)

#### [Kayak Launch Renewal](#)

The board will revisit this at the next board meeting. Clerk to provide the board with a copy of the contract.

#### [Zoning Law](#)

Mayor Laurie DeNardo reviewed the need to begin the process of reviewing updates for the zoning laws. Board to review.

#### [RFP Comprehensive Plan](#)

Village was awarded a \$60k grant to update the comprehensive plan for the village. The Mayor is putting a committee together as part of the initial process and an RFP for a consultant is in the works.

#### [Billing Notice](#)

A notice went out on the Village's FB to explain to the residents that the office experienced short staffing that resulted in utility bills to be read later than normal thus creating bills with an extended billing period.

#### [Board Meeting Start Time](#)

Effective with the first Board of Trustees meeting in September, meetings will begin at 5p.

### Fire Dept. Sewer Line

The board discussed if the fire dept. had submitted updated quotes. Clerk to follow up with the chief.

### Park Beach Area – Changing Rooms

Superintendent of Village Parks and Recreation Stacey Parrish requested a review of possibly installing some form of changing rooms by next summer near the beach area/splash pad.

### Baseball Fields

The board requests to look into who is responsible for upkeep of items such as the bleachers at the ball fields, etc.

### EXECUTIVE

Bob Carson motioned to move to an executive session for collective negotiations at 6:42 p.m. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to move back into regular session at 6:57 p.m. to vote on the VOWG/PBA collective bargaining agreement. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### VOTING ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### VOWG/PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement 2024-2027

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to accept terms of the collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Watkins Glen and the Police Benevolent Association effective 7/29/2024. 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 6:58 p.m. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Barb Peterson  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer