



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 Officer Christopher Daloia and Superintendent of Village Parks & Recreation Stacey Parrish. There was approximately three other persons in attendance.

### PRESENTATIONS

Amanda Ratchford updated the board on the current status of Phases I & II of the Water System Improvements project.

### PUBLIC BE HEARD

Gary Judson informed the board of a NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program taking place at the Human Services Complex in Montour Falls on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and asked the board in the Village could get it out to the public.

Chris Holliday appeared before the board to request police assistance for traffic control for the 6-Pack Trials.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on August 6, 2024

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on August 6, 2024. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock 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 Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### VOTING ITEMS

#### Police Dept. Tasers

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve the purchase of seven tasers from Axxon at a cost of \$6,365.92 per year for five years. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### LDG Engineerig Services

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve the LDG Engineering services agreement for the Biosolids Alternative Disposal Methods Study for \$60,000 (\$50k/\$10k match). Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried

#### Sewer Credits

The sewer credit for 204 N. Monroe in the amount of \$280.00 was tabled.

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve a sewer credit for Clute Park Campground in the amount of \$240. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All opposed. Motion denied.

#### McCrossin Pay App #16

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve McCrossin's payment application #16 of \$324,402.44 for work performed. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### [Fire Dept Apparatus Bay Heater](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve the Fire Depts apparatus bay heater replacements by Finger Lakes Climate Control for \$9,700. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### [Special Events Application](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve a special event application for Mark Mortimer's 50th Birthday to be held on September 21st – 6-10p. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A request to approve a special event application for the 6-Pack Trials 2024 was tabled.

### [Fire Hall Applications](#)

Both Fire Hall Use applications for Eugene Fraboni and Daine Butler were tabled.

### [New Hire](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve hiring Craig Blanchard as Meter Reader at \$22.58/hr starting November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### [Campground Discount](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve a requested decrease in the nightly camping rate for the East Coast Jet Ski Director and Co-Director to \$50/night (tent rate) inside the Clute Park Campground for August 22 to August 25th. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All opposed. Motion denied.

### [Kayak Agreement](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve the 2025 Clute Park Kayak Launch Rental Agreement with Paul Deiseroth dba Mountain Valley Guides, LLC and Seneca Lake Kayak with a rental fee of \$2,000 per month. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## [AUDIT](#)

### [General Audit](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve the general audit dated August 16, 2024 in the following amounts:

General	\$47,170.74	Sewer	\$126.81
Electric	\$191,171.99	Water	\$2,121.89
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$219,922.64		

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

## [BOARD CONCERNS](#)

### [Clean Energy Communities Program 10K Grant Award](#)

The Village will receive a 10K grant to be used towards the purchase of battery operated lawncare equipment.

### [Village Certification as a NYS Pro Housing Community](#)

The Village of Watkins Glen has been certified as a NYS Pro Housing Community.

### [Summer Picnic](#)

Superintendent of Public Works Terry Wilcox to make plans and set date/time.

### Fire Dept Sewer Line

Trustee Stephen Klemann inquired on the status of the updated quotes asked previously by the Board. He suggested that maybe the Superintendent of Public Works assist the Fire Dept. to speed up the process.

### EXECUTIVE

None

### ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 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