



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Laurie DeNardo. Present were Mayor Laurie DeNardo, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock, Trustee Bob Carson, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi, and Clerk Fred Warrick. Also in attendance was Sergeant-in-Charge Ethan Mosher, Officer Aaron Jumper, and Water Supervisor Meghan Fox. Absent from the board was Trustee Stephen Klemann There was no other person in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Peter Widynski requested from the board an update from his last visit with the board on September 3rd regarding speed control measures around County Rd 28. He also asked if there was a resolution on what portion of that area is county vs village responsibility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting held on December 17, 2024

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on December 17, 2024. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock 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

McCrossin's Payment Application #20

Trustee Bob Carson made the motion to approve McCrossin's payment application #20 in the amount of \$323,966.75 for work performed on Phase I of the Water System Improvements Project. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

McCrossin's Chnage Order #12

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve McCrossin's change order #12 that reduces the contract by moving the security allowance of \$75,000 from Phase I to Phase II. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Evergreen Excavation's Payment Application #2

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve Evergreen Excavation's payment application #2 in the amount of \$113,209.75 for work performed on the Clute Park Redevelopment Phase III – Accessible Playground. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. In further discussion, the vote was tabled until a complete review by Stantec was confirmed.

Village Recycling Bid Award

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to accept the bid of \$4,750/month by Cardinal Disposal for village recycling services beginning February 2025 through May 2026. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Municipal Cooperative Agreement GTCMHIC](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the 2025 amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium.

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen is a Participant in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (the "Consortium"), a municipal cooperative organized under Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law, and

WHEREAS, the municipal participants in the Consortium, including this body, have approved and executed a certain Municipal Cooperation Agreement (the "Agreement"; effective date of October 1, 2010), and

WHEREAS, Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law (the "Insurance Law") and the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Financial Services set forth certain requirements for governance of municipal cooperatives that offer self-insured municipal cooperative health insurance plans, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement sets forth in Section Q2 that continuation of the Consortium under the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or any amendments or restatements thereto, shall be subject to Board review and upon acceptance of any new Participant hereafter, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Cooperative Agreement requires that amendments to the agreement be presented to each participant for review and adopted by a majority vote by its municipal board, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen is in receipt of the proposed amended Agreement and has determined that it is in the best interest of its constituents who are served by the Consortium to amend the Agreement as set forth in the Amended Municipal Cooperative Agreement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that upon receipt and review of the amended Agreement, the Village of Watkins Glen approves at a meeting of the governing body held on January 7, 2025 and authorizes the Chief Elected Official to sign the 2025 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement (Effective 1.1.25) of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium as recommended by the Board of Directors.

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

[Resolution – Code Enforcement Findings – Dangerous/Unsafe Building/Structure](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve the resolution in support of the findings by the Code Enforcement Officer that a building or structure has been deemed dangerous and unsafe.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Local Law #2 of 2024, Section 5, when, in the opinion of the Code Enforcement Officer or Village Engineer, any building or structure located in the Village of Watkins Glen shall be deemed to be an unsafe building or structure as defined herein, the Code Enforcement Officer or Village Engineer shall make a formal inspection thereof and report in writing to the Village Board their findings and recommendations with regard to the building or structure, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Local Law #2 of 2024 Section 6, the Village Board shall thereupon consider said report from the Codes Enforcement Officer or Village Engineer, and if it finds that such building or structure is dangerous and unsafe to the public, it shall, by resolution, order its repair if the same can be safely secured and/or repaired, if not, its removal and demolition, and shall further order that a hearing be held before the Village Board at a time and place therein specified and on at least five days' notice to the owner of

the building or structure or persons having an interest therein to determine whether said order to repair or remove shall be affirmed or modified or vacated and, in the event of modification or affirmance, to assess all costs and expenses incurred by the Village in the repair or removal of such building or structure against the land on which said building or structure is located. The order shall also provide that the repair or removal of the building or structure shall be commenced within 30 days after receipt of the notice and shall be completed within 60 days thereafter.

WHEREAS, The Code Enforcement Officer has submitted such report to the Board of Trustees dated January 2, 2025 in regards to the property located at 216 Lakeview Avenue, Watkins Glen, NY 14891, tax map #65013-8-27, owned by Martin Wojick of Watkins Glen, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen support the findings of the Code Enforcement Officer that the forementioned building or structure is dangerous and unsafe to the public, hereby order its repair if the same can be safely secured and/or repaired, if not, its removal and demolition.

RESOLVED, the Board or Trustees orders a hearing to be held before the Village Board at 5:00 p.m. on February 4, 2025 in the board room of the Municipal Building at 303 N. Franklin Street, Watkins Glen, NY to determine whether said order to repair or remove shall be affirmed or modified or vacated, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees orders the Code Enforcement Officer to provide at least five days' notice to the owner of the building or structure or persons having an interest therein of the hearing to be held on February 4, 2025.

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. In further discussion, the board agreed to approve the credit pending inspection and confirmation by the Water Dept. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Code Enforcement Software](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve the purchase of Code Enforcement software by Cloudpermit in the amount of \$3,500 per year with one-time start-up fees of \$1,000. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Community Center Use Application](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion approve the application for Use of the Community Center by the Ithaca League of Women Rollers Roller Derby Practice on Thursdays from 1/16/25 thru 3/27/25. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Village Fire Hall Use Application](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve a member application for the use of the Village Fire Hall by Philip Cummings of the Schuyler County Cornhole League for January – April. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All opposed. Motion denied.

[D.A.R.E Officer Training](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve Officer Anthony Agosto to attend D.A.R.E Officer Training on February 17-28 at \$1,500 (all costs paid for by the Watkins Glen School District). Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee – Job Posting

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approval to post the position of Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Surplus Items

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to surplus one (1) walk behind floor polisher from the Park Dept., One (1) Taylor Dunn Electric golf cart from Street Dept., One (1) 2-Ton 480 volt crane hoist from the sewer plant with hardware, and two (2) commercial size exhaust blowers from the sewer plant with all the hardware. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Settlement Agreement (Post Executive Session)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to accept the settlement agreement between Heather Bennett and the Village of Watkins Glen in the amount of \$866.97 for 50.7 hours of unused vacation and 10 hours of sick leave. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDIT

General Audit

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve the general audit dated January 6, 2024 in the following amounts:

General	\$62,831.56	Sewer	\$4,719.19
Electric	\$55,237.06	Water	\$10,338.66
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$22,864.50		

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

BOARD CONCERNS

Planning Board Resignation

Alex Gill has resigned from the planning board.

Accessible Playground

The install of the new playground in Clute Park is delayed until Spring.

Light Pole Plaques

Several memorial plaques that were attached to the base of the old lampposts in LaFayette Park are currently being stored in an attempt to contact family members who may wish to keep them.

EXECUTIVE

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to move to an executive session for Personnel – Settlement Agreement. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RE-ENTER EXECUTIVE

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to re-enter the regular session to vote on the settlement move to an executive session for Personnel – Settlement Agreement. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi 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 6:45 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
Clerk