



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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, Trustee Bob Carson, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi, Trustee Stephen Klemann and Clerk Fred Warrick. Also in attendance was Officer Anthony Agosto, Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Tremblay, and Superintendent of Village Parks & Recreation Stacey Parrish. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock was absent. There was no one else in attendance.

ORDER TO REMEDY

No party appeared to contest the resolution by the Board of Trustees made on January 7, 2025 supporting the Code Enforcement Officer's findings dated January 2, 2025 to issue an Order to Repair or Remove the property located at 216 Lakeview Avenue.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Laurie DeNardo appointed Brian Eslinger to the Planning Board for a short term of one year to fill the position formerly held by Alex Gill, and David Lisk to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the position formerly held by Stacey Parrish. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve both appointments. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting held on January 21, 2025

Trustee Stephen Klemann motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on January 21, 2025. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. In further discussion, Mayor Laurie DeNardo pointed out two minor corrections needed. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Trustee Bob Carson made a 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

LDG Agreement

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve the agreement between LDG Engineers and architects, P.C. and the Village of Watkins Glen & Village of Montour Falls for general consulting services for the Cathrine Valley Water Reclamation Facility. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Unpaid Village Taxes

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to adopt a resolution to advertise the list of unpaid village taxes as of February 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, the following is an account of the unpaid taxes as of February 1, 2025 for the 2024-2025 tax year of the Village of Watkins Glen:

2024 Unpaid taxes as of February 1, 2025

<u>Parcel Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
555.301-6011	TVC Albany, Inc.	Special Franchise	\$296.79
632.001-000- 631.900/1881	Verizon New York Inc.	Outside Plant	\$44.48
64.08-2-21	Dawn C Baker	356 N. Glen Ave.	\$1,403.74
64.08-4-18	Dorothy Asbury	Salt Point Road	\$141.31
64.08-4-2.1	Raphael Jr Specchio	Reading Road	\$562.07
64.08-4-30	Pamela Hickman	N. Glen Ave.	\$38.44
64.08-4-31	Pamela Hickman	315 N. Glen Ave.	\$898.75
65.09-4-31	Gregory E Harding	206 N. Decatur St.	\$1,715.52
65.09-5-31	Raphael Jr Specchio	206 N. Monroe St.	\$403.10
65.09-5-32	Raphael Jr Specchio	204 N. Monroe St.	\$1,197.98
65.09-5-33	Raphael Jr Specchio	202 N. Monroe St.	\$1,450.44
65.09-6-6	Marianne Marts	108 Magee Point	\$2,254.74
65.10-1-8.2	DONROC Inc	517 E. Fourth St.	\$4,545.79
65.13-10-1	Finger Lakes Breeze Prop LLC	113 E. Second St.	\$1,294.70
65.13-10-35	William T Bowers	306 Fourth St.	\$1,188.66
65.13-11-32	Nicholas J Sorce	121 Fifth St.	\$954.86
65.13-5-2	Raphael Jr Specchio	602 N. Franklin St.	\$2,385.59
65.13-5-3	Raphael Jr Specchio	103 Sixth St.	\$440.55
65.13-5-31	Timothy J Miller	212 Eighth St.	\$1,254.09
65.13-5-4	Raphael Jr Specchio	Seventh St.	\$365.72
65.13-5-5	Raphael Jr Specchio	Sixth St.	\$337.66
65.13-5-6	Charles D Rumsmoke	110 Seventh St.	\$1,095.11
65.13-6-18	Barnic Properties LLC	215 Eighth St.	\$767.83
65.13-7-34	Lucas B MacIntosh	417 S. Madison Ave.	\$1,048.33
65.13-8-13	Christopher K Turner	104 Lakeview Ave.	\$12,218.90
65.13-8-35	John A Barnes	Second St.	\$206.74
65.13-8-36	John C Barnes	706-710 W. Second St.	\$1,216.71
65.14-1-43	Connor Thomas Davis	306 Ninth St.	\$1,095.11
65.14-1-65	Thomas C VanAmburg	701 N. Perry St.	\$1,001.64
65.17-3-1	Echoes on the Glen LLC	300 S. Franklin St.	\$2,432.37
65.17-3-18	Christopher S Scholz	107 Durland Ave.	\$1,754.04
65.17-3-24	La Osa Cruz Jennifer L De	139 Durland Ave.	\$1,197.98
65.17-4-29	Brent W Eva	422 S. Franklin St.	\$1,403.74
65.17-6-16	Gombas & Son LLC	108 Eleventh St.	\$1,300.86
65.18-1-26	Thomas R Santobianco	502 Twelfth St.	\$1,522.37
65.18-1-39.122	Lori M Gezzi	408 Twelfth St.	\$856.64

65.53-2-14	Rebecca DiBella	305 S. Madison Ave.	\$814.61
65.53-3-22	3rd Pig Enterprises LLC	221 N. Franklin St.	\$2,342.99
65.62-1-11	Raphael Jr Specchio	Eighth St.	\$412.49
65.62-1-21	Raphael A Jr Specchio	107 Seventh St.	\$1,968.54
65.62-1-22	Raphael Jr Specchio	700 Franklin St.	\$1,600.09
76.05-1-7.2	Natalie Bartone	114 Corning St.	\$38.44
	Report Totals:		\$59,470.51

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board having compared this account of unpaid back taxes totaling \$59,470.51 due on the 2024-2025 warrant hereby authorize the Village Clerk to advertise said properties for tax certificate sale and add the cost of said advertising equally to the properties listed above.

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

LOSAP

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve the firefighter records listing for 2024.

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen has adopted a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for the volunteer firefighters of the Watkins Glen Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the LOSAP program requires that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees, as Program Sponsor, approve the firefighter records listing on an annual basis;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees has reviewed and approved the attached firefighter records listing of all active members as it pertains to the Service Award Program for calendar year 2024.

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

NYPA Power Rate Proposal

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to adopt a resolution expressing opposition to the preference power rate proposal of the New York Power Authority.

WHEREAS, the New York Power Authority (“NYPA”) has proposed a dramatic increase in the rates charged to its preference power customers as outlined in the December 2024 NYPA Preliminary Staff Report and pursuant to the Notice filed by NYPA under SAPA, the New York State Administrative Procedures Act, on December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen Electric Department, a member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State (“MEUA”) and a preference power customer of NYPA, is entitled under federal law to be provided with electricity from the Niagara Power Project to be delivered by NYPA at the “lowest rates reasonably possible”, and

WHEREAS, the MEUA has voiced its significant concerns with both the magnitude of these increases and the methodology used in their calculation, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen Electric Department deems it likely

that NYPA's proposal to increase hydropower rates will have an adverse impact on our community, with particular risk to low-income residents and businesses already struggling economically to survive in an unfriendly New York State business environment.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen Electric Department that NYPA is hereby requested and encouraged to re-examine the magnitude of its proposed rate increase, with particular emphasis on its requested profit percentage and its rapidly increasing administrative and general costs and its operation and maintenance expenses.

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

[PON 5737](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority agreement that supports the Village with technical assistance funding to develop grid modernization projects (PON 5737). Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[SmartKable Powerline Solutions, Inc.](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve the service contract with SmartKable Powerline Solutions, Inc. to perform a full technical study on the Village's grid as part of the PON 5737 grant project. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Event Center Storage Shed](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve the purchase of an 8' x 16' storage shed for the Event Center from Southern Tier Honda in the amount of \$4,747.65. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Seneca 7](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion approve the special event application for Seneca 7, April 27th, 10:30a – 2:30p. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Little Mania Wrestling](#)

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve the special event application for Little Mania Wrestling, May 31st, 7:30p – 9:30p. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. In further discussion, the item was tabled.

[Waterfront Festival](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion approve the special event application for the Waterfront Festival, June 14th, 11:00a – 7:00p. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. Mayor Laurie DeNardo recused herself as a chair on the board for the festival. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

[Grand Prix](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve the special event application for the Grand Prix Festival, September 4th 10:00a – 2:30p & 5th 9:00a – 8:00p. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. Trustee Klemann recused himself for being on the board for the festival. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Village Christmas

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve the special event application for Village Christmas, December 5th, 5:00p – 8:00p. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Judicial Continuing Education

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve Judge Steven Decker to attend the 2025 Continuing Judicial Education Core A and Core B Training, March 19th - 20th. No cost for the training, \$242.00 for two nights lodging. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2025 MEUA March Engineering and Accounting & Finance Workshops

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve three electric employees to attend the 2025 MEUA March Engineering and Accounting & Finance Workshops, March 18th & 19th at a rate of \$169 per person. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. In further discussion, the clerk requested sending the Treasurer. The motioned was amended to add Naomi Kinglesy. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Property/Evidence Room Management

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve officers Aaron Jumper and Christopher Daloia to attend a free property/evidence room management training, February 4th & 5th. Lodging \$125. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

American Public Association's 2024 Structures Project of the Year Award

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve Mayor Laurie DeNardo's attendance to the American Public Works Association annual award ceremony on February 13th to receive a 2024 Structures Project of the Year Award for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative project. One night lodging \$184.50. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Easement for 301 Steuben Street

Trustee Bob Carson made a motion to approve the revised easement (after attorney review) for 301 Steuben Street. Trustee Stephen Klemann 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 January 31, 2025 in the following amounts:

General	\$51,063.10	Sewer	\$604.97
Electric	\$21,977.02	Water	\$5,123.52
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$124,076.50		

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

BOARD CONCERNS

STC Regional Leadership Training

The event is June 5, 2025. The office will send out registration info when available.

Budgets

Budget process to begin Monday, February 10th. Clerk will send worksheets out.

Parking

The Village is looking at initiating Text-to-Pay parking. More info to follow later.

Emergency Phone

There is an emergency call box to 911 for residents in the vestibule of the Village Office.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Fred Warrick
Clerk