



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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 Stephen Klemann and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Barb Peterson. Also in attendance was Sergeant in Charge Ethan Mosher, Foreman Scott Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Tremblay, Superintendent of Village Parks & Recreation Stacey Parrish, and Streets Supervisor Ken Barber. Trustee Bob Carson and Trustee Margaret Schimizzi were absent. There were two other people in attendance.

### PUBLIC BE HEARD

Jesse of Schuyler County Youth Baseball spoke with the board about installing a scoreboard. He also spoke about the need for an AED machine. Sergeant in Charge Ethan Mosher offered to speak with the PBA about donating one. Jesse also discussed the plans to hold a short parade from LaFayette to Clute Park and was advised to start with an event application.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### Minutes for the regular meeting held on February 4, 2025

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on February 4, 2025. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve all department reports. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### VOTING ITEMS

#### Resolution – Affirming Notice of Unsafe Structure & Order of Remedy

Trustee Stephen Klemann motioned to adopt a resolution affirming the Notice of Unsafe Structure and Order of Remedy for 216 Lakeview Avenue.

**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.

**WHEREAS**, by resolution on January 7, 2025, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen

ordered the structure (house) located at 216 Lakeview Avenue, Watkins Glen, NY, 14891, tax map #65.13-8-27, owned by Martin Wojcik to be repaired or removed and set a hearing scheduled for February 4, 2025 to allow the owner, occupant or other person having an interest in said premises to contest such order, and

**WHEREAS**, a formal Notice of Unsafe Structure and Order to Remedy was issued by certified mail to Martin Wojcik on January 28, 2025 and signed as received by Martin Wojcik on January, 30, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, at the regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen held on February 4, 2025, no such owner, occupant or other person having an interest in said premises appeared to contest.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees affirms the order dated January 28, 2025 and directs the owner Martin Wojcik to secure, repair and/or remove the building or structure on the premises commencing no later than March 1, 2025 and to complete such securing, repairing and/or removal no later than April 30, 2025

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, in the event that Martin Wojcik, an occupant, or any other person having an interest in said premises fail to comply with the Order of Remedy, the Village Board may order the repair or removal of such building or structure by the Village and that the Village will assess all costs and expenses incurred in such repair or removal against the land on which such the building or structure is located.

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### [Resolution – Supporting Grand Prix](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to adopt a resolution to support an application for use of state highway/NYS DOT Property for the Grand Prix Festival.

**WHEREAS**, Watkins Glen Promotions is in the process of submitting an application for use of State Highway/NYS DOT Property for the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival to be held on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, Watkins Glen Promotions needs to provide written proof from the Village of Watkins Glen, through which the event passes, stating that there is no objection to the event taking place, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Clerk is listed as the contact person for any questions or concerns for this resolution.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;** the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen have no objections to the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival taking place as requested.

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

#### [Casino Night](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann motioned to approve the member application for use of the Village Fire Hall by Eugene Fraboni for Casino Night on 5/03/2025 from 3p – 12a, to include an exemption to the Fire Hall alcohol policy. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. After further discussion the item was tabled to request insurance papers from the Fire Co.

### Little Mania Wrestling

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve the special event application for Little Mania Wrestling to be held at the community center on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:30p – 9:30p. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. After further discussion, the item was tabled until further information is confirmed.

### AUDIT

#### General Audit

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve the general audit dated February 14, 2025 in the following amounts:

General	\$51,579.61	Sewer	\$2,193.43
Electric	\$409,557.29	Water	\$8,933.92
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$18,662.45	Water Improvements	\$1,232.00
Clute Park Pump Station CDBG	\$610.50		

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

### BOARD CONCERNS

#### Comprehensive Plan

The committee begins working on the new comprehensive plan in March.

#### Speed sign on Bath Street

Trustee Stephen Klemann asked about Peter Wydinski's request for a speed sign and a determination on the village line.

#### AED for Schuyler County Youth Baseball

Sergeant in Charge Ethan Mosher confirmed the PBA will purchase an AED machine.

### ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to adjourn at 5:53 p.m. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Barb Peterson  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer