



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 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, Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock, Trustee Stephen Klemann, Trustee Bob Carson, Trustee Margaret Schimizzi and Village Treasurer Naomi Kingsley. Also in attendance was Sergeant in Charge Ethan Mosher, Foreman Scott Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Tremblay, Water Superintendent Meghan Fox, Electric Dept Supervisor Tommy Ballard, and Fire Dept Representative Charlie Smith III. There was one other person in attendance.

### PUBLIC BE HEARD

Angeline Franzese spoke to the board about her village electric bill. She thanked the board for the letter of explanation that was sent with the bill and requested that the Board contact our Governor and State Representatives to push for rate reform.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### Minutes for the regular meeting held on February 18, 2025

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on February 18, 2025. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi 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 Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### VOTING ITEMS

#### Resolution – Clute Park Lift Station Improvements Project.

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to adopt a resolution making a determination of no significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed Clute Park Lift Station Improvements Project.

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Watkins Glen Board recognizes the proposed Clute Park Lift Station Improvements Project located in the Village of Watkins Glen, New York (the proposed “Action”) as an Unlisted Action under the provisions of 6NYCRR Part 617; and

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Watkins Glen Board recognizes the need to act as Lead Agency for the purposes of conducting a review of the Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

**WHEREAS**, an Environmental Assessment Form (Parts 1, 2, and 3) (“EAF”) submitted to and reviewed by the Village of Watkins Glen Board identified Involved and Interested Agencies under SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 617.6, the Village of Watkins Glen’s engineering consultant, Larson Design Group, forwarded the EAF and supplemental information to the Involved and Interested Agencies on January 10, 2025, advising the agencies of the Village Board’s intention to serve as Lead Agency for review of the proposed Action; and

**WHEREAS**, no Agency has objected to the designation of the Village of Watkins Glen Board as the Lead Agency for this Action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Watkins Glen Board has now received and reviewed Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the EAF for the proposed action and all supporting documentation appended thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Watkins Glen has thoroughly analyzed the identified areas of environmental concern to determine whether the proposed Action may have a significant effect upon the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Watkins Glen has reviewed the criteria for determining significance specified in 6NYCRR Part 617.7 and has therefore recommended that a Notice of Determination of No Significant Impact (“DONSI”) be adopted; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board, as the designated Lead Agency for the environmental review of the proposed Action, after consideration of the full SEQR record does hereby adopt this Notice of DONSI for the proposed Action; and be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor of the Village of Watkins Glen is hereby authorized and empowered to complete and sign the EAF for the proposed Action in accordance with the intent of this Resolution.

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

#### [Application for Use of Village Fire Hall](#)

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

#### [Little Mania Wrestling](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve the special event application for Little Mania Wrestling to be held at the community center on Saturday, May 31st from 3:00p – 8:00p. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### [Run to Remember 5k](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve the Special Event Application and Application for LaFayette Park Rental by Michael Samoraj of Willow Running USA for “Run to Remember 5k” on May 24, 2025 from 7a – 10:30a. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. After further discussion, the item was tabled until further information is confirmed.

#### [PLC Technician Certification](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve the Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) Technician certification program for Terry Wilcox. Total cost \$1,870. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### [New York Rural Water Association 46th Annual Technical Training Workshop & Exhibition](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve employees Meghan Fox, Terry Wilcox, Brad Gallow and Calvin Buckley to attend the New York Rural Water Association’s 46th Annual Technical Training Workshop & Exhibition, Monday, May 19th through Wednesday May 21st. Registration is \$385 per member; lodging is \$522 per employee (\$174/Night). Total cost to Water Dept. is \$907, Total for Wastewater \$2,721. Trustee Bob Carson

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

[Part Time Police Hire](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to approve the hiring of Kristian Zawko as part time police officer at \$26.72/hr. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Intermunicipal Agreement Stop DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Program](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi made a motion to approve a cooperative agreement between Schuyler County Sheriff’s office and the Village of Watkins Glen Police Department for enforcement of DWI laws through special countermeasure enforcement programs. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Resolution Designating the Village of Watkins Glen Comprehensive Plan Committee](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann made a motion to adopt a resolution designating the committee for the Village of Watkins Glen Comprehensive Plan project.

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen has been awarded funds from the Department of State to review and update the Village’s Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen has awarded Larson Design Group to lead the project in conjunction with the Department of State and designated Village of Watkins Glen Board members; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has invited key residents; business owners; Seneca Lake Pure Water and Environmental representatives to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Committee; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals will serve on the Village of Watkins Glen Comprehensive Plan Committee: Laurie DeNardo, Mayor; Peter G. Cherock, Deputy Mayor; Brian Eslinger, resident and business owner; Preston Christensen, resident; Marcus Dowd, resident and business owner; Jennifer Tanner, Director of Housing Authority; Kate Bartholomew, County Environmental Specialist; Joann Lindstrom, Schuyler County Planner; Ian Smith; Seneca Lake Pure Watershed.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen do hereby fully support the Comprehensive Plan Committee as so designated.

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 February 28, 2025 in the following amounts:

General	\$26,898.92	Sewer	\$5.00
Electric	\$19,518.79	Water	\$2,220.41
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$4,687.89		

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

## BOARD CONCERNS

### Dumpster Day

Dumpster Day will be May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Budgets

Departments are currently working on budgets with their liaisons. Mayor to get a draft budget to the board

### NYCOM Conference

Mayor is requesting from the Board who would like to attend the May conference.

### NYCOM Conference

Mayor thanked Scott Taylor and officer Luca Solometo for their help with a woman who had been found on the ground in the early morning hours who needed medical attention.

## EXEXECUTIVE

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to move to executive for a discussion on proposed disciplinary action for an employee. Trustee Stephen Klemann 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 Bob Carson made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Naomi Kingsley  
Treasurer