



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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, Trustee Stephen Klemann, and Village Clerk Fred Warrick. Also in attendance was Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Tremblay, Sergeant in Charge Ethan Mosher, Supervisor of Electric Tommy Ballard, Superintendent of Village Parks & Recreation Stacey Parrish, Supervisor of Water Meghan Fox, and Supervisor of Streets and Buildings & Grounds Scott Taylor. There were three others in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Alan Benedict discussed with the board the flooding issues he has been having at 211 N. Franklin Street. As a courtesy, the village agreed to scope the stormwater lateral for that address.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting held on September 2, 2025

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on September 2, 2025. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. Mayor Laurie DeNardo abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

VOTING ITEMS

Corvette Thunder in the Glen

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve the Special Event Application for Corvette Thunder in the Glen to be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 11a-5p. A waiver of the open container law is also being requested for this one-day event. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. After further discussion, the item was tabled. Watkins Glen Promotions to attend the 10/7/2025 meeting.

Livescan System – Police Department

Trustee Stephen Klemann motioned to approve the purchase of a Livescan system from Biometrics4All in the amount of \$18,180. Expenses are paid for by a Law Enforcement Equipment grant from the Division of Criminal Justice Services with an award of \$23,500. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Water Intake Inspection

Trustee Bob Carson motioned to approve the annual water intake inspection and cleaning by Swarthout Recycling in the amount of \$2,150. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Centertube Shaft & Bearing Kit

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to Approve the purchase of a centertube shaft & bearing kit from Aqua Aerobics Systems, Inc. for a total of \$2,969.68. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Hot Water Tank – Event Center](#)

The board tabled the request to approve the replacement of a hot water tank in the Event Center from Finger Lakes Climate Control in the amount of \$4,000. Trustee Stephen Klemann asked Supervisor of Electric Tommy Ballard to look into purchasing a tank using IEEP funds.

[Fire Prevention and Safety Event](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve the Fire Prevention & Safety Event at the Community Center, Boat Launch, and Ball Fields hosted by the Watkins Glen Fire Department on October 8th from 2p – 8:30p. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Application for Tree Removal – Watkins Glen Lumber](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann motioned to approve the Application for Tree Removal for 300 N. Perry Street – Watkins Lumber. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Trauma Enforced Responses Training – Police Dept](#)

Trustee Bob Carson motioned to approve Sargeant in Charge Ethan Mosher to attend Trauma Informed Responses in Jefferson County on September 30, 2025 from 8a – 4p. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Annual Outing at the Southern Tier NY Waterworks Operator’s Conference](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann motioned to approve Water Department’s Meghan Fox and Wade Pike to attend the Annual Outing at the Southern Tier New York Waterworks Operator’s Conference in Hammondsport on September 17th starting at 8:30a through lunch. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Employment Status Change – Police Department](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve the promotion Officer Luca Solometo from ‘Part Time’ to ‘Full Time - On Call – Temporary’ with a change in salary to step three at \$31.45. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Roller Skating Program Lead – Wage Increase](#)

Trustee Stephen Klemann motioned to approve a pay increase to \$18/hour for Macy Fitzgerald to act as the Team Lead for the roller-skating program. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Return of Pickle Ball League](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve the return of a Pickleball League on Wednesday nights, at Community Center starting on October 15th at \$200 per 2-person team. Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[KM-50 Program – Fire Department](#)

Approval of the Watkins Glen Fire Department to reinstate the KM-50 program was tabled.

AUDIT

General Audit

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock made a motion to approve the general audit dated September 15, 2025 in the following amounts:

General	\$109,408.72	Sewer	\$114,073.92
Electric	\$200,066.42	Water	\$10,542.10
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$27,942.91	Clute Park Lift Station	\$98.39
WG Comprehensive Plan	\$6,600		

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

BOARD CONCERNS

No plan has yet been formally decided on regarding what to do with the stolen bikes in the municipal basement.

Vendor law is still in the draft phase. Mayor encourages board members to review and provide input.

Mayor encourages all board members to review the rate changes and prepare to bring them back at the 10/17 meeting.

Traffic Regulations needs review for updates in light of the execution of the new parking enforcement system.

Mayor announces that the fire department consolidation study grant has been approved. Montour is the lead administrator of the grant.

Deputy Mayor asked about village rules on contractors leaving their trailers for prolonged periods.

EXECUTIVE

Trustee Stephen Klemann motioned to move into executive for police & public safety. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock 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 7:30 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.

Fred Warrick
Village Clerk