



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

### PUBLIC BE HEARD

Phil Cherry asked the board to not consider using the current survey for the ice rink because in his opinion the survey did not provide enough information.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### Minutes for the regular meeting held on September 16, 2025

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on September 16, 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 Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### VOTING ITEMS

#### Corvette Thunder in the Glen

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

#### KM-50 Program

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve the Watkins Glen Fire Department's request to reinstate the KM-50 program. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All opposed. Motion denied.

#### 2025-2026 Evening SRO Agreement

This item was tabled. The mayor will schedule a meeting with the school.

#### STC Services Extension

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve the extension of services for 2025 and for the 2026 renewal for planning technical assistance from Southern Tier Central (STC) Regional Planning & Development Board for a total of \$7,000. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### Resolution in Support of the Energy Choice Act

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve a resolution in support of Congressman Nick Langworthy's Energy Choice Act and in Opposition to Government-Mandated Natural Gas Bans.

**WHEREAS**, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

**WHEREAS**, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945), federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands opposed to New York State's natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock, Trustee Bob Carson, and Trustee Stephen Klemann were in favor. Mayor Laurie DeNardo and Trustee Margaret Schimizzi opposed for lack of more information. Motion carried.

### [307 N. Franklin – Illegal Sewer Lateral – Request for Extension](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve a request from Lori Alpern of 307 N. Franklin Street to extend the 90-day notice to make her sewer lateral independent under Local Law No. 8 of 2003. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. The motion was approved by all board members, with a ruling to the requestor that this was a final notice granting a one-time extension of 90 days. Motion carried.

### [Seneca Pure Waters Association – Playground Plants](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association to begin the purchase of plants in October for plantings in Spring around the drainage ponds at Clute Park Playground, estimated as \$2,380. The Pure Waters Association has committed \$1,000 towards the project upon completion and another \$400 to pay for the sign. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### [Municipal Building – Sealing Basement Windows for Police Evidence Room](#)

Trustee Bob Carson motioned to approve the quote from Rock Stream Construction to fill in the municipal building basement window with concrete in the amount of \$4,200. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. In further discussion, the board requested that it be confirmed that the concrete be waterproofed. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### [Submersible Pumps - Sewer](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to the purchase of two (2) submersible sewer pumps from Gartner Equipment in the amount of \$5,900. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. After further discussion, the item was tabled for further review with the wastewater supervisor.

### [Special Event Application – Accura Commercial](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve the Special Event Application by MullenLowe for a two-day film production in Watkins Glen on 10/7 & 10/8. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### [Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve a request from Lauren Lovett for permission to hang purple ribbons in Watkins Glen for the month of October to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### [NYS Tobacco Prevention Program](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cherock motioned to approve the request from the Southern Tier Tobacco Awareness Coalition to illuminate purple in LaFayette Park on November 20<sup>th</sup> to recognize 25 years of the NYS Tobacco Prevention Program. Trustee Bob Carson seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### [Village Holiday Schedule - Christmas](#)

Trustee Bob Carson motioned to approved a change in the village's holiday schedule by observing the day after Christmas (Friday) rather than Christmas Eve Day (Wednesday) for 2025. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Trunk or Treat](#)

Trustee Margaret Schimizzi motioned to approve Trunk or Treat at Lafayette Park lead by Village of Watkins Glen Police Department on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm to 8pm. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cheroch seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Leland Cole – New Hire](#)

Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cheroch motioned to approve the hire of Leland Cole as a seasonal laborer for Roller Skating at \$16/hour effective September 26th. Trustee Stephen Klemann seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

[Code Enforcement Training](#)

Trustee Bob Carsin motioned to approve the Code Enforcement Officer to attend training in Owego on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Margaret Schimizzi 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 September 15, 2025 in the following amounts:

General	\$101,389.54	Sewer	\$112,011.54
Electric	\$26,574.95	Water	\$5,092.73
Joint Activity (CVWRF)	\$14,799.79		
WG Comprehensive Plan	\$24,000		

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

**BOARD CONCERNS**

Fire Department safety event is 10/08/2025

Local Law drafts for vendor law and fire pits are with village attorney. Street laws needs revisiting.

Village Christmas parade is December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion on the new crossing guard and how she is doing. Discussed which crossing (12<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>) needs the most supervision.

Schuyler County Youth Baseball did a clean-up of the fields. Also, change in the board – President is Jesse Schubmehl.

Ice Rink survey is open to the public until 10/15/2025.

**EXECUTIVE**

Trustee Bob Carson motioned to move into executive for litigation. 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 7:30 p.m. Deputy Mayor Peter G. Cheroch seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Fred Warrick  
Village Clerk