



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Luke Leszyk who led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance. Present were Mayor Luke Leszyk, Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini, Trustee Anthony Fraboni, Trustee Nan Woodworth, Trustee Laurie DeNardo, Superintendent Terry Wilcox, Sergeant Brandon Matthews, Village Clerk Lonnie Childs, and Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present were Water Supervisor Martin Pierce, and Electric Supervisor Minard LaFever. There were three other persons in attendance.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

The Board and Stacy Gray acknowledged Anthony Fraboni for his eight years of dedicated service to the Village of Watkins Glen and Mayor Luke Leszyk presented him with a plaque.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Meeting March 3, 2020

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board of Trustees meeting held on March 3, 2020. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini made the motion to approve the Department Heads' reports as presented. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

VOTING ITEMS

Resolution to Approve Additional Election Inspectors

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following resolution. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, it was recommended by NYCOM to plan for absent election inspectors due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) for the upcoming Village Election on March 18, 2020, and

WHEREAS, Election Law 3-406 states that if an election inspector is absent the day of the election, the clerk may direct an "additional election inspector" to act in place of the absent election inspector, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen, New York hereby approve the Village Clerk to rely on the authority of Section 3-406 to use village employees as "additional election inspectors" in the event that a regular election inspector is absent for the March 18, 2020 Village Election.

Resolution to Amend the Clute Park Redevelopment SEQR Resolution

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the following resolution amendment. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees, at their March 3, 2020 board meeting declared that there will be no significant negative environmental impacts associated with the redevelopment of Clute Park, and accordingly issued a negative declaration of environmental impact.

WHEREAS, no involved agencies challenged the Village of Watkins Glen's assertion of lead agency status however, the Department of Transportation did comment that the Village of Watkins should include the LWRP-WAF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees amend the Negative Declaration State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) for the Proposed Construction and Redevelopment at Clute Park, to include the LWRP-WAF, as additional support.

Streets Department Surplus

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to surplus the following items from the Streets Department: Viking plow, cherry picker, three-wheeled golf cart, old John Deere backhoe, broken road striper, air compressor housing on trailer, hole mole, army fiberglass storage container, 10' fisher plow, Dynapac roller, battery powered floor sweeper, plate tamp. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Schuyler Strikers Soccer Club Building Use Fee Request

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve a request from the Schuyler Strikers Soccer Club requesting that the fee for use of the Community Center be reduced from \$35 per use of the building to \$20 per use of the building to help them maintain a low registration fee for those who attend. Park Manager Michelle Hyde was in approval of the request as they are not using any heat and clean up after their events. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Push Through 5K

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the special event request to host the annual Push Through 5K event on May 10, 2020. The event utilizes Village streets and sidewalks for the running event, but does not require any assistance from Village work crews. Trustee Anthony Fraboni seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

24th Annual Regional Leadership Conference – Corning Community College

The 24th Annual Regional Leadership Conference scheduled for April 9 ,2020 to be held at Corning Community College was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

AUDIT

General Audit & Online Audit

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to approve the regular audit, along with the State Comptroller fines and fees payment for February in the following amounts:

General	\$41,110.96	Sewer	\$7,210.44
Electric	\$14,618.42	Water	\$7,411.07
Project Seneca	\$61,832.00	SCADA System	\$2,535.00
Padua Tank	\$82.50		

Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

JPC Audit

Trustee Anthony Fraboni made the motion to approve the JPC audit in the amount of \$1,046,990.94. Trustee Laurie DeNardo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion to approve and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS

New Vehicle for Police Department

The Board revisited the topic of a new vehicle for the Police Department. It was determined that there should be enough money left in this year's budget to cover the cost of the new vehicle and pay for it outright instead of having to rely on financing. Once the vehicle is ordered, it will still take 16-20 weeks for delivery. Mayor Luke Leszyk asked to have this added to the next agenda as a voting item.

Larson Design Group – Proposal for Water System Project Funding Support

Larson Design Group was present to discuss their proposal for obtaining funding for the water system project as presented in the CDBG water study. Superintendent Terry Wilcox recommended that the Village hire Larson to start the SEQR that will need to be completed before the Village can even request grant funding. The cost for this portion will be around \$3,000. The Board was in favor.

Letter from Governor Regarding Essential/Non-essential Staff

Village Clerk Lonnie Childs briefly discussed a notice from the Governor to mandate that all non-essential staff be put on leave during this COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, the Village Board felt that we do not have any non-essential staffing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit public session and enter executive session at 6:34pm for a Streets Department personnel matter. Deputy Mayor Louie Perazzini seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION AND ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Laurie DeNardo made the motion to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm. Trustee Nan Woodworth seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.
Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater