

Village of Gowanda
Board Meeting Transcription
January 12, 2021

Mayor, "In an effort to preserve everyone's time, let's get started. We officially call to order the regular meeting for the Village of Gowanda for January 12th 2021. The time is now 6:01 and we call the meeting to order. As with any public meeting, please and honor our country with the pledge to the flag". Everyone, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands one nation under god indivisible with liberty and justice for all". Mayor, "thank you. Before we progress further, in the meeting, I would like to ask the board to join me for a moment of silence to honor past Gowanda police chief Richard A Stitzel. Chief Stitzel was 83 years old. Foster Road. He passed away Tuesday January 5th 2021 at Mercy Hospital in South Buffalo. He was surrounded by his family. He was born in Gowanda. He was the son of Theodore and Edith Donbecker Stitzel. Chief Stitzel attended Saint Joe's school. And he graduated from Gowanda High class of 55. He went to receive his bachelor science degree in recreation education in Cortland State, while in Cortland he was a patrolman for the city of Cortland in their police department. He married the former Sara Sally Simpson January 24th of 1959 in Cortland. Chief Stitzel was a New York State Trooper and attended special training with the FBI academy in Quantico Virginia. He was Gowanda's chief of police for 20 years and he was the former Treasurer of the Erie County Police (Inaudible) Association. I had the pleasure of knowing chief Stitzel through his son Kirk and his grandson Kirk over the years. All were great men and loyal longtime servants of Gowanda. Please join me in a moment of silence to honor chief Stitzel. thank you. Deputy Mayor Sheibley would also like to introduce a moment of silence for an acquaintance of hers". Trustee Sheibley, "I would like to honor Shirley Troutman, a many, many year member of the Gowanda UDAG committee. She passed in December. She's a retired teacher. Gowanda elementary school and born and raised in Gowanda New York so I ask for a moment of silence for Shirley. Thank you". Mayor, "Thank you Deputy Mayor. Next, just the Covid information for tonight. I go over those numbers every week, I won't bore you with them tonight. I'll simply tell you that we did have an increase of more than 300 positive cases in Cattaraugus County from the 3rd of January to the 10th of January. In that week more than 300 new cases and 11 new deaths in Cattaraugus County during that week. Until the vaccine gets appropriately out there, we're gonna have some more dark months to go through with things being like this and not normal. I do see a light at the end of the tunnel and I hope that we can all get there together, it's depressing times for sure. When we do get out of it just for the record, I'd like to open discussions with the recreation department who already reached out to me today Mark Benton the. Village board about potentially throwing a fourth of July shindig that the Village sponsors at Gateway Park. With bands on the new amphitheater with softball games and cook outs if we're able to do that by then with fireworks at that location as well. Something the Village typically doesn't do fireworks because all the surrounding town's do, but I think this year with that new amphitheater at Gateway it might be time to do that so let's start thinking about whether or not we can as time goes on and we approach the fourth of July. Thank you. Now for the agenda approval, do we have a motion to approve tonight's agenda"? Trustee Zimmermann, "So moved". Trustee Sheibley, "So moved". Mayor, "Paul with a second to Carol. Any questions or comments about the agenda? Thank you, Danielle and Traci, for your helping composing it. All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstention or further comments. The agendas approved. The mission statement, the Village of Gowanda's mission statement is to open our hearts, minds and ears to the needs of our community. Although we may not always agree, we vow to keep our ears, hearts and minds open to each other's opinions so we can work together for the betterment of our entire Village. There's no public at tonight's meeting but we do remind the public that an audio recording is being made and a written transcription of that recording either will be available to the public at their request within a reasonable time from tonight's meeting. Thank you to the clerk for all the

management there. Ms. Wagner it's much appreciated. I've watched you do that job once and it's very arduous and laborious, so". Clerk, "Yes, it is". Mayor, "Much appreciated. Okay, Thatcher Brook, we had a pr video. I don't know if that was sent to everybody on the board yet a Paul if you wouldn't mind doing that. It's a thing of beauty, it has not been public released yet so please do keep it to yourselves. There will be some further edits to it, but it represents the struggles long term and the struggles short that the Village has gone through with flooding as a result of Thatcher Brook. Special thanks, thanks to Paul Zimmermann for all of his work in putting that video together and his outstanding cameo role. You got a future in Hollywood should you choose it. Also, thanks to Gowanda's ex ex-student and graduate Kasie Salzman for her help on that video and of course to Jess and Chris from the Army Corp. It's outstanding. Any comments Paul"? Trustee Zimmermann, "No, no it was a great job and I apology for any delay with it being a draft copy you know, the Corp is always very sensitive about draft copies for anything not publicly release, not that I would consider this to be in that group, but it, it just, it is you know, it, it is nice. I don't expect that there will be a lot of changes really to the final video so I think we're fine to send a copy to everybody. You know, everything's looking great with the project, hopefully the money doesn't be an issue". Mayor, "Right. Excellent. That meeting for me with the taping occurred on December 9th. On December 14th, I met with the Treasurer to have a preliminary look at the upcoming budget to be approved in April of 21 for the upcoming fiscal year. Treasurer Hopkins shows her worth on everything she touches and handles in particular the budget. Thank you for all of your work and communication with department heads, with the Deputy Mayor, with the finance committee upcoming, with the Mayor and then with the whole board at a workshop at our next regular meeting in February and on and on. You are first class; you do a great job and I thank you". Clerk, "We didn't approve the meeting minutes from December, sorry". Mayor, "Thank you". Clerk, "I just realized that". Mayor, "Thank you very much. Do we have a motion to approve the minutes from our last regular meeting on December 8th"? Trustee Koch, "So moved". Mayor, "Wanda. Do we have a second"? Trustee Sheibley, "Second". Mayor, "Carol. Any questions or comments on those minutes? All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried and thank you madam Clerk". Clerk, "You're welcome". Mayor, "Got a lot of writing and I don't see as well as I used to. On December 16th, we had a BOA steering committee meeting via zoom. Thank you to Trustee Koch and Treasurer Hopkins for your attendance on that. There are exciting things coming with BOA as we continue to conceptualize what the projects will be. Trustee Koch do you have any further comment on that"? Trustee Koch, "No, we're just trying to decide what areas we should focus on and what direction we really want to go". Mayor, "Very good, thank you. On New Year's Eve, I had the pleasure of officiating my fourth wedding ceremony. It was not here in the Village, it was at a private home, ex-military man, ex-Gowanda student and Gowanda graduate, it was great. He proposed on Christmas eve, she said yes so, they got married on New Year's Eve because he left January 2nd to go back, so timing was important and it was a pleasure to a, I asked him, getting married on New Year's Eve maybe he's looking for the tax benefit for the upcoming year, that was not the case. Thatcher Brook, Army Corp update. We did have a conference call on January 4th, thank you to attorney Chadsey, Treasurer Hopkins and Trustee Zimmermann for your attendance on that call. Any update Deb, Traci or Paul on that call"? Trustee Zimmermann, "Go ahead Deb, do you have something"? Attorney, "No I was just going to say that, I think it was a really productive call. I think it really highlighted kind of the catch 22 we're in which is we can finalize documents but we really need to stay and be able to make a commitment to their money. and I think it also highlighted the scoop of the funds the Village has to raise and then our you know, the, the array of options open to the Village should kind of keep it moving and kind of preload or front load not preload, front load some of the money we're gonna have to spend in any event in order to keep this from getting derailed because frankly, it's not a surprise to anyone the state budgets a little influx right now". Mayor, "By the state monies the attorney is referring to the DEC's 17 and half percent. Anything else Deb, Traci or Paul? Okay, on January 7th Treasurer Hopkins and I joined a small business grant

opportunity. Anything on that Treasurer Hopkins"? Treasurer, "We're just waiting to hear whether that is something that we'll be able to have or not. They we're reaching out to Cattaraugus County Economic Development to see if they wanted to partner and we'll hear more". Mayor, "Very good. Thank you. The Village elections I think under the clerk's part, is that correct? So, I'll skip that one. But thank you Danielle and good luck Trustee Zimmermann and Deputy Mayor Sheibley as you seek re-election coming up here in March and Happy New Year 2021 to all my friends here, my team, you guys are outstanding and I wish you all the best this year. From correspondence, we received a FEMA letter on Point Peter with a time extension approval of our request to extend the time to the end of 2021 to get all the I's dotted and T's crossed concerning that project. Special thanks to Kathy Ellis, Mark Burr and Treasurer Hopkins for all your work there. Very soon as things get a specific, the water liaison Deputy Mayor Sheibley and water supervisor Kirk Trumpore will be into the fold on that project. We also received a letter from the New York Corrections and Community Supervision Department and that was a notification letter relevant to the closure of Gowanda Correctional. We're still fighting on that, for the public's benefit, Cattaraugus County is researching a lawsuit, they have determined that there's nothing the County can do, there's nothing the Village can do, there's nothing the union of correction officers can do, but there is something the inmates can do concerning their displacement cruel and unusual punishment with exposure to Covid and some other things they're chasing. The next move would be for the information prepared by the County attorney Ashley Milman to be delivered directly to an inmate of choice that would file a lawsuit on behalf of the movement which appears very likely. So, we'll see what that does, if anything. We also received the Erie County Development Block Grant funding approval for \$150,000 to go towards the redoing of the municipal parking lot. Special thanks to Deputy Mayor Sheibley, Traci Hopkins, Gary Denea, the community, the business owners for your patience. It looks like we'll be able to get that finally done in 2021. Just great. Yes, amen. that constitutes my report for tonight. Next is the board round table, ladies first, Deputy Mayor Sheilbey". Trustee Sheilbey, "I'd like to share with the board something someone shared with me via a text message, you may have seen it or heard it but I just think it was kind of nice and I would like to share it. It says, hello welcome to flight 2021, we are prepared to take off to the new year. Please make sure your attitude and blessings are locked in an upright position. All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time. All hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should we lose altitude under pressure, reach up and hold on a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by faith. Once your faith is activated you can assist other passengers. There will be no baggage allowed on this flight. the captain has cleared us for takeoff. Destination greatness. Feel, feel free to share if you are taking this flight with me in 2021". Mayor, "Amen to that". Trustee Koch, "Very nice Carol". Mayor, "Very nice. Very nice. Anything else tonight Carol? Trustee Koch, "I have something, I don't know if it's appropriate or not but I'm gonna ask I don't know if you all know or not but John Walrus is in the hospital and he needs every prayer he can get". Mayor, "Thank you. Anything else Trustee Koch? Trustee Zimmermann"? Trustee Zimmermann, "Thank you Wanda, I will say a prayer. I just wanted to say with the start of the year, just wanted to kind of echo the Mayor sentiments from earlier, you know the team that we have here at the Village and just how, how pleased and honored I am to be part of that. A Lot of respect (Inaudible)". Mayor, "Thank you, anything else"? Trustee Zimmermann, "That'll do it". Mayor, "That constitutes the board round table, now to the official business portion for the agenda. We have a motion; do we have a motion to reappoint Anne Kilian as the Village representative and liaison for the Gowanda Ambulance Board for a 3-year term. Before we ask for that motion thank you to Pat Volk for the recommendation. Do we have a motion to reappoint Anne Kilian for that 3-year term as stated"? Trustee Sheilbey, "I so move". Mayor, "Carol. Do we have a second"? Trustee Koch "Second". Mayor, "Any questions or comments? All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried. Next, as the, the Village knows we received a notice of PESH violations that needed to be cleared up special thanks to Deputy Mayor Sheibley, Andy Carriero in particular and Treasurer Hopkins for all of their work to clear

up these issues and we're happy because health and safety of our employees and our residents is our number 1 priority in the Village. We were happy to get those results from that violation notice and we're happy to clear them up even more so. Part of that is we need to designate people as competent persons, so do we have a motion to designate Mark Burr, Kirk Trum pore, Andy Carriero and Sam Lauer as competent persons to provide identification of potential employee safety hazards while provided authority to take corrective action on those as well. Do we have a motion to that effect"? Trustee Zimmermann, "So moved". Mayor, "Paul. Do we have a second"? Trustee Koch, "Second". Mayor, "Wanda. Any questions or comments? All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried. Now under Code Enforcement, I will turn it over to the liaison for Code Enforcement, Wanda Koch". Trustee Koch, "I don't have a report from Gary this but, I know that it's been kind of crazy with the holidays and stuff. I do have Jason Pickering who has gone through class for Code enforcement, I have his certificate here and we're looking to have him appointed as Building Inspector on completion of his training which he's completed". Mayor, "Do we have a motion to appoint Jason Pickering to Building Inspector upon completion of his training, which has done"? Trustee Zimmermann, "So moved". Mayor, "Paul. Do we have a second"? Trustee Koch, "Second". Mayor, "Wanda. Any questions or comments"? Trustee Koch, "I think he's gonna be an asset to our team". Mayor, "I do too. For those who don't know Mr. Pickering, he's been a long-time corrections officer at Collins, he has been working with Gary prior to Covid, getting to know the ropes and he'll be assisting Gary also presents proper succession. Gary's not going to do it forever, so it's good to have a healthy bullpen. Mr. Pickering represents that. Thank you, Mr. Pickering, if you hear this at some point for completing the training and becoming part of the team. Any further comments? All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? Aaron, have you called in yet? Okay. I believe Treasurer Hopkins has the highway report a, Mr. Markham indicated earlier, anything new tonight"? Treasurer, "No". Mayor, "Okay. Very good". Treasurer, "The reports in the packet right"? Trustee Koch, "Yep". Treasurer, "Okay". Trustee Koch, "Yep". Treasurer, "Okay just wanted to make sure". Mayor, "Okay. Next from sewer, sewer liaison Trustee Zimmermann". Trustee Zimmermann, "thank you Mayor. Likewise, I don't have a written report from Andy Carriero but I did meet with him this morning and we had a chance to catch up on everything related to the wastewater treatment plant. The two in addition to their normal daily and monthly duties that they're able to take care of the, you know, with all, with the Covid situation, they did have to repair a, a, trash pump can over to the Peter Cooper, they had some issues with that so they can get everything flowing good and the other thing that big thing that Andy had met about Andy and I met about this morning, was we're gonna meet next week with the Seneca Nation on the 19th, they're gonna come down Carson Cooper is gonna come down and tour the plant and it's part of our further building of you know, community team efforts". Trustee Koch, "That's awesome". Trustee Zimmermann, "And we're hoping that a, you know, that further partnership can lead to, to more success as far as you know getting some further things done around to the plant. As far as anything else with the sewer, I did, Andy did update me regarding Jeff Telecky with these hazards, we have an action item for the hazardous material testing remediation specs regarding the, they're gonna be doing the roof repair over to the plant and a Jeff wanted to bring it to everybody's attention the, the potential that there most likely will be some remediation, there will be some hazardous things and beyond that though I don't have the formal wording for the action item". Mayor, "I do". Trustee Zimmermann, "As far what, so yeah Mayor if you would please". Mayor, "Yep. Do we have a motion to approve the hazardous material testing and remediation specs that will be required per Jeff Telecky for the roof repair"? Treasurer, "To Stohl Environmental as Wendel recommends". Mayor, "got that madam clerk"? Clerk, "No to what"? Treasurer, "To Stohl, we're, we're approving Stohl Environmental to do the hazardous material testing and remediation per the 3 quotes and in, information that's identified in your packet. Wendel has recommended Stohl ". Mayor, "okay, do we have motion to approve Stohl

Environmental to conduct the hazardous material testing and remediation required for the roof repair at the wastewater treatment plant". Trustee Koch, "So moved". Mayor, "Wanda. Do we have a second"? Trustee Sheibley, "Second". Mayor, "Carol. Any questions or comments? All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? that is carried". Treasurer, "that is true team effort right there". Mayor, "Yes, it is. Treasurer Hopkins". Trustee Zimmermann, "(Inaudible)". Mayor, "Treasurer Hopkins knows my skin is crawling because I didn't have Stohl Environmental. Drives me crazy. Okay, next". Trustee Zimmermann, "Thank you". Mayor, "Thank you. Anything else from sewer Paul"? Trustee Zimmermann, "No, no I'm good thank you". Mayor, "Next from water Deputy Mayor and water liaison Carol Sheibley". Trustee Sheibley, "Kirk's water report for the month of December they read meters, this is for Gowanda, fixed 3 leaks, and fixed the boiler at the sewer plant. In Collins, they fixed a leak, located it and repaired it. Perrysburg, they greased all the hydrants and also read meters, Versailles, read meters. That's the water report. And I think there's some other action items here, Traci are you familiar with the ford cargo van"? Treasurer, "Yes". Trustee Sheibley, "Okay". Treasurer, "So, Kirk as budgeted in the current fiscal year, there is a vehicle budgeted to replace the suburban, so he's been doing reach on that and they have a quote, so Kirk has asked the board for permission to purchase which will be ordering at this point the 2021 ford cargo van as budgeted to replace the 1986 suburban". Trustee Koch, "and that's the thing to put their tools in". Treasurer, "that's the red 19, yeah:". Trustee Koch, "Yeah". Mayor, "1986, let that sink in". Trustee Zimmermann, "So 35 years on the new one to 2056 we're good". Trustee Koch, "Yeah". Trustee Zimmermann, "No pressure". Trustee Koch, "What year did you graduate"? Trustee Zimmermann, "85". Treasurer, "And this purchase is, will be under budget from what he has estimated. He didn't really know exactly what vehicle, so this will come in under budget. And it's all identified in the email that you see in your board packet". Trustee Koch, "And how many cars have we had (Inaudible)". Mayor, "you know, we're, we're laughing about that because it actually is hilarious but you know hats off to this guy". Trustee Koch, "yeah". Mayor, "This guy is the most conservative individual to ever walk the earth. He spends nothing, he maintains and repairs a vehicle from 1986, so do we have a motion to approve his request to purchase the 2021 ford cargo van as budgeted"? Trustee Koch, "So moved". Trustee Sheibley, "Second". Mayor, "Wanda and Carol. Any questions or further comments"? Trustee Koch, "Kudos". Mayor, "All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried". Trustee Koch, "I think we should all hire him to take care of our vehicles". Mayor, "that's what I'm thinking. 1986. Gosh. Carol"? Trustee Sheibley, "Okay a request to award, award the revised engineering proposal to GPI and it's in the board packet". Mayor, "GPI is the engineering company that originally did the work up on Point Peter". Trustee Sheibley, "Yeah". Mayor, "For the reservoir and this relates to Mark Burr's work that we got an extension for through the end of 2021 at the beginning of the agenda, so do we have a motion to award the revised engineering proposal to G, GPI as recommended by Mark Burr and attached"? Trustee Sheilbey, "So moved". Mayor, "Carol. Do we have a second"? Trustee Koch, "Second". Mayor, "Wanda, any questions or comments? All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried". Trustee Sheilbey, "Okay and lastly a water payment plan meeting was held on December 29th 2020 and I would ask the board to accept the notes and the information provided". Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the water hearing minutes as provided concerning the payment plan from the water hearing"? Trustee Zimmermann, "So moved". Mayor, "Paul. DO we have a second"? Trustee Koch, "Second". Mayor, "Wanda. Any questions or comments? All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried. Anything else tonight from water tonight Deputy Mayor". Trustee Sheibley, "No". Mayor, "Next madam clerk Danielle Wagner". Clerk, "Okay, the first thing that you have is the resolution designating the offices to be filled which the Mayor and two Trustees, excuse me, for a two-year term. The election will take place March 16th 2021 from 12 to the 9 in the Village

hall". Mayor, "That election will be run by Cattaraugus County". Clerk, "Correct". Mayor, "And will be properly socially distanced with all Covid 19 safety protocols and procedures in place. Do we have a motion to approve the election resolution as stated by the clerk"? Trustee Sheibley, "So moved". Mayor, "Carol. Do we have a second"? Trustee Koch, "So moved". Mayor, "Wanda. Any questions or comments? All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried". Clerk, "The next is the standard work day resolution for deputy clerk, it is a requirement for New York State Retirement that we have a standard work day on file for a deputy clerk even though the Village doesn't have a deputy clerk. Sorry, it's still a position that Villages could have so they just require that we have that". Mayor, "Do we have a, a motion to approve the standard work day resolution for the deputy clerk position as stated". Trustee Sheibley, "So moved". Trustee Zimmermann, "So moved". Mayor, "Carol with a second to Paul. Any questions or comments? All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried. Next from Police, police liaison Wanda Koch". I'm not, not sure it's gonna be realistic for us to get some kind of special meeting and I suspect that it's going to be the February meeting which we accept the supplemental DEIS and commence the 30-day comment period so, I just kind of want your feelings on that and whether someone, someone thinks we need to somehow get this fast tracked before the February meeting". Mayor, "You know, just as one board member, I am never a fan of special meetings. Somebody else's timing does not constitute an emergency on our part. everybody here either is, is bogged down with hours and hours of community service or works 2 jobs or works a job that requires you to be out of town or works two jobs, and, and I'm of the position we should have the special meeting. We need time to look it over, Jeff and Mark in particular who we trust implicitly and have material knowledge in the area need a chance to look it over and that would correspond with the February meeting in my opinion, but I'm just one board member". Trustee Koch, "I agree". Trustee Zimmermann, "I concur". Mayor, "We're all on board with that then". Attorney, "This is not a, this is not a light weight document guy". Mayor, "No". Attorney, "This is the kind of thing you sit down with at night and helps put you to sleep so, I'm, I would be concerned if we tried to rush this". Mayor, "Very good". Attorney, "Okay. I'm gonna let them know that, that we're just in a position to schedule a second meeting but it will be on the agenda in February and if they you know, if they want to check in right after the meeting, I, I'm certainly, they don't even need to do that, I'm certainly going to tell them. On, on some level I anticipate, just a quick at it, I anticipate we're probably prepared to accept it as the final and it to put it out for public comment after the February meeting. The second item on my list is snowmobile trail use. And I know that for some people, this is a confusing topic and I don't know maybe a touchy one, the basic rules in New York State are a snowmobiler cannot access private property without the permission of that property owner. And a result of that most snowmobile clubs across the state who set up trails have gone to private property owners and said hey we want to put a trail across your property will you give us permission and they get permission. So, if there's a trail across private property is all authorized. The issue then becomes public rights of way. Snowmobilers have an absolute right to cross a public right of way just the same way that you or I could ride our bicycle across the street or across the parking lot. What snowmobilers can't do under New York State law is to use public maintained crowd right of way as a means of transgression from one point to another, so I couldn't leave the Village Hall on my snowmobile and drive down Main Street to get to you know the, the Persia Town Court. It's not, they're not considered licensed on road vehicles. A number of clubs deal with these kinds of issues when their trail might take them you know, maybe there's 500 feet or some, their gonna be on public right of way for some distance which takes them from an authorized trail at point a to an authorized trail at point b and for the most what snowmobile clubs in this State have done is to make some arrangement you know to talk to the multiplicity that is responsible for that public right of way so it's a State road they have to go the State, if it's a County road they have to go to the County, if it's a local municipal road they have to go the local municipality

and, and get permission to use the, the right of way alongside the road, they can't get permission to drive down the road like behind a chevy and in front of a truck. I don't know, my understanding is the Village at this point and time has not agreements with any snowmobile clubs to use the public right of way and those agreements are there are standardized agreements not like this hasn't happened in other places, but there's usually pretty significant insurance requirements that have to be met and the municipality has to be a named insured on the policy, ectara, ectara. So, I know that, I understand that some people are concerned that there's part of a local street which happens to be a dead end that is being used. It probably shouldn't be used, but ultimately that's a question for the board to decide once they have been approached by a snowmobile club to get permission to do that and it's probably premature for you guys to have the discussion at this point because no e has approached you for permission to use that road. Now if, if a police officer were there and he saw it happen and he decided to give someone a ticket that ticket would be legit. But, I, I just don't think there's, I just don't see an action for the Village to take now. There's been no formal written complaints and nobody's asked for permission to do this. I share with you, information so you understand what the State law is regarding using public rights of way". Mayor, "Okay". Attorney, "Are there board members that have questions, that I could maybe answer for you"? Mayor, "Does anybody have any questions"? Trustee Zimmermann, "It sounds like there's more to the story you know as far as that goes but until that materializes further, I guess, it's just that". Attorney, "Well, I , there's really, there's nothing in front of you right now, it, from what I understand, now if you guys, if somebody has more facts, then share them with me and that may change the analysis but the facts I have now are somebody observed this and they spoke to a board member, the board member raised the question, which is perfectly fair and perfectly legitimate but no one's asked for permission to do it, no one has been caught doing it and no one has filed a formal complaint that someone is driving on the road in front of their house". Mayor, "Correct". Attorney, "And so I know, we don't really have at this point there's nothing to adjudicate guys. Someone's got to do one of those things in order for you to get to be pulled into this". Mayor, "Okay. Any other questions or comments from anybody, okay anything else tonight Deb"? Attorney, "I have nothing else". Mayor, "Madam Treasurer Traci Hopkins". Treasurer, "The first thing is approval to enter into the 2021 stop DWI contract with Erie County. This allows us to seek funds from Collins for any fines or fees collected based upon stop DWI stops within Erie County, so I'm asking the board to approve that contract". Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the entrance into the 2021 stop DWI contract with Erie County as stated". Trustee Koch, "So moved". Mayor, "Wanda. Do we have a second"? Trustee Sheibley, "Second". Mayor, "Carol. Any questions or comments? All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried". Treasurer, "That's an annual contract that we enter into and just an FYI they're very behind. November 9th, we received the funds from 2018's contract that total \$2,122.00 so every year we do get funds, this was the largest amount we've ever received but they're very lagging behind so I just wanted to make that comment. The next item is the NYSEG LED light conversion, I'm sure you have seen the new lights, this conversion amongst all the street lights, not all, a large portion of the street light throughout the Village. This has been. This was done by NYSEG, this will help us in our next year's budget have a significant decrease to our lighting. Our lighting budget is typically a \$50,000 a year budget, I'm hoping so their telling me that will able to be decreased in half so I'm, I'm hoping to be able to see that, but I'm, I'm, hoping you noticed the lights, I think they have nice soft light to them. The next item is the 2021 22budget development timeline, this is a timeline that is produced every year to focus on the development of the next fiscal year budget, we are right in line with all of our timing. I have had multiple conversations with department, department heads, board liaisons, and many, many, many conversations with the Mayor. We have a, a somewhat draft. I still have a few more conversations that I need to narrow some things down with and I'm prepared to have a finance meeting, committee meeting at the end of this month. With the first board review of draft 1 being at our February 9th board meeting

and I will have draft budgets to the before board out hopefully by February 1st so you have time to review it before our first budget work session. Do I have the board's approval to approve the 2021 22 budget timeline"? Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the 21 22 budget development timeline as stated and included in the packet"? Trustee Zimmermann, "I'll make the motion". Mayor, "Paul. Do we have a second"? Trustee Koch, "Second". Mayor, "Wanda. Any questions or comments"? Trustee Zimmermann, "Great job". Mayor, "Nice work". Treasurer, "The next item I have is". Mayor, "All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried. Thank you". Treasurer, Sorry". Mayor, "It's alright". Treasurer, "The item is the borrowing timeline and planning draft. I have been in communication regularly these days it seems, with municipal solutions who is, helping us with our borrowing, our ban renewals, all sorts of things. With upcoming projects that we may need to borrow for that may require board approval, I wanted to, to gather some details on timeline of what we were talking about, when can money be available to us and when the first payment will be due on this borrowings, these are all critical dates as number 1 I'm preparing a new budget and number 2 we have projects that coming down the pike like a parking lot project, like a point peter project that needs to be, funds need to be spend dollar for dollar before we are reimbursed and a thatcher Brook Diversion project, so all of these are projects that have potential borrowing. This document is a draft for your review that shows all the steps that will need to be taken to borrow money against any of those. One of those or all of those. This is a timeline set up so that we can have funds available by August. Having funds available in August gets us away from a June 1 fiscal start date which is something they try not to do for municipalities or they try to stay away from January for Towns, same reason, so this sets us up for August monies with our first payment due on potential borrowing not until the next August of 2022 which gives us time to plan for the budgetary item in no the next fiscal year but the fiscal year following so, this is all a timing, it's planning, every time I working on the budget, I'm not just thinking about the budget that starts June 1st, I'm always thinking about the budget that starts the June 1st after that, because everything has cycle. This helps us plan for that, it's just a document, it just shows timing if we have to borrow, I will come to you with more information once we have identified the full project scoop and the cost estimates of that project. None of this can be solidified or even come to board approval or recommendation for anything until those things are done which is giving us sometime between now and April which is when this timeline would start if needed. So, I just wanted to share with you this draft timeline that's critical to bud, proper budgeting and being fiscally responsible here at the Village". Mayor, "Thank you". Treasurer, "The next item is the abstract bills to pay, I'm asking for the board's approval, you see on the financial report to pay bills itemized on the general fund abstract totaling \$14,237.77, the water fund abstract itemized at \$7,672.11, the sewer fund abstract at itemized at \$7,241.13 and the community development special projects fund abstract itemized that totals one expense at \$109.49"? Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the abstract bills to pay as stated"? Trustee Koch, "So moved". Mayor, "Wanda. Do we have a second"? Trustee Sheibley, "Second". Mayor, "Carol. Any questions or comments. Treasurer, "the \$109 in the special projects fund is a result of the \$100 contribution that the chamber provided us for Christmas lights it ended, the bill ended up coming to 109 so that is what that expense is out of the community development special project fund, I just wanted to point that out". Mayor, "Thank you. Any further questions or comments? All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried. Anything else madam Treasurer? The next meeting for the Village of Gowanda will begin with a work session at 5:00 for the purposes of budget discussion as included on the budget calendar that will be February 9th, Tuesday 2021 5:00 workshop in this space. Thank you very much, happy 2021. Do we have a motion to adjourn"? Trustee Koch, "So moved". Mayor, "Wanda. Do we have a second"? Trustee Sheibley, "Second". Mayor, "All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? The meeting is adjourned at 6:58 PM. Have a super evening and happy new year.