

Transcription  
Special Meeting  
March 23, 2021

Mayor, "Okay, good evening ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to a special board meeting for the Village of Gowanda for March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021. The time is now 4:45 pm. the purpose of the special meeting tonight is to approve the Police reform policy as indicated by Governors executive order. This must be done prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. So, we have a special meeting. First, we will indicate who is present for the special meeting. The mayor David Smith, the deputy mayor and trustee Carol Sheibley, Trustee Paul Zimmermann, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, and Village attorney Deb Chadsey. Absent from the meeting tonight are Trustee Koch and Trustee Markham due to work obligations. We officially call the special meeting to order at 4:45 pm. As with any public meeting please rise and remove your head gear and honor America with the pledge to the flag". All, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the Untied States of America and to the republic for which it stand one nation, under god, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all". Mayor, "Thank you. Tonight's agenda is having two items the approval reform policy and the adoption of the use of force policy. Board members have had this agenda do we have a motion to approve the agenda for tonight"? Trustee Sheibley, "So moved". Mayor, "Carol. Do we have a second"? Trustee Zimmermann, "Second". Mayor, "Paul. Any comments on the brief agenda? All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? Since we only have 3 of us here the Mayor also registers his vote of approval to give us a quorum of 3 people. The agenda is approved. The mission statement for the Village of Gowanda is open our hearts, minds and ears to the needs of our residents. Although we may not always agree we vow to keep our hearts, minds, and ears open to each other's opinions so that we can work together for the betterment of our entire Village. To the official business vision, business portion of the agenda. Prior to approval I would like to thank Officer in Charge Dennis Feldmann as well attorney Deb Chadsey, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, liaison to the police department Trustee Wanda Koch, as well as those community members who served voluntarily on the police liaison committee to develop the police reform policy in front of the board tonight. Thank you to all working together for the betterment of our Village. Item one, in the official business portion of the agenda is to approve the police reform policy as drafted by a shared decision-making committee and dictated by the Governors executive order. Board members have had that police reform policy. Do we have a motion to approve said policy"? Trustee Sheibley, "So moved". Mayor, "Carol. Do we have a second"? Trustee Zimmermann, "Second". Mayor, "Paul. Any questions or comments? All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? The police reform policy is approved. For the publics benefit we did have a public comment period for the draft of the policy available on the Village's website and hard copy available in the Village office. The public comment period was heavily advertised and no public comments have been received. Therefore, we were able to approve that police reform policy as created by the shared decision-making committee. The second item for tonight, is to adopt the updated use of force policy as created by the folks. Do we have a motion to approve the adopt, the updated use of force policy as provided to the board members"? Trustee Zimmermann, "So moved". Mayor, "Paul. 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. The updated use of force policy is approved. The next meeting for the Village of Gowanda will be a regular meeting. It will occur on Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup>. On that night we'll have a busy agenda. We'll have a work shop prior to the beginning of the meeting at 5:30, so that all of our board members can make it form their jobs. They purpose of that work shop will be to discuss the approved FEMA project for the point peter reservoir. Village engineer Mark Burr will be leading the discussion that night. We'll then have our regular meeting which will also serve as the boards organizational meeting as plan for the next calendar year of operations. On that

night we will also swear in the re-elected Trustee Deputy Mayor Carol Sheibley, re-elected Trustee Paul Zimmermann, and re-elected Mayor David Smith. So, it should be a busy evening. We will follow that up with an executive session for the purposes of a legal discussion that night. That is the a, bullet form of the agenda for the next regular meeting of April 13<sup>th</sup> 2021. The work shop is open to the public and will begin at 5:30 however the public will not be invited due to the fact that we'll still be in a pandemic. We will record it, transcribe it, post it on the website so that the Village residents can have access to that. Lastly do we have a motion to adjourn the special meeting for the Village of Gowanda for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021". Trustee Sheibley, "So moved". Mayor, "Carol. Do we have a second"? Trustee Zimmermann, "Second". Mayor, "Paul. Any questions or comments? All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That motion is carried. And the special meeting is adjourned at 4:52 PM for the record".