

Board Meeting  
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**Work Session**

Mayor, "Okay folks, the time is now 5:30 we'll start the work session. For the public's benefit we're having a work session for the Village of Gowanda to discuss the following, whether or not we would want to open up our meetings to the public and if so when and if so where, is the first item. Secondly, a discussion about big garage day pick-up for the Village of Gowanda and how that relates from a budgetary stand point to the street sweeper purchase which is also coming up in that budget. For the public's benefit we have deputy mayor Carol Sheibley, treasurer Traci Hopkins, clerk Danielle Wagner, trustee Aaron Markham, trustee Paul Zimmermann and mayor David Smith. We will call the work session to order then and talk about opening up meetings to the public. As you guys know the executive order, first of all, the nation-wide pandemic is still in effect, executive order from the Governor allowing municipalities to close their meetings to the public for public safety is still in effect. The long and short of it is if you don't have a board room that can accommodate 6 feet in between adults then you can't open your meeting to the public. The hard part about that is you need a venue big enough to allow any and all members of the public that may wish to appear in the meeting and have them at 6 feet. For example, we can't have (Inaudible) we can't say your allowed in because you got here first, now we're out of room I know you to come you're out we don't have enough room. That is discriminatory and it defies the open meetings law. You either closed or your open. Okay? SO, using this room for our meetings will be out of the question. We have just enough space in here now with all of our board members present, our Treasurer, our clerk our attorney and maybe an occasionally reporter. That's it, then we're out of room because of the small square footage in this room and have the 6 foot circumference around everybody so, if we do want to open the meeting to the public then we would talk about using a space that would allow us to invite what is our normal public to the meeting which is our employees that come and report from their departments which is our usual and we can check the sign in to get a, a (Inaudible) and average of those sign ins, usually it's anywhere from 8 to 10 people depending on the month, depending on the topic. So, there's a couple options if we do want to open, one would be the theater Aaron Markham, Trustee Markham is on the theater board, he's assured me that he could make that available. Another option is the fire department, I had discussion, I know Trustee Sheibley as fire commissioner has also been involved in discussions, I did to with Chief Raipert. He indicated we could use the fire hall meeting area and there's plenty of space in there, it's probably 4 times the size of this space, it would accommodate our public. So, the first question and for the public record now, Trustee Koch has not yet arrived, we'll announce her presence when she comes. Do we want to open the meetings? Before we do I want to let you know that since last Sunday 9 days ago, not 2 days ago, we've had an additional 134 positive covid cases just on the Cattaraugus County side. Okay? We've had an additional 14 active cases; we've had an additional 2 deaths in Catt County and we've had an additional 20 people in the hospital with covid. So, the numbers are still rolling as get more and more vaccinated. It is still a fact to quote Kevin Watkins from the health department, we might be done with covid, but covid's not done with us. So, those are the numbers there, I received a call from Arnie Andolsek asking us when we were gonna open. He had talked with Deputy Mayor Sheibley ahead of time, he asked her when we were gonna open, she said I can't answer that question, the mayors the one on the health board you'll need to talk to the mayor and he did. Which prompted the discussion tonight, I made no promises to Arnie, I just told him we would discuss it at our main meeting at a work session and I would get back to him with a decision moving towards the future so, therein lies the question, Trustee Koch, Wanda Koch has arrived at 5:35 for the public record. Again, we're, we might be done with covid but it's not done with us. 134 new cases Trustee Koch in the last nine days, 14 more

active cases, 2 more deaths in Catt County and 20 more in the hospital so give those numbers knowing that this location will not work to accommodate our public, our first questions is do we want, do we want open our meeting to the public"? Trustee Koch, "Are you asking me"? Mayor, "Everyone". Trustee Koch, "Okay". Trustee Markham, "(Inaudible) public is interested in (Inaudible) we really don't get a huge, I'm not gonna say we get a huge amount of public because unless it's a big hot topic only 2 or 3 show up. (Inaudible)". Mayor, "Paul"? Trustee Zimmermann, "(Inaudible) experience in that, maybe not experience information regarding the (Inaudible) thing. IS there a point in time when you would expect that direction or guidance from the state to possibly be reevaluated or changed especially given you know, the way it's always moving around"? Mayor, "Yes, my guess would be by end of summer that nationwide pandemic will be ceased by the federal government because we will reach a critical mass in the number of people vaccinated or the number of people that have already contracted covid so, the community capability will be down in a couple more months as more people get vaccinated and that point, I think the federal government can declare an end to the pandemic. Which will allow the state government to declare an end to the executive orders for closed meetings. Because they won't do it ahead of time, nobody wants to claim that responsibility. You open everything up like that and all the public meetings, you get sick somebody's responsible. So, yes I do I would say by the end of the summer like August". Trustee Zimmermann, "Well that, that it an itself with your last statement of the you know somebody could sick (Inaudible) responsible are you gonna get the potential (Inaudible) concerns for somebody to get sick to begin with. I, I have mixed emotions on it. I you know, I, I certainly as you already said want the pandemic to be over, you know, I don't know if there's been a large outcry from the residents to commence, I don't know, it's hard to you know, open it, it has to be all or nothing. I don't know you with that of, if there be a time frame where it was open to everybody up until 72 hours before the meeting or some type of reasonable time frame that could then allow us to, to prepare depending on the number of residents that interested in attending you know for a venue location and such could be one thing. You know, better, you know, I mean, nobody's been trying to call in to any of them, I mean (Inaudible) access ways that people could still be a part of things without you know dramatically changes, what we're currently doing especially knowing the fact that we're kind of winding down with it, you know, to, to not (Inaudible)". Mayor, "Wanda". Trustee Koch, "I'm on Paul's team with the fact that I haven't heard of a lot of people that said they want to participate. And, and they can listen online if people do have complaints and stuff, we're accessible either-or email, compliant forms or they call the office or they've reached out to you and Jill or whoever else they know. I mean if obviously in here we're spread as far as we can". Trustee Markham, "(Inaudible) a survey (Inaudible) to see if there is enough interest". Mayor, "Well". Trustee Markham, "I don't know how it would be done". Mayor, "We kind of are right now because the clerk works tirelessly every meeting to prepare a written transcription of every meeting as well as an audio transcription. Madam clerk how many people in the year that we have been doing it this way have come to you to request a written transcription"? Clerk, "Zero". Mayor, "Zero. How many people have come to listen to the audio recording"? Clerk, "Zero". Mayor, "Zero. So, the public interest that I got to open up came from Arnie Andolsek. That's it. He's the only one that talked to me but in fairness I told him we'd talk about it. And, and deicide". Trustee Markham, "That being the case, it sounds like". Mayor, "Carol"? Trustee Sheibley, "Well I'd like to see the meetings opened based on your health department board, based on the fact that we been closed for the last 12 to 14 months, and there's not a large outcry of people who attend the meeting, I feel go month by month. As soon as we're able to do it I think we'll be certainly willing to do it but I would say June no open meeting". Trustee Koch, "And, and now that I know who approached you, he reached out to me the other day and the issue that he was having I believe has been corrected also, I reminded about him about complaint forms and paper trails and stuff like that so, you know, maybe, maybe that was you know his big issue. I do know that he, he attends the meetings when we are open. Which, which is great because we do public participation if we don't have a, people holding us accountable, you know what I mean? I mean that's always good but,

yeah". Mayor, "And they still are". Trustee Koch, "Yeah". Inaudible. Trustee Koch, "Yep". Trustee Markham, "(Inaudible)". Trustee Koch, "It's not like we aren't accessible I guess". Trustee Markham, "Based on what you said about the numbers (Inaudible) Danielle said about how many people actually come down to (Inaudible) what's going on, we should leave it just the way it is right now". Trustee Koch, "Yeah". Mayor, "Our poor clerk, that's (Inaudible)". Clerk, "I don't know how much longer I'm gonna be able to these honestly, like I'm pretty sure I'm getting carpal tunnel in both my wrists. This is not easy". Mayor, "No". Trustee Koch, "I agree". Treasurer, "hours and hours and weeks and weeks she spends on the computer". Clerk, "I'm not even done with Aprils yet". Treasurer, "Transcribing every word that we say and I continue to say". Clerk, "Yeah". Trustee Markham, "I wonder happened, I know Phil used to come down and record and it would go out on that public tv station. IS that an option we can look at again, that way Danielle doesn't have to do that"? Clerk, "I don't know. I have to do it anyways, it doesn't matter". Trustee Markham, "oh ok". Clerk, "Yeah". Trustee Markham, "I'd think that be a way to be able to watch from their own homes". Clerk, "Phil stopped doing that when he got mad at us for something". Trustee Sheibley, "Would it help Danielle, someone would tape the meetings and then"? Clerk, "I still have to transcribe them". Trustee Sheibley, "You still have to do the transcription"? Treasurer, "I wonder". Trustee Zimmermann, "There's got to be a machine that just automatically does that, right? With all the (Inaudible)". Mayor, "What was that called"? Treasurer, "I". Mayor, "a Dictaphone". Trustee Koch, "Can't you can't you speak into your computer, some computer and then you (inaudible)". Trustee Zimmermann, "(Inaudible) Yeah I mean it's not, like". Clerk, "No I looked at some of the programs and their, they're actually a lot like hundreds of dollars". Treasurer, "I bet". Trustee Koch, "Because my personal computer you can talk into it and it'll and so can my cell phone". Clerk, "A lot of them are voice recognition and there's to many different voices to try and have to pick up on". Trustee Markham, "(Inaudible)". Trustee Koch, "Can't you talk to your cell phone and then email it to yourself"? Clerk, "With my own voice, actually tried that. I downloaded a program on my phone put the recorded on play an put it up to my phone, it's not that good". Trustee Koch, "But you what like I have an iPhone so a lot of times if I'm texting or emailing somebody". Clerk, "Yeah". Trustee Koch, "I just talk into it. I obviously have to be more careful about what I'm saying because sometimes it doesn't get me". Trustee Markham, "Is there a class now at the school (Inaudible)". Trustee Koch, "But then you can email it". Treasurer, "Well as bas, as bad as it is". Trustee Zimmermann, "(Inaudible)". Treasurer, "The worst of it, the worst of it is already happened. We're now coming the end if not the end, it's only gonna be another month or two if we have to continue this. It's reassuring for her to know, she's not gonna have to do this for the next 7 months". Mayor, "Oh yeah". Clerk, "I couldn't". Trustee Sheibley, "Are you able to take Danielle and keep the tapes and if anyone would request then they, I think that's how they used to do it". Clerk, "But I think, but I don't, I think because of the executive orders they have to be transcribed". Trustee Sheibley, "Is that". Treasurer, "Yeah". Trustee Sheibley, "Is that, is that written"? Treasurer, "Yes, the executive order requires every meeting to be transcribed as well as". Trustee Sheibley, "Because I think it could be simpler for her". Clerk, "Trust me I've looked". Trustee Sheibley, "Well, but not (Inaudible)". Trustee Koch, "Our responses are only gonna be one or two words". Clerk, "I would love that". Mayor, "Oh god". Clerk, "Traci would never be able to do that". Mayor, "Could you imagine me and Traci trying fit (Inaudible). Okay". Trustee Markham, "The meeting done (Inaudible)". Treasurer, "She, she has words with me every". Clerk, "That would be great too". Treasurer, "Wednesday morning after a board meeting". Trustee Zimmermann, "Yes". Treasurer, "Don't worry". Mayor, "Okay. We're gonna, we're gonna go month by month. June's will be closed. Carol would like you and Arnie talked about it would you like to let him know our stance on that"? Trustee Sheibley, "I'll tell him, I'm certainly willing to call him because he reached out to me and put it on you so, I certainly am willing to call him an tell him that we had 15 20 minutes of discussion and right now it's a month-by-month thing. I think he'll be fine with it". Mayor, "Okay". Trustee Sheibley, "Because when to think about it there's historically only 3 or 4 people that come on a regular basis anyway like". Mayor, "(Inaudible)". Trustee Sheibley, "(Inaudible) beating down

the door". Mayor, "Right". Trustee Koch, "And he can reach out to anyone of us whenever he". Trustee Sheibley, "Exactly and I'll, I'll say do you have any police issues, or highway issues, or sewer or fire whatever. Actually, his original call was about fire and we talked about football too so,". Mayor, "Okay". Trustee Sheibley, "But not I have no problem". Mayor, "Thank you". Trustee Sheibley, "Calling him and telling him". Mayor, "Thank you. Okay we're half way through the work session, let's get into the big garbage and how it relates to the street sweeper. There's no public here if we go a little over, we'll be alright". Treasurer, "Well I'm gonna try to keep the conversation lite because I gave you all in an email and in the board packet all of the details, basically, the, the, the street sweeper has been something we've been addressing but it really too came to light as figuring out what we want to do to sooner than later because depending on what we do could free up the funds for potential garbage big trash day that the board is desiring to, to have for our resident, so in the email I sent, I sent you the quotes that I received from 3 different disposal companies which was quite an endeavor because you can call every single one of them and every single one of them tells you they do it differently you cannot compare apples to apples because they don't do thin, they do this, so you really have to talk through it each of them. Town and County they just did in Cattaraugus. He, he looked at the size of our Village verses the size of Cattaraugus and the number of households and determined what they picked up there and what they cannot pick up which is usually across the board and kind of threw a number at it saying I don't want to get rich off it, I don't want to lose on it but I think this is a fair number for year one, let's try it out, let's see how we did and look it again, re visit it again for next year. And he seemed very reasonable". Trustee Koch, "And that's just for one time"? Treasurer, "That's a, all of these are just one, one week, it's one, it's a spring trash pick-up, big garbage. Not your normal, it's your household items". Trustee Koch, "No, I get that part and I'm sorry to interrupt. Didn't we used to have twice a year like in the spring and then in the fall? I'm just asking". Trustee Zimmermann, "More than that". Trustee Sheibley, "You're sitting, you're sitting down, we used to have it once a month". Trustee Zimmermann, "Yeah". Trustee Sheibley, "With the garbage (Inaudible). Remember Paul"? Trustee Koch, "Okay. I knew it was more than once, I didn't think it was once a month, just in the summer months"? Trustee Sheibley, "It used to be once a month". Trustee Koch, "Okay. Alright go ahead I'm sorry". Treasurer, "So what I have reached out was what would it cost to do one for now and then you know it has to be fundable so I'm trying to, to so, the Town and Country you saw then MRC disposal which is another local one in Springville. You saw, their, they didn't give me a specific price because they want to sit and talk more details but you saw all the requirements and all the everything that they did in their ad and what you can and it has to be bundled, it has to be 10 items that, whatever, there's some restrictions and they, their looking at anywhere from 14 to 17 or could be more. Depending on that. The other one is Casella. They can offer curbside pickup or a roll off service where you would put roll offs and people would take garbage to the roll off, wherever and dump it or our guys would pick it up and dump it or pick up. So, those were the 3 options. We're looking at being able to do this in my estimation for about \$15,000. Which would be a weeklong planned out street by street big trach pickup". Trustee Sheibley, "My question why would it take a week? They used to do it in a one or two days". Treasurer, "But they used to do it in one or two days and people had every month to put stuff out. We haven't done it in years so, there could potentially be". Trustee Markham, "Every house is gonna have something". Trustee Zimmermann, "(Inaudible) in your stuff". Treasurer, "And, and just for the company to come through and pick it all up and do street by street because they pick it up, they only have so big of a truck, they have to take it the dump station, come back, you know". Trustee Koch, "Yeah". Treasurer, "They figured a week and it's, it's not by the hour, it's there giving a weeks' worth, all of them have that". Trustee Koch, "And this is something we're try and then next year we can budget like if we do want to do it once a month or, twice a year or something, yada, yada". Treasurer, "And well that lead me to the street sweeper discussion". Trustee Koch, "Which you all saw those scenarios because right now after June 1 we have funds set aside, \$30,000 set aside because we were not sure if we were gonna have to rent a street sweeper, if we were gonna try to fix the old one, maybe buy a new one and put a down

payment on it to reduce the payment whatever, so we set aside money in next year's budget to handle the street sweeper. The research we've been doing on the street sweeper over the last few gosh it feels like a month and half now, has led us in a direction that maybe if we go that direction, we wouldn't have to use that money set aside and that money set aside could now be freed up for a trash day. So, that's why these two conversations an honestly the street sweeper because right now we're renting it and we're renting it this month as well, if we purchase that street sweeper with all the , we've been able to knock the price down, they apply the almost \$17,000 of rental to the purchase price of that machine which make an affordable annual payment on a new street sweeper which we're currently have payment on the old one, and it's gonna be paid so the new payment would roll right into the budget without any issues". Trustee Koch, "and have they had any issues with the new street sweeper"? Trustee Markham, "No in fact they absolutely love it". Mayor, "No". Trustee Koch, "That's great". Mayor, "They used it today to". Trustee Zimmermann, "By coincidence right down the main drag, it did an awesome job. I went out to the road and looked after they went through everything". Treasurer, "And I will". Trustee Zimmermann, "(Inaudible) down the street, it really does a nice job". Trustee Koch, "Nice". Treasurer, "And I will tell you, I learned the, the old street sweeper that we had has main broom on it and side brooms, that main broom gets very costly about \$600 to replace and we had to replace quite a few of them". Trustee unknown, "Quite a few". Trustee Markham, "We were (Inaudible) about that". Treasurer, "This street sweeper that we have, has 2 side brooms and it's an air sweeper so there's not a main broom on the sweeper, it, it has this, this, air suction that really kind of sucks things up as the brooms are pushing it towards the middle so that is it's easier because the brooms, you don't have that main broom and if we had to replace a side broom, their only like 120 or 140, I forget what he said to replace the side broom and the mechanics on this machine because of the chasse and what connects to what is a whole lot easier to maintain and find your problems than the existing one of the sweepers that have main brooms and side brooms and whatever". Trustee Markham, "The other thing". Trustee Koch, 'or we". Trustee Markham, "this ones gonna take a lot more dust out of the air then we had. It sweeps it out they (Inaudible Trustee Koch is also talking)". Trustee Zimmermann, "Well the whole street sweeper plan is awesome I think and, and look, at the different options here. I was kind a, honestly concerned with Town and Country with weight limit of 50 pounds was the one part I really didn't like about it and then no tires, no electronics. Looking at the MRC one while people do have to take it somewhere a large of the potential garbage or large trash in the Village is tires and electronics but, you know, but being what they have the ability (Inaudible) that is something where people should have to take somewhere". Treasurer, "Well". Trustee Koch, "Well, I think it's illegal to dump any of that stuff isn't it"? Treasure, "Yeah". Trustee Zimmermann, "If you look at the ad for MRC in the spring in their advertisements they allow for you (Inaudible) appliances, tires and such to a Town barn location depending on of the two ads and which way you want to go with it and, but, there, you know, the electronics with the like ,when Carol to you know, to, to, add you know the electronics were so huge you know so many people that, I just think it would you know, the other thing is great but, if we can have that the electronics and the tires, appliance for not really a whole lot more". Treasurer, "Well, just so you know, the tires, appliances and electronics in that MRC ad are not MRC disposal, the Town had their own process and bins for you to bring your electronics to dispose at the Town barns. They worked that out with the County. They also had a separate bin for tires and you can, with different, so their, their limited, none of them, they can't by law pick any electronic devices curbside, so people have to bring them so, if we can work the County and a way, we can dispose of them we might be able to do that more than once a year at different times. Drop off your electronics. The County used to offer those". Trustee Koch, "I thought they did up at the transfer". Trustee Zimmermann, "Never at the County". Trustee Koch, "Station". Trustee Markham, "(Inaudible)". Trustee Zimmermann, "You can take one tv yeah. One tv at no charge". Mayor, "Can I"? Treasurer, "Tires, electronics and appliances are things we can look into as". Mayor, "Can I jump here first of all on the, on the street sweeper, I'd really like to compliment Carol, Andy, Traci, Aaron and the Highway guys for all the

work in research they put in to this. I'll quickly we had a meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> Carol, Traci and I got together with input from the guys about (Inaudible) of their comments, their call, their opinions, and we went like this do we need a street sweeper at all, yes obviously in the spring we have to clean up after winter in the summer we have to clear the street of debris for black topping and in the fall we have to clean up the leaves so once we decided yes we need one we moved to the next step, do we want to rent one, do we want buy used one, or do we want to buy a new one? Renting is cost prohibitive number 1 and number 2 everyone else that's in the renter's market wants the street sweepers the same time you do so, the availability is not there so, renting is out. Do we buy used one? Andy Burr sent us several options to look at. Calls were made on those, distanced was investigated it was determined that if we wanted to buy a used one it would have to be younger than 10 years old. Anybody, if =you're gonna buy a used car you're not gonna buy one that's 10 years old. You're gonna buy you know, you just do want to get (Inaudible). So, once we determined that the cheapest one that was less than 10 years old was 180 grand. This one with all the discounts and all the rentals off is only 230 so, for 50 more thousand the closest one was in southern Pennsylvania. We have to pay to send the highway guys down, because we're not gonna buy something sight unseen, pay for them to stay overnight, pay for them to have meals, pay for them to come back and pay to get the street sweeper transported from southern Pennsylvania to Gowanda by the time you do that you might as well pay the 230, 000 and on a used one you have no warranty on the new one we have a year warranty on everything single think parts and labor and 3 year limited warranty so then Carol, Traci and I made the decision yes we one, yes we want to buy a new one. Well, if we're buying a new one it makes sense to buy the new one, we've been driving around for two months. Because then you can deduct, the rental cost from the purchase price so once we decided we were gonna buy that one because that's the one the guys want too the reason, we have a hunk of junk now is because no one listened to the guys before when Jason Opferbeck purchased that Italian hunk of junk that we have. If the guy's input would have been sought then we wouldn't have that. Okay? A new street sweeper, the one we're looking at has an estimated 20-to-25-year life span. Carol rightfully so is going to assist, assist, assist on a preventive maintenance schedule for that street sweeper to make sure it's cared properly. And a usage schedule to document it's use to the Village tax payers properly. If we do that, that will 20-to-25 years out of it. So, once we decided that need one, we wanted to buy a new one, and we wanted that one then we talked about how we gonna pay for it. Well, I don't about you but I trust and respect our Treasurer very much, she has a financial plan that if we get this after June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 our first payment on it will not be due until after June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 which frees up the 30 grand, she had set aside for street sweeper in 21 22 to pay for garbage in some form. The only fly in the ointment Carol was on board get a great job, was Andy Burr was dead set against it. Spoke with Andy directly he called me and said I want to apology if I came off rude, he said I hate borrowing, it goes against my DNA, borrowing for losers, but, I trust and respect you and Carol and Traci, I trust your decisions and if that's the way you analyze it and that's what the board wants, I'll get behind it, I won't down talk it, I down talk you, I'll support but I need ya to know on that on the surface I hate it , it makes my skin crawl. But I understand your reasoning and I'll support ya. Then I considered the final hurdle done. So, based on the work with Aaron, Traci, Carol and the guys put in and, and in case you can't tell I put a little bit in too, studying it. Would you be willing to support that decision to buy that street sweeper because of the reasons that I discussed"? Trustee Markham, "Yes". Mayor, "Aaron is a yes". Trustee Zimmermann, "Yeah and I'd throw another, the, the clutching system wasn't mentioned as well but, the street sweeping and cleaning is a sufficient advantage for (Inaudible) waste water system as well". Trustee Markham, "That's true". Trustee Zimmermann, "I would speculate that the machine's that were out there (Inaudible) ten years old that were still available were probably the ones that were looking to buy, the Elgin machines". Mayor, "So you're a yes". Trustee Zimmermann, "Yes". Mayor, "So you're a yes". Trustee Zimmermann, "Yes, absolutely". Mayor, "Carol"? Trustee Sheibley, "Yes". Mayor, "Wanda"? Trustee Koch, "Plus it helps keep our, our streets from cluttering up our drainage ditches and we flood, so I'm in". Mayor, "And I'm in so you have unanimous

support to move forward and purchase the street sweeper as discussed and as planned for. That opens the 30 grand now to discuss to big garbage. Do we authorized our Treasurer to work together with anyone that wants to help her but in particular our finance committee member to talk about"? Treasurer, "To answer Paul's questions to look into further". Trustee Koch, "yeah". Mayor, "To talk about, analyze the choices, get more information, and come up with a collective decision, there's no hurry on it but, ". Trustee Koch, "And is a great start for sure". Mayor, "Yep". Trustee Zimmermann, "Starting with the monies is a great start". Mayor, "Yes". Trustee Zimmermann, "Awesome". Treasurer, "Well, that's, that". Trustee Zimmermann, "(inaudible)". Treasurer, "Well, that's where it had to start". Trustee Markham, "If I can just say one thing, it was Casella that mentioned they could have the Gowanda guys pick up garbage or the trash and bring it up to the site. I am heavily against that. Those guys are already busy enough doing everything else this summer, if this is gonna happen will we hire (Inaudible)"? Treasurer, "I will". Trustee Sheibley, "That's exactly what (Inaudible)". Treasurer, "And I will tell you just by doing the math it would cost us more money to have our guys do that than just to pay a \$15,000 fee to have someone else come in and do it because I did the math on that". Trustee Markham, "Okay". Mayor, "Do we authorize our Treasurer to look into this with a board member working with her maybe Carol to determine the best way to do it, with a plan on moving forward for a big trash pick-up sometime in the 21 22 budget year is in other words after June 1<sup>st</sup>"? Mayor, "Aaron's a yes". Trustee Zimmermann, "Yes". Treasurer, "Well we'll take official action during the board meeting". Mayor, "yeah I know but you good Wanda"? Trustee Markham, "This is the official unofficial". Trustee Koch, "Okay". Mayor, "okay, Carol"? Trustee Sheibley, "Yes". Mayor, "Okay. Anything else for the good of the work shop"? Trustee Koch, "Let's move it along". Mayor, 'Yeah we just did". Trustee Zimmermann, "Real quick I would like to say that I (Inaudible) and I'm glad that Andy Burr (Inaudible) would want to voice their opinion but (Inaudible) you know, (Inaudible) to the rest of the crew absolutely". Trustee Koch, "Well and I and I'm sorry that I'm talking". Trustee Markham, "Hey, you're the one who said move it along". Trustee Koch, "And I think that his advice is very good advice but he has an open mind and listens to everybody to so". Mayor, "Okay. We'll close the work shop at 6:04."

### **Board Meeting**

"We will now call to order the regular meeting for the Village of Gowanda for May 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6:04 PM. For the publics benefit just completed a work session where we talked about open the meetings to the public, the decision was that we could go month by month, leaving Junes' meeting closed and considering it as we looked at Covid numbers and the health and safety of our community. June's meeting will remain closed to the public, we'll look at July come June's meeting. Also, we made a decision to purchase 2021 street sweeper which you'll hear about later in the meeting. And lately we authorized our Treasurer to look into big garbage which you'll hear about later in the meeting. Now we formally open the meeting as with any public meeting, please rise and remove your head gear as we honor America with the pledge to the flag". All, "I pledge alliance to the flag of the United States of America to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under god indivisible with liberty and justice for all". Mayor, "Thank you. Next, to the approve the agenda for tonight. Board members have had the agenda. DO we have a motion to approve the agenda for the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting"? Trustee Koch, "So moved". Mayor, "Wanda. 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 is carried. Next, the mission statement 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, minds to open to each other opinions so that we can work together for the betterment of our entire Village. Next, the meeting minutes from our last regular meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Board members have had those, do we have a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 4/13". Trustee Zimmermann, "So moved". Mayor, Paul. Do we have a second"? Trustee Sheibley, "Second". Mayor, "Carol. Any questions or comments on the minutes? All those in favor"? Trustee, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That motion is

carried. No public participation for tonight due to the pandemic. Mayor updates, thatcher Brook. We continue moving toward design phase for thatcher brook on the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, three of our board members attended at a meeting at the Persia Town Hall as invited guests. Thank you, Trustee Koch, Deputy Mayor Sheibley, and Trustee Zimmermann. Paul would you like to update the board and the public on that meeting"? Trustee Zimmermann, "We did meet over to the Town of Persia on May the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Regarding the, the thatcher brook diversion channel, they requested the meeting have myself and whoever able to come over to give an update as far as the status of the project. I thank Carol and Wanda for able to attend that night. They, they had a couple of concerns that they wanted to discuss. One of the, one of their biggest concerns was to just to, to try and have some type of assurance form the Army Corp of engineer regarding the conversation that we've had that the Corp and FEMA would work together and we, significant or reduce or remove the requirement for flood insurance in the Village which is definitely a, understandable concern for all of us. Regarding the project and that's something that I'm reeling that information back to the Corp to see how we can properly express that to the part of the project not to put upon it but that is one Corp, core principals is to be able to a, to a be able have that part of their section 205 flood mitigation projects which what we're doing. So, that is the case. Some of the other concerns they had mentioned regarding a, the proximity of the Village back up wells to the one, to where (Inaudible) of the diversion channel would be over (Inaudible) Hill Street. Carol did assist, thank you and talking with Kirk regarding the you know how you know if there was any concern on our part with that being the case the, the pump to the well is from 200 feet so and then the well itself below that depth. Kirk, I think would've already expressed any concerns but obviously we want to follow every potential you know concern that's expressed by anyone and at this point in time there isn't anything else that or anything detrimental that would (Inaudible) an issue with that being the case. One other thing that did come out of that we did talk you know with the concern of the bedrock in the Village and how that's gonna effect the digging of the diversion channel through the Village I thought it was interesting to maybe to see what we could find out from when those wells were dug, maybe there's some information that could be gathered regarding the bedrock regarding what they had to dig through to be able to get down to the you know (Inaudible) 200 feet the guys that dig the wells usually know quite a bit about what's underground in particular areas, there's not a lot of wells in the Village with the, with the water department and such but it might be something to look into. But that, that was one of their concerns, there's some design concerns regarding the type of (Inaudible) the floor of the channel and such, the, that had been previously expressed and discussed further towards ways that we can, as we enter into the design phase that we can try and get the best possible project. Everything they, (Inaudible) one of the biggest things was the they did express their willingness to help as we get post project you know that is something where we need the other communities especially Persia to work together with us to maintain not only the channel but the stream mitigation (Inaudible) tree removal and such that are gonna be required necessary to make the channel successful and Persia is looking into other ways to do some other further mitigation upstream regarding trash racks and such so if there's anything we can do together to, to further prevent anything from coming down stream and cleaning things up and such and that's (Inaudible) that's all what we all want to work together on which I think that hopefully (Inaudible)". Trustee Koch, "I just, I had a conversation with Jason Pickering on Wednesday and the prisoners are released from Covid restrictions and they will be helping go up the creek and, and coming up things so it will be easier to come down". Mayor, "Carol, anything else from that night"? Trustee Sheibley, "No Paul did a good job". Trustee Koch, "Yeah he did and (Inaudible) very well". Trustee Zimmermann, "(Inaudible)". Trustee Koch, "Yeah, there was quite a few people there". Mayor, "Paul, on May 24<sup>th</sup> we have our next scheduled call with the Corp, Treasurer Hopkins, Attorney Chadsey join you and me on those calls? Anything else for the benefit of the room or the public"? Trustee Zimmermann, "At that time we're hoping for good news from DEC regarding the financial obligation's going into the design phase of the project". Mayor, "Very good. Next, more good news Waterfront Development update with construction at Creekside and wrapping up at Gateway.

Trustee Koch"? Trustee Koch, "We were gonna have a meeting this morning but it was postponed to the 18<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. It had, they're gonna start at Creekside. They're just waiting for the waters to rescind a little bit more so; I'll have more after the 18<sup>th</sup>". Mayor, "We're certainly looking forward to construction resuming over there. That's been a great project. People are coming out of the wood work to book the amplifier theater for summer events which the clerk will talk about a little bit later as well so great news there. How"? Trustee Zimmermann, "I'm sorry could I ask you a question real, quick, and I apologize (Inaudible) come up but it is really neat to see that over there, the look amplifier especially but looking at those steps is there something to you know like how are those gonna look in 20 years or 50 years? You know they are kind of, they have a nice rustic look to it now, but there's significant cracking and such throughout all those, I'm, I'm just, part of the design, is there something else (Inaudible)". Trustee Koch, "They made it, they made it to look". Trustee Zimmermann, "(Inaudible) over time". Trustee Koch, "They made it". Mayor, "They did that on purpose". Trustee Koch, "They did that on purpose, that's all-shock creek". Trustee Zimmermann, "But, I mean is that so I mean that isn't an issue that will deteriorate over time, I mean". Trustee Koch, "Well I mean erosion and stuff when the water levels get up high but, it's supposed to stand". Mayor, "The steps themselves are solid. Then they put that shock creek over it to make it look". Trustee Zimmermann, "To give it that distorted look". Trustee Koch, "yeah they wanted to look more natural". Trustee Zimmermann, "Yeah to me it looked, I was just wondering as far as how it would hold you know yeah". Mayor, "The, the steps are solid so they'll wear like any other concrete". Trustee Zimmermann, "(Inaudible) if they even less if they put that other the top of it to the shock creek that protects it kind of". Mayor, "Yeah". Treasurer, "And those". Trustee Zimmermann, "I'm just curious to see that how, I wasn't aware that shock creek on that, you know, just to see it, it looks really nice, was, was not aware of that". Treasurer, "Well, well that exact question is why it took so long to get the engineering and the plans and the project established and developed to actually construct because there was large amount of discussion about the look, the longevity, the erosion, water, all those things and how it was gonna impact so the engineers and, and all them had quite a task of making sure that that can withstand something so that it's not gone". Trustee Koch, "yeah because of the water. They actually wanted to put some like, like the only that I can, that I can describe is like the (Inaudible) building how the stairs come down there. They wanted to do stuff like that. I'm like gonna be in the Erie, Lake Erie if we have high flood waters you know as walkways and stuff. So yeah, they, they did all of that into consideration". Trustee Zimmermann, "No, that's awesome". Mayor, "Good question". Trustee Zimmermann, "It looks really neat (inaudible)". Trustee Koch, "No and that will be really exciting to see bands and people get married down there". Mayor, "Yeah. The Hollywood Theater had their open house celebrating 95 years since the first time they opened the doors. Congratulations to Mark Burr, Deb Harris, Aaron Markham and all the other members of the theater board that worked so hard for the past 2 plus decades to make that possible or and, and millions of dollars in, in donations. And if you walk in there, you're in 1926. But everything is brand new state of the art, it's amazing. Thank you to the board members that were able to attend that opening that night. I was there I know that Carol was there when I was there, others may have come in at different times it was a come and go type of evening so thank you to all of you that made there it there for the theater. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of April we had a committee clean-up day. Of all the things that are going on and there's a lot, the theater, the parking lot, the street sweeper, Gateway Park, Creekside Park, our finances, everything that just excites me, the thing that excites me the most as Mayor is the community coming together the way that they have I'm really excited about that. We had a community clean up event on April 24<sup>th</sup> with 74 attendees". Trustee Koch, "That's awesome". Mayor, "They came out, they cleaned up the whole village, they picked up garbage, they picked whatever there was to pick up and there was lots of stuff. We had the Zoar valley paddlers in the water pulling stuff out of the water, we had a whole community clean-up crew. It as an awesome, awesome day. Thank you to Sue Bettker who organized that along with her son Conner. It was just outstanding. Speaking of Sue Bettker for organizing the community

blood drive details to come later on that. The fire hall, Chief Raiport had stepped up top volunteer to be the site for that. More information to come on that. Sue Bettker is a mover and a shaker for sure. We had the Cattaraugus County health board. That was an in-person meeting for the first time in 14 months and honestly it was awkward, we were so far spread out no one could hear each other, we did serve a meal, I'm not sure if we're gonna meet in person in June or not. They're trying to decide whether or not to go back to the zoom because the in person was not great. But it was in person and we talked about guess what? Covid 19. We have a pine hill cemetery clean up, it got rescheduled from originally Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>, it moved down to the 15<sup>th</sup> if anybody's got a leaf blower, a rake, who wants to come up at 9 in the morning this coming Saturday we'd love to have you up there. I'm sure we'll have a good crowd. We couldn't do it last Saturday because it had rained all week and anybody who knows anything about leaves trying to move them when they're soaked waterlogged in rain, it's not fun as when it's gonna be dry all week you can take those blowers and move suckers right down there. Thanks to the Village of Gowanda, we'll move them to Village property and the Village of Gowanda will come up and clean those up for us, so we just have blow them out there which is great. Anybody, it's, it's a good crowd and usually refreshments of some sort. We had a BOA site visit on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Wanda and Traci attended that. Anything from either one of you on BOA site visit"? Trustee Koch, "It was nice".

Treasurer, "They, They". Trustee Markham, "That's (Inaudible)". Treasurer, "The BOA team, the BOA team is just coming out to do site visits on some of our unutilized vacant properties. They would like to hold an event at a potential property which would help market space or opportunity or, or any of the above to people out there who are looking to bring industry or something into Towns or Villages with boat, BOA designation. Those entities receive tax credits and incentives so they like BOA type properties and things that come out of our Brown Field so that's what they came out to do a site visit. That was at the AVM site, they walked all around, the highway crew was there with us just looking at things and they will let us know what their plans are. I have not heard at this point". Mayor, "They are planning a community event, right Wanda"? Trustee Koch, "Yeah and then after wards I, we had a meeting, dinner meeting and we played with sticky notes and stuff and you would've loved it, but it was pretty productive, they want to do a community event in June probably the last weekend in June and Dave's offered to be in the dunk tank". Mayor, "except if it's the last weekend in June, Dave will be in Savannah Georgia". Trustee Koch, 'Then we're gonna change the date. But nothings really written in stone yet but". Trustee Zimmermann, "Fourth of July celebration". Trustee Koch, "We're obviously looking at Covid things too because we want to make it covid friendly but, we designated different places that we want to reach out to businesses, community members, community groups, just to, to a bring to the table different, different ideas for these sites and stuff and maybe, maybe businesses would to make their second site here or somebody who wants to start a business or, or something so".

Trustee Zimmermann, "The proximity to the railroad tracks is got to be an attraction to somebody". Trustee Koch, "Well". Trustee Zimmermann, "Especially (Inaudible) looking to upgrade the whole you know rail system". Trustee Koch, "Yeah, their, they're also talking of doing like a community like maybe possibly that site being a community site for like agriculture or maybe a community kitchen". Trustee Zimmermann, "A farm of some sort or a greenhouse". Trustee Koch, "Maybe, maybe have like some raised gardens and kids from school could come in start growing gardens, they've, say you a". Trustee Zimmermann, "(Inaudible) those things up pretty high so that ground (Inaudible)". Trustee Koch, "Well and, and I think you know even if it they did do something like that maybe do like an indoor flea market type of deal thing". Trustee Zimmermann, "Going through Eden they've got their farm market they do on Tuesdays, I was like what's going on is the fair this weekend, you know". Trustee Koch, "Yeah".

Trustee Zimmermann, "There was probably 40 cars, I don't know how many were vendors (Inaudible)". Trustee Markham, "I know the Slovenian club is busy when they do theirs (Inaudible) their very busy with that". Trustee Koch, "Yep. I've been looking like in Ireland's there's a flea market that we went to, it was an indoor flea market and they had like fresh fish set up (Inaudible) somebody was selling hats,

they actually had a little spot where could stop and get a beer and it was all indoors, but they're also talking about maybe you did have an indoor like a big huge community kitchen like say somebody that grows apples they don't necessarily have the equipment set up to make applesauce at home. But they could bring down and press their apples there and you know so I mean there's a lot of potential for different things I don't know it's kind of exciting just to see what they come up with, other people come up with because everyone's thinking (Inaudible) an idea on it". Mayor, "Very good. Thank you. So, this Saturday there's, there's 3 things, this will take, take up a couple of these. First, the first lady and I will go to the cemetery for the clean-up then we'll come back grab our dog Savannah and go the academy place for our ministry with the senior citizens that I think they love our dog more than they love us but we're gonna take Savannah in there and she's great with them and she's been fully vaccinated not covid but all the rest of them. And she's gonna go in there and see the seniors and after that at 1:00 if any board members are available there having a, read under the tree, a public outside reading at the library and the first lady and I will do that reading hopefully Jill can help me with some of the bigger words there in the book and we'll do a public reading which will be fun. There are great things happening at the Gowanda Free Library that Hailey Wilkins is killing it over there". Trustee Koch, "She's a good girl". Mayor, "Yeah. Yep very, very good so, that'll be on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Memorial Day, George Stark reached out to me, we will not have a Memorial Day this year due to covid 19 but we will have the Memorial Day gathering at Saint John Park it's outside, it's, it's something he would prefer to just do this year to honor the 1.6 million veterans that have given the ultimate sacrifice to provide the blanket of freedom that we count on and enjoy here in the best country in the world still so, we'll have that at 11:00 on Monday May 31<sup>st</sup> which is Memorial Day. Gowanda High school band will be on hand for patriotic tunes and we'll have a brief program that day. George does a great job with that and he'll be there on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Also, at the American Legion post 409 we now have a flag disposal site. The community has worked together with George in combination with Gowanda Mural project group which is another fast growing and heavily involved group in the community. They created for him a flag disposal box which is under porch I guess you'd say as you drive down Legion Drive underneath the a, covering there and if you have an old glory that's seen better days you take it three for proper disposal". Trustee Koch, "The VFW has one as well and it's a, it's a,". Trustee Zimmermann, "An old post office". Trustee Koch, "An old post office box, yeah, yep, because it is important to dispose of your flags properly". Mayor, "That's right and for the publics benefit as I mentioned earlier June's meeting will still be closed to the public. That's on June 8<sup>th</sup>. We will make a determination from there what to do with July's meeting. In the correspondence, we received the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau 2020 program allocation that I believe was \$1200, it helps with our summer rec programming, thank you to deputy mayor Sheibley for your involvement along with rec director Benton each year. Next, we received the Wendel prepared letter to award the waste water treatment plant roof repair bid to MRG and we also received a very nice commendation letter for the Gowanda highway department and in particular the highway department and Gary Denea. This was from Gowanda Pine Hill Cemetery and their president Scott Campbell who speaks very highly of Gary Denea and the highway department. Also, yesterday Monday 5/10 actually today I received a nice email from Erica from cares of Olean the counsel of alcohol rehabilitation and addiction, I got all those letters wrong. That's what it is, they came over and put up some signage in our parks relevant to drug addiction, who to call, how to call, that addiction can be beaten, that there are people to help, here's how. She put that up in, in many of our parks and our highway department accompanied her yesterday. She said Gary Denea was so very nice, positive, helpful, and the only thing he wouldn't do is get in the picture with her. Some of the other highway guys did but Gary would not do that and I said you better get in that picture Gary, he said I don't like pictures and I said get in there, she's gonna put it in her newsletter he goes I'm not gonna do that. I said the mayor's telling you to do it, he said I can retire anytime". Trustee Markham, "(inaudible)". Mayor, "He would not get in there. But he did do a great job and he received two commendations in this board agenda. He really does

extend himself to the community when they need him. I appreciate that very much as I know the board does. Board round table Deputy Mayor Sheibley"? Trustee Sheibley, "As part of the Memorial Day festivities I will ask the fire department at next week's meeting if they will hang the flag in front of the building if the board so desires". Trustee Zimmermann, "Absolutely". Trustee Sheibley, "Okay". Trustee Koch, "(Inaudible) they'll take care of that". Trustee Sheibley, "They'll take that down. Also, At the request of rec director Mark Benton I was asked to contact the Gowanda ambulance Service regarding 1st aid and CPR training so I called I set up an appointment with Amy jarza What is the education supervisor for the Gowanda ambulance service I went over it's over and met with her the ambulance service has a room Probably half this size it's a training room and our summer rack employees will be able to help have their training there and guess what I asked Yeah but doing it. " Mare Smith, "free." Trustee Sheibley, " Free and that'll save us probably say 6 \$700 of that. 7 Would ask mark at the end if he would write a Letter and thank Amy in the Gowanda ambulance for the training. Thought that was really nice." Mayor Smith, " that is really nice." Trustee Sheibley, " Cause historically they charge so." Mayor Smith, "Thank you." Trustee Sheibley, " And then that's my round table report." Mayor, "Trustee Koch?" Trustee Koch, " I just want to thank the cleanup crew. I think the village looks a lot nicer I wanna just commend people for getting out and about and doing any sort of maintenance or anything to their properties and stuff yeah, they're properties and stuff I know that Mr. Barnes is doing its doing work at Burger King it looks great I mean it's a 100% better I'm not exactly sure what he's got in store for that but it looks better than it does. I appreciate it, it makes me think Spring and I'm excited about the trash ash because I think if we expect people to keep their places clean and stuff then this is gonna be a big help If they can just take it out to the curb." Mayor, "Excella the. Anything else Trustee Koch?" Trustee Koch, nope." Mayor, "Trustee Markham, " Just a quick question on mark grill over there over there have we heard anything from Mark Schindler about that sidewalk decision yet? It's been over a year now. Nothing's been done. My neighbors aren't happy. " Trustee Koch, "(inaudible)." Trustee Markham, "(inaudible) this is in front of Mark Schindler. It's been in front of mark. "Trustee Koch, " I know that he actually is seeing is seeing he is seeing somebody, somebody that we have on our have on our agenda here on the 8th I think of June he has him in court and court has started to open so I don't know. "Trustee Markham, " Well this started way back before court (Inaudible)." Trustee Koch, "Yeah". Trustee Mark, "It's been a long time. Just (inaudible)." Trustee Koch, " Well I mean just wouldn't hurt if we reach out and (inaudible) You know what I mean." Trustee Markham, " Yeah". Trustee Koch, yeah so." Mayor, " We have a new sheriff in town Jason Pickering is working with code and he has really shaken in the Bush he really is." Trustee Koch, "Yeah, it's been going very well." Mayor, " Yeah let's, let's put that on his list. " Trustee Koch, "I put that on my list". Trustee Markham, " I was just curious cause I looked at it and I know my neighbors eventually (inaudible)." Trustee Koch, "Yeah again, I can't, I can't stress enough especially going to court even if you filled out if you filled out a complaint form fill it out again because that's gonna be another is another piece of paper that we can take the court and say listen now we've got another now we've got another complaint this still isn't taken care of what." Trustee Markham, " Especially (inaudible)." Trustee Koch, "Yeah." Trustee Mahram, "Okay (Inaudible). Mayor, "anything else Trustee Markham?" Trustee Markham, "no what's it." Mayor, "Trustee Zimmermann?" Trustee Zimmermann, " I just wanted to thank All those involved I'm glad to hear We're looking at the large trash pick up again, again I think that's an important thing for the village with a village trying to keep everything clean and, and that we're a Look that up." Mayor, "Very good. Anything else Trustee Zimmermann?" Trustee Zimmerman, "no thank you." Mayor, " Official business code". Attorney, "Mayor. Sorry can I interrupt you guys?" Mayor, "Yes". Attorney, " I need to Give an email to the Dollar General folks about 5 minutes before work get to them so, so if so if somebody could just give me a heads up like Deb email them now because they're gonna call in for that particular piece." Dollar General, " We're on actually already. We'll just listen quietly." Attorney, "Oh okay thank you." Clerk, "Can we just move it

up?" Attorney, okay because we're a long way out. Okay bye." Clerk, "Can we bump them up?" Mayor, "yeah". Clerk, "since dear generals on the phone right now". Mayor, "Since guys since Dollar General is on right now and Deb, we're in the official business portion of the agenda So we're gonna move right on out to legal Deb Chadsey a friendly amendment to the agenda section eye legal go-ahead Deb." Attorney, "Mark I just wanna make sure Melissa is on also and Frank." Melissa, "I'm on". Frank, "We're all on." Mark, "Deb we are". Deb, "It's OK good evening mare the 1st item on, on the agenda under legal tonight is instance of the negative declaration for the Dollar General under SQRA. I'd like to follow you with a copy I have provided all of you with a copy of that negative declaration is declaration attached to it as findings statement, I need the board approve a and adopt the findings yeah signing statement and then to approve the issuance of the negative declaration." Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve and adopt the findings statement as indicated by attorney Chadsey?" Trustee Markham, "So moved." Mayor, "Aaron. Do we have a second?" Trustee Zimmermann, "Second". Mayor, "Any questions or comments? All those in favor?" Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? The findings statement is approved. Next, do we have a motion to issue the negative declaration for the SEQRA for dollar general"? Trustee Zimmermann, "I'll make the motion". 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 negative declaration is approved. Next, is the site plan if you want to move us there"? Attorney, "Yep, I'm gonna this, the next item on my agenda this evening is approval of the site plan"? Mayor, "We had a public hearing on the site plan in April. Do we have a motion to approve the site plan?" Trustee Markham, "I'll make the motion". Mayor, "Aaron. 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? I'll make one". Deb, "Mayor". Mayor, "One second, I'll make one, Dollar general Broadway group, your, your nearing the end of what's been a very long road of hurtles to get to this point, congratulations to you on behalf of the village board welcome to our community, treat us right, we got a lot of good stores here, a lot of good local people and we want you to be a local part of the family, that means supporting our kids fundraisers, supporting our community projects and helping us along the way and we know you'll do that and we certainly welcome you to the fold". Melissa, "Thank you Mayor we appreciate everyone's support". Deb, "I would like to note". Mark, "Thank you very much Mayor". Deb, I'd like to note for the record, sorry, I was gonna turn it over to you guys in one second. I just want to note for the record Danielle that there were no comment received from the public in response, or after the site plan public hearing and with that noted for the record, I was gonna turn it over to Dollar General if you have anything you want to say". Mark, "Yeah, thank everybody for your hard work we know how much effort you put into this, we really appreciate it. We really appreciate everyone working with us at the Village to get this through the process so thank you again". Trustee Koch, "I'd like to thank Melissa for meeting me at my, my job the other day, I appreciate it". Melissa, 'Oh your so welcome. I was glad to make that work. It was very nice to meet you". Trustee Koch, "You as well". Mayor, "(Inaudible)." Attorney, "I have nothing". Mayor, "Hold on, I'd like to if I could just apology to Broadway Group. We got a little feisty here in April but rightfully so, you know our community had concerns and we hear a lot of those and you know they weren't voiced formally you know we felt we had to advocate for those, those days are over now we look forward to standing shoulder to shoulder with ya and welcoming you whole heartedly to our community so, welcome again and if there aren't any further comments that motion is formally carried". Melissa, "Thank you so much everyone". Attorney, "you're welcome. Mayor I have nothing further in the legal agenda this evening". Mayor, "Okay, well Broadway group, Dollar General I know these meetings are riveting and you are more than welcome to stay on but if not we, we certainly welcome the, the excuse to departure and again best of luck, if there's anything you need along the way, reach to any one of us, we'll answer any questions we can and look forward to buying my diet

Pepsi in your store". Mark, "Thank again Mayor. Take care everybody have a good evening". Trustee Koch, "You as well". Frank, "Have a good night. Thank you." Melissa, "bye". Mayor, "Now to code enforcement. Gary Brecker is not here but liaison is, Wanda Koch". Trustee Koch, "Gary just handed me his report on my way in, he met with Nick Crassi and Mark Burr regarding the national flood insurance program. It was, it was a pre discussion meeting prior to May 13<sup>th</sup>, the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Most of this stuff we have, we're gonna do action on, I'm just reading it (Inaudible)". Clerk, "I can do some of those actions". Trustee Koch, "Yeah". Clerk, "I'm Gary's secretary anyways so it's fitting that I do it". Trustee Koch, "Okay. I'm excited about the first one". Clerk, "Yep, so the first thing Gary has is Andrea Maybe submitted a business permit application to have massage therapy/yoga studio right across the street actually at 22 East Main Street. Gary is satisfied with all of her documentation that you all have in your board packets to and his recommendation is for the board to approve her business permit". Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the business permit for a massage and yoga studio at 22 East Main Street". Trustee Koch, "Absolutely so moved". Mayor, 'Wanda. Do we have a second"? Trustee Sheibley, "Second." Mayor, "Any questions or comments"? Trustee Koch, "When she opening so I can get a massage"? Mayor, "Yeah deep tissue". Clerk, "June 1<sup>st</sup>." Mayor, "Alright. Any, any further questions or comments"? Trustee Koch, "I just think it's wonderful another store front is being utilized. Thank you". Mayor, "All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried." Clerk, "The next that Gary has is the Village does not currently have a permit application for temporary tent or temporary structure so I created this form that you all have in your packets for Gary, he gave his stamp of approval on it and he would like the board to approve the form so we can start using it which will come in handy for something else on the agenda and future use like tents being up at Gateway Park for weddings ectara". Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the temporary tent/structure permit application form"? Trustee Zimmermann, "I just had one comment on the back side of this does the, the 180 days seems pretty lengthy for a tent you know but (Inaudible)". Clerk, "There just standard questions". Trustee Zimmermann, "But I guess I would want to know if someone planning to put a temporary tent up for more than 180 days (Inaudible)". Treasurer, "That's like 6 months". Trustee Zimmermann, Inaudible)". Mayor, "Yeah 6 months is a long time". Treasurer, "You never know". Mayor, "Nay other questions? Do we have a motion to approve the temporary tent/structure permit form"? Trustee Markham, "So moved". Mayor, "Aaron. 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 motion is carried". Clerk, "Next Gary with that form, Gary would like to charge a permit fee of \$75 to go with that. He looked it up in the New York State Codes and the code book leaves that fee up to each individual municipality to determine. Gary thinks that \$75 is fair and reasonable". Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the recommendation of the code enforcement officer for the temporary tent structure building permit application fee of \$75". Trustee Sheibley, "So moved". Mayor, "Carol with a second to Wanda. Any questions or comments? All those in favor?" Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried". Clerk, "The last thing I will be covering on behalf of Gary on this agenda is the business permit, it's a temporary business permit for a sparkler sale. The gentleman who reached out to Gary who wants to set up a tent at 271 Buffalo Street, it's Al Shaffer's property he has a contract with Al, I believe it's in your board packet, he worked all of that out. It's a 10-day sale where he will sell sparklers, they're considered sparklers by New York State because they are ground based or handheld, they do not go up and explode. This gentleman will be providing 24 hours security, he has requested a fire inspection from the fire chief, Steve Raiport already agreed to do that. And he has done these before in Cuba, Arcade, Franklinville, Salamanca. HE provided all his documentations, his license, his I don't even know what all those other forms are called really". Trustee Koch, "(Inaudible)". Clerk, "No because he's gonna leave everything up, he's not tearing down every night". Trustee Koch, "Okay". Clerk, "That's why he's got security. And he's not doing any

demonstrations". Trustee Koch, "Okay". Clerk, "No demonstrations". Mayor, "And sparklers are legal in New York". Clerk, "They are legal correct". Mayor, "And I have actually been to his stand at the Parkview supermarket they call them (Inaudible) or something now but it was Parkview on Broad Street. I've seen his tent there. Do we have a motion to approve the business permit, temporary, for sparkler sale"? Trustee Koch, "So moved". Mayor, "Wanda. Do we have a second?" Trustee Zimmermann, "Second". Mayor, "Paul. Any questions or comments?" Trustee Sheibley, "(Inaudible)". Clerk, "Some of them may not be that loud he said". Mayor, "All they do Carol is go (Inaudible) all those in favor?" Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July, that is carried. Next, in that section of a code enforcement we have a floodplain management permit for the parking lot. That's included in the packet. Thanks to Mark Burr working to get that together. Do we have a motion to approve the floodplain management permit for the parking lot"? Trustee Koch, "So moved". Mayor, "Wanda. Do we have a second"? Trustee Markham, "Second". Mayor, "Aaron. Any questions or comments? All those in favor"? Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any questions or comments? That is carried. And lastly in the Code Enforcement section, we have a motion, we have an agenda item to appoint George Poff as building inspector serving similarly to Jason Pickering. Anything to add Trustee Koch?" Trustee Koch, "I think he's addition. Jason and Gary are working very well together and I think George is gonna be a great addition. They're all gonna be meeting on Wednesdays at 4, 4 to 6 in the office. But I'm excited about it, get this place cleaned up." Mayor, "Yes George Poff has completed all his training and requirements for code enforcement. Do we have a motion to appoint George Poff as building inspector?" Trustee Koch, "So moved". Mayor, "Do we have an effective date on that for agenda purposed"? Trustee Koch, "I'm gonna call him tomorrow." Treasurer, "Today". Mayor, "Okay. That will be effective today May 11<sup>th</sup> 2021. Do we have a motion to appoint George as building inspector effective today May 11<sup>th</sup>? Trustee Koch, "So moved". Mayor, "Wanda. 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 is carried. Now to the public works portion of the agenda highway supervisor Gary Denea is not here but his liaison Aaron Markham is." Trustee Markham, "As you can see from their report, they are very busy especially with street sweeper. The trees Danielle, or not Danielle sorry Traci, the tree they were gonna take down, are those (Inaudible) within this budget? That we talked about?" Treasurer, "They have not been done yet but Gary, I talked to Gary yesterday and they are supposed to be done before 5/31." Trustee Markham, "There's 3 trees that have to come down. They were in bad shape (Inaudible) so, other than that they've been very busy trying (Inaudible) Village in good shape and (Inaudible) official request for street sweeper now so (Inaudible) motion for purchasing the new street sweeper as discussed in the work session"? Mayor, "Do we have a motion to purchase the new street sweeper as discussed in the work session. It is the machine that guys are working with for the last month plus and in that motion, I would like to state that we are not only approving the purchase of the street sweeper but we're approving the financing mechanism recommended by Treasurer Hopkins". Trustee Markham, "I'll make the motion". Mayor, "Aaron. Do we have a second?" Trustee Koch, "Second". Mayor, "Wanda. Any questions or comments?" Trustee Koch, "It's gonna open the door for us to move forward with the trash pickup, it's great." Mayor, "All those in favor?" Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried. Anything else from highway tonight?" Trustee Markham, "No, but I'm gonna text Gary right now and say Merry Christmas". Mayor, "There you go. Next from sewer Chief Operator Carrier is not here but his liaison Paul Zimmermann is". Trustee Zimmermann, "Thank you Mayor. We do have, it continues to be busy the sewer department lots of updates so I guess we go in order on the, on the agenda here. We have been working with the Town of Perrysburg for quite some time and we wanted to further clarify the agreement between the two, between the Town of Perrysburg and the Village of Gowanda, I know Andy Carrier added some maintenance things that, that we do without looking to get into a further

agreement or further duties as part of the agreement (Inaudible) of services and changes in the fees and such which I think covered all the a, Traci is there anything else changed in the agreement?" Treasurer, "It, the biggest thing too was the adjusting the old agreement from the Village of Perrysburg to the Town after they went through that process so there was some language change." Trustee Zimmermann, "That is (Inaudible) to approve that a, that a (inaudible)." Mayor, "For the publics benefit and the boards benefit the agreement won't actually take effect Perrysburg sent us an agreement they wanted us to approve. Modifications were made based on Paul's, Carols, Chief Operator Carrieros input, we made those and sent back. We're approving that modification tonight. We'll wait for Perrysburg to approve it once we approve it here, we'll go from there. So, do we have a motion to approve the Town of Perrysburg sewer agreement as modified and updated the renewal?" Trustee Sheibley, "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 Zimmermann, "The next item on the agenda we have our NYSERDA energy efficient study, I know we've been working together with Wendel to, to you know this completed and there is things on here in addition to the sewer department and it, it, it originated in the sewer but I don't know that the NYSERDA work study itself limited to that anymore because it's kind of a Village wide thing. But I know as far as the sewer end of it, it's gonna provide some much-needed information on going to the capital project as well as trying to get some (Inaudible) and some, and some new pumps and such over there to a, upgrade the efficiency of the equipment and such. And that and, and, and as well as everything else listed on here although I will not (Inaudible) all the other things that are intended. Does anybody else have anything further on this part? The next thing on the agenda regarding the waste water treatment plant the, the scope of work changes in the capital project. Deb did recently been in contacted by the council for DOCCS but it sounds like they are interested in finally moving forward with the capital project and wanted to know as far as the cost changes and scope of work changes and I have to say my initial, my first thought was absolutely let's go for some more money, you know it was the thought, you know similar to point peter, but that's really not the case with this, we did meet group on a, a the Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> Jeff Telecky came down from Wendel and Brian (Inaudible) and Carol had been there and a, a, who else? Traci was there and then Andy Carrier was the other attendee. We discussed and reviewed everything to date with the capital project that Deb had called in and let us know how you know things had transpired to get to the point we are in. The consensus of the group is that we do not change the cost of the project certainly there will be changes to the scope of work to best spend the money but if try to change the total cost of the project in order to try and get more money from DOCCS (Inaudible) cost more money too. We pay a total percentage of the total cost for the project and if we can get this project moving, get some much needed upgrades and improvements done at the plant, prevents a lot of the O&M and things that have to be done then, then we absolutely try and get the money, this isn't the last project we'll ever do at the plant and we can always go back and try get some more money later on so that is the recommendation and Deb if your still on the line I know you had mentioned that you were, you were trying to get some more information from the DOCCS council as we're preparing for tonight's meeting?" Treasurer, "Is she there?" Clerk, "Deb?" Trustee Zimmermann, "(Inaudible)". Attorney, "I'm sorry, I put it on mute so you don't get reverb from the." Trustee Zimmermann, "Thank you Deb so yes, regarding our, our meeting and, and it was really just, just to discuss to make the recommendation to be able to bring to the group tonight and consensus was that we you know we will forward and keep the monies the same and, and, you know we'll have to look scope of work obviously there's gonna be changes there but it was the whole idea was to be able to present it to the board and then to give you the clearance to (Inaudible) talk to the DOCCS council so was there any other questions form the board or Deb did you have any further insight from DOCCS council?" Attorney, "My only, my only insight is that for some reason after years of rarely getting a response from George, there's a fire under his chair right now and he emails me regularly wanting to

know are we ready to go, are we ready to go so strike while the fires hot. Paul is as I can, I can adequately explain to everyone that the conversation with the engineers, I think we're pretty encouraging that we, that the project description that went into the proposal with DOCC is I don't know 50 pages maybe, it is not a full engineering plan which would be 600 pages and they felt there was plenty of room within the current budget to draft a full engineering plan that sufficiently captures everything we need it to do. The engineers and I both had concerns that if we made any changes to the budget at all it would end up having to go back to the comptroller's office and then regardless of Georges new found enthusiasm for getting this done is just would not happen. So, my recommendation like Paul's would be to, it, move forward with the commitment that there is no increase to the budget and try and get this thing signed up and get some money flowing." Trustee Zimmermann, "Thank you Deb. So, the, the board agrees then that are course of action would be to continue to, to get to keep the project moving forward." Attorney, "I think what I, I think the board needs to authorize me to advise DOCC council that the budget amount remains unchanged, if you remember in 2018, we signed the DOCC contract." Mayor, "Right". Attorney, "And submitted it to them so I think we'll probably get a new contract to sign again but if you authorize me to do that than I can ask George to please provide us with a new contract and hopefully get going." Mayor, "Is she authorized?" Trustee Zimmermann, "Does everybody agree (inaudible)?" Mayor, "Yes please". Trustee Zimmermann, "get it done Deb." Attorney, "Okay, I'm sorry I can't hear you really well like I did the mayor really well but some of the other board members (Inaudible)." Trustee Koch, "Well we're all nodding. Sorry". Attorney, "That's okay." Trustee Zimmermann, "Thank you and, and I think Andy's biggest concern was that we maintained UV disinfection and that will be the case so that we can get the plan into the 21<sup>st</sup> century so, thank you for that. The last item on the list, regarding the recap repointing of the chimney with the, with the roof project going on up there it, it was noticed that I believe by somebody in Wendel that the chimney was kind of falling apart in that it needed to be repointed made the recommendation that we consider to have that done while the project, while everybody's there on site and we agreed and Traci found a way to have, have it happen in the budget and I think we should move forward with that as well." Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the waste water treatment plant roof project chimney repoint and recap proposal as attached?" Trustee Markham, "So moved". Mayor, "Aaron. 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 Zimmermann, "Thank you Mayor." Mayor, "Thank you, anything else form sewer tonight?" Trustee Zimmermann, "Lastly, with Andy Carrierro not able to be present he did submit his report which we have the written report to submit to the public record. I would summarize by saying the guys are doing some much-needed maintenance especially now that they're all back to the full crew." Mayor, "Very good." Trustee Zimmermann, "In addition to their other duties. Thank you." Mayor, "You're welcome. Water, supervisor Kirk Trum pore is not here but his liaison Carol Sheibley is." Trustee Sheibley, "First I think each board member received a copy of the monthly board report. As 2 or 3 highlights Gowanda, they're working on a back flow prevention program which is required by the health department they coordinated the reservoir and Collins. They were flushing hydrants and did some restoration on some past water leaks. In Perrysburg they painted numbers on higher, hydrants for the fire department request up there, so that's good. And installed some new meters and in Versailles they painted numbers on the hydrants as well. Also, there was a water hearing on April 27<sup>th</sup> and the water hearing board met with Stehl and at that point there was one recommendation but the Stehl employee went back with her supervisor which resulted in a different outcome and I believe the clarification notice and the other hearing notes are included in your board packets so, I would ask that there be action to approve this report." Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the water committee recommendation to refund Stehl as included in the board packet. This would be approving the water committee's recommendation to refund water and sewer that was over paid by Stehl from periods of July 20<sup>th</sup> 2020-

December of 2020. So, July 2020-December 2020 they overpaid, they're asking for a refund, the water committee hearing group met to determine that. Do we have a motion to approve their recommendation?" Trustee Zimmermann, "I'll make the motion". 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? That is carried." Trustee Sheibley, "Also, on April 30<sup>th</sup> supervisor Trumore reached out to me in regard to utilizing the ambulance building as a water department facility and I met with Kirk, we took a tour about 45-minute tour of the building, looked at all over. I think it would be a good fix for the building because I can tell you they'll take care of a lot of maintenance ectara that needs to be done there both inside and outside. It will also accommodate equipment from Eat Hill Street, there's a couple older building there with some equipment and also, equipment from Industrial Place so, I just think it would be a good fix for the water department to take over the former ambulance service building. There's room for 3 trucks in the back so, I would ask for board approval for water department to utilize the former ambulance building." Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the water department utilization of 10 mill street, the old ambulance building?" Trustee Sheibley, "I'll make the motion". Mayor, "Carol. Do we have second?" Trustee Koch, "We're talking about the building right here. The building we were thinking about selling? The building that sometimes the police use?" Mayor, "That's the other part of it." Trustee Koch, "So there's another section to it?" Mayor, "Yes." Trustee Koch, "I guess I really didn't know understand." Clerk, "The police use the 2 bays up front". Trustee Koch, "Okay". Trustee Sheibley, "There's bays on the back side to Wanda." Trustee Koch, "I didn't even realize that. I've never been in it." Trustee Sheibley, "There's an upstairs and." Treasurer, "The, the police bays will still be used by the police." Trustee Koch, "Okay". Treasurer, "The other bays in the back would be potentially be used by water as long, and the other portions of the building and Kirk has identified some funds within his budget to help make some repairs, the roof needs to be repaired, some shelving, some new door locks, doors for security but the police should be able to stay intact. There's no problem with them being in there. It might be something we just wanna make sure we keep in mind and because water's gonna be in there more make sure it's secure and you know whatever else." Trustee Koch, "Yeah, I guess I really didn't realize that it was that big. I never been in it." Treasurer, "Well we can walk through it anytime you want." Trustee Koch, "I would like to do that." Treasurer, "Come on over." Trustee Koch, "Okay." Trustee Zimmermann, "I love the idea (Inaudible) Kirk and water." Mayor, "Fix it up." Trustee Zimmermann, "(inaudible) it might not be there (Inaudible)." Mayor, "Right". Treasurer, "Well, and, and Kirk really needs storage. He talks about that all the time. His, every building he's ever had he's been displaced out of over, over the course of years the eater department." Mayor, "Right." Treasurer, "And just to have one space where all of his items can be held, it can be locked, it can be stored, they can have an office, a bathroom." Mayor, "Plus it's close to the area where he actually works." Treasurer, "Yes. So, it really is convenient and, and he'll put a TLC like carol said." Trustee Sheibley, "Yes." Treasurer, "Into it and he has a little bit of money in his budget to do so and I think it's a win, win for all of us and, and you know." Trustee Sheibley, "I think even the exterior (Inaudible) make it look awesome believe me." Trustee Koch, "Well maybe the police can help." Trustee Sheibley, "It's kind of weed grown." Mayor, "Okay. We have a motion on the floor made by deputy mayor Sheibley for the water department to utilize 10 mill street, the old ambulance building. DO we have a second?" Trustee Zimmermann, "Second." Mayor, "Paul. Any questions or further comments? All those in favor?" Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried." Trustee Sheibley, "And then authorization to sign the agreement with Greenman Peterson for point peter consulting. I think this is a result of our work session with Mark Burr at our April 8<sup>th</sup>." Mayor, "That's right." Trustee Sheibley, "So." Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the authorization to sign the agreement with GPI for the point peter consultant?" Trustee Sheibley, "I'll make the motion." 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. Anything else from water tonight deputy mayor?" Trustee Sheibley, "No that's it." Mayor, "Madam Clerk." Clerk, "I have the New York State retirement standard work day recertification. I have 3 of them, one for the mayor, one for the Treasurer and one for the recreation director. These are to recertify the calendar or the record of activities that are done by all of you guys, you do them once and their good for 7 years so unless you want to redo those which most of you don't. I just need the board to approve the recertification of those record of activity." Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the New York State retirement standard work recert's for the appointed officials as indicated?" Trustee Zimmermann, "So moved." Mayor, "Paul. Do we have a second?" Trustee Markham, "Second." Mayor, "Aaron. Any questions or comments? All those in favor?" Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried." Clerk, "Next, my favorite time of the year is coming, tax collecting so, I need the board to approve or I'm sorry I need the board to appoint me the clerk as the tax collector for the 21 22 fiscal year." Mayor, "Do we have a motion to appoint the clerk to be the tax collector for the upcoming year?" 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 is carried." Clerk, "And with that, goes the tax collection warrant which is telling what to collect." Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the tax collection warrant as attached?" 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? That is carried." Clerk, Next, there's an event application for Mark Benton's book unveiling. Mark Benton is going to do a book signing at Gateway Park on July 31<sup>st</sup> from 12 to 9 if you approve that event application." Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the event application for the book signing as indicated? Excuse me." Trustee Sheibley, "So moved." Mayor, "Carol. Do we have a second? Do we have a second?" Trustee Zimmermann, "Second." Mayor, "All, any questions or comments. All those in favor?" Trustees, "Aye." Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried. Thank you." Clerk, "The next two things that I have on the agenda I don't know if the board wants to move forward approving them tonight or not. I didn't realize this at the time the first one is for a wedding at Gateway Park but only does she want to have her wedding ceremony but she wants to have her reception there too and I didn't realize that and I don't know if we need to maybe discuss." Trustee Koch, "Bathrooms." coming up with some kind of, well not only just the bathrooms, she's got like 150 people, parking, tents, alcohol, DJ, food, there's a lot that needs to be considered I think." Trustee Koch, "Where, I guess I don't see the DJ." Treasurer, "We were thinking that this because this wedding isn't taking place for a little bit of time that maybe in the June, for the June board meeting we have a work session to discuss some of this and, and have you all have some time to think about it and kind of bring it up and have a discussion in June." Clerk, "Yeah, I think we need to have some sort of, if we're even going to allow people to do this in the first place. We need to have some sort of guideline that they're gonna have to follow." Trustee Koch, "Am I missing something here?" Trustee Zimmermann, "There's a lot (Inaudible)." Attorney, "you guys need to (Inaudible)." Clerk, "It says Pierce Miller Wedding." Attorney, "You guys are gonna, gonna need to have some kind of security deposit and you got to get insurance coverage. Your policy's not gonna cover any of this." Trustee Koch, "Where does it say all of that." Clerk, "It doesn't." Trustee Koch, "Oh you just know?" Clerk, "Yeah." Trustee Koch, "Okay and Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> is their wedding day and but then they're having the reception." Clerk, "Nope that's a separate one." Trustee Koch, "Okay." Clerk, "It's the same people but this, that business anniversary is for the tattoo shop down the street, which is also gonna be another big event they have this big anniversary party with possibly maybe having food and band." Mayor, "Which is awesome. We want people to do it. I think there's just some particulars we gotta work out." Trustee Markham, "With the wedding party hasn't submitted a permit or the request for permit for the." Treasurer, "They have."

Trustee Markham, "Just the wedding". Clerk, "She did, but I'm taking it off the agenda." Treasurer, "It's not till June of 2022." Clerk, "But I'm asking do we want to have a discussion next month to talk about stuff like this?" Trustee Markham, "Last thing you need is a drunken idiot (Inaudible)." Clerk, "This particular girl is, she did express to me that her soon to be husband is a recovering alcoholic so their wedding will not have alcohol but to prepare us for the next time we should." Trustee Koch, "Well just because he doesn't drink doesn't mean his friends isn't gonna bring it." Clerk, "Exactly." Mayor, "Deb can you help with us (Inaudible) for our protection what we need on, on an addendum form to be attached to the event application for things like that?" Attorney, "Yeah I, I think there's some basic decisions the board is gonna have to make like what if they don't clean up, you know, your gonna have, people should have to give you a security deposit it is not insignificant in case you have to pay someone to clean up the park and if there's any damage done, I, I do think there's some stuff you've got to decide but what I can do is look at the legal issues and then maybe work with Danielle and Traci to put a punch list together kind of items you gotta the board has to set a policy on." Clerk, "Yeah and, and bathrooms to like if someone wants to bring their own port order their own port a potty's." Trustee Koch, "To be determined is not a good answer." Clerk, "Yeah." Trustee Markham, "and if there's gonna be port a potty's we should designate the spot where they can put it." Clerk, "Yeah." Trustee Markham, "(Inaudible)." Mayor, "(Inaudible) making a mess." Treasurer, "Parking, parking could make a mess." Clerk, "So." Trustee Markham, "(Inaudible) security deposit plus (Inaudible)." Clerk, "Yeah." Mayor, "That's not unreasonable, for a big event like that, 500 bucks goes fast. You're gonna bring in a professional company to clean something up, yeah." Clerk, "Okay so we tabling the, the wedding and the business anniversary gathering are being tabled for now." Mayor, "Okay one second, we had an agenda for an event application for a wedding do we have a motion to table that agenda item until June's meeting? Potentially." Trustee Koch, "So moved." Mayor, "Wanda. Do we have a second?" Trustee Markham, "Second." Mayor, "Aaron. All those in favor?" Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is tabled. Next, we had an agenda item for the event application approval for a business anniversary gathering that's occurring August 13<sup>th</sup>. By the way happy anniversary GMG Ink. We'll try to get this done for ya, but we do have some things to discuss. DO we have a motion to table that event application?" 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 tabled. Next madam clerk?" Clerk, "The last one is the walk for life for the Tri County crisis pregnancy center on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 11-12:30. Their route is attached to their application and it's pretty much the same route every year for years." Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the event application for the walk for life throughout the Village to benefit the Tri County pregnancy center as stated?" 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? That is carried. Anything else tonight madam clerk?" Clerk, "I said enough words this board meeting, thank you." Mayor, "Next, for police officer in charge Feldmann is not her but his liaison Wanda Koch is." Trustee Koch, "Dennis submitted his report for April. They had 743 calls for service. There're 44 or 45 uniform traffic issue tickets. Two more vehicle accidents. There was a lot going on. They had 12 custodian arrests; 23 police reports filed. They considered, there's a lot. They had a noticeable increase calls regarding mental illness and disturbances the past month. With the weather the improving, he has submitted 3 letters of commendation for officers I know one of them was a, two officers talked a gentleman out of shooting somebody and got his gun away from him on Walnut Street. There was another one that an officer saved someone from an attempted suicide so that's pretty scary. And then he's looking for board action to hire a couple officers which I don't know if you guys have all of that information. I sat with him and we did interview both the officers they both seem like nice gentleman that want to do right by our community. And I, I recommend hiring both as long as

it is allowed in our budget and everything." Mayor, "Do we have a motion to appoint Nicholas Buczkowski as part time officer as attached?" Trustee Koch, "So moved". Mayor, "Wanda. 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 is carried. Next do we have a motion to appoint John Dowd as part time officer for the drug task force officer as attached?" Trustee Sheibley, "So moved". Mayor, "Carol. Do we have a second?" Trustee Zimmermann, "Second". Mayor, "Paul. Any questions or comments?" Treasurer, "I, I just want to make sure that this is, that we have a chance to review the budget for this portion and it's fundable, I have not had any communication about this and it's over and above our regular patrol. I'm not, I don't really know what the, what this position is and I just make sure it's fundable. I believe it is but I need to gather some more information to make sure that because it's 16 hours a week". Mayor, "Do we have a motion to appoint John Dowd as part time police officer drug task force pending budget feasibility in the Village?" Trustee Koch, "So moved." Mayor, "Wanda. Do we have a second?" Trustee Markham, "Second." Mayor, "Aaron. Any questions or further comments? All those in favor?" Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? That is carried." Trustee Koch, "I do want to also add that Dennis is working to try to come up with a more narrow down quote on body cams and dash board cams. Their pretty, I don't know they, there's some information in your packets too but, it's kind of Greek to me how they all work and some of them wants us to get one for each individual officer which would be very costly and crazy since we have part time police force. I mean some people only work like one or twice a month, it's just crazy so we need to figure that out but I am confident that we will have something more to bring to the table next month." Mayor, "Excellent. How about police uniform?" Trustee Koch, "That I know that Dennis is working on that policy along with another officer but I haven't seen yet." Mayor, "Okay. Anything else form police tonight?" Treasurer, "You didn't get it? It's in your packet, isn't it?" Mayor, "Yes." Trustee Koch, "Where?" Treasurer, "Right here." Clerk, "Don't look at that." Treasurer, "Keep going. It's past the staple." Clerk, "They're in order of how you talk about them." Trustee Koch, "oh lord." Treasurer, "Look at her." Clerk, "I know. She's a hot mess right now." Trustee Koch, "I am a hot mess. I know I didn't read this, I'm sorry guys that's my fault." Mayor, "it's actually pretty good, I know Officer Shields helped him as well on that." Trustee Koch, "Has everybody else read it? What do you guys think?" Treasurer, "Again from, from my, from the budget perspective I just want to have some discussion and make sure that I know we budgeted the significant amount of money for in anticipation of body cams, dash cams and there is an annual budget for police uniforms so as long as I can have communication and Dennis and I can make sure that it's all you know what the plan is, I think it's all doable. I would just like to have some conversation." Mayor, "Okay, it's not an action item, it's just for the boards information and the board has had that you know to look at so, just to." Trustee Koch, "Except for Wanda." Mayor, "Just to, just to be thinking about moving forward. Okay, disaster coordinator Nick Crassi is not here but I would like to comment how helpful he has been and informational item for the board and for the community, the community yard sales this year for the Village of Gowanda, Town of Collins and the Town of Perrysburg we're all working together on that and the community yard sales will be Memorial Day weekend Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>-Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>. Anyone who would like to have their yard sale event included in the map can text their information to Nick Crassi and he's received over 100 text messages so far between the 3 Town's. He is formulating a map which will be made available in all of the Town halls and Village Hall for Village yards and will be posted in community locations. All yard sales must be covid compliant, there must be a clear arrow of entry and a clear exit arrow so that traffic isn't backing up, all must be masked, social distancing must be observed when possible, and the people hosting yard sales must make hand sanitizer available to the public attending. So, nick's been working hard to take all that information and make that map. So, we're looking forward to that." Trustee Koch, "Maybe we won't need that trash pick-up." Trustee Markham, "(Inaudible)." Mayor, "Yeah, right? Very good. Next fire, co-commissioner Zimmermann

anything for fire today?" Trustee Zimmermann, "I have none." Mayor, "Co-commissioner Sheibley?" Trustee Sheibley, "Each board member received from Chief Steve Raiport quite a lengthy report of fire department activities upcoming and also for the past week to two weeks. One thing I would just like to highlight the volunteer effort from 6 or 8 firemen in equipping the rope rescue trailer with new lighting." Mayor, "oh yeah." Trustee Sheibley, "I was called over there to view the finish product one evening last week and it looks awesome. I think all of you will get to take a look at it when we have fire inspection which hopefully will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in June. I believe it's the 16<sup>th</sup> so, also there's grant funding that chief Raiport was able to tie into through Erie County for confined space equipment which I think is good because, that also will fit out sewer and water department and also, lets see, this weekend, I'm sorry, the 23<sup>rd</sup> weekend there is a mass causality training with the Seneca fire so I think those are the highlight but." Mayor, "Carol, you said June 16<sup>th</sup> for the fire inspection?" Trustee Sheibley, "Is that a, the 2nd Wednesday? I'm sorry the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday?" Trustee Zimmermann, "Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>, yeah." Trustee Sheibley, "And that's tentative we don't if we can have it for sure but that's tentative." Mayor, "Okay, very good." Trustee Sheibley, "Okay." Mayor, "Thank you." Trustee Sheibley, "And let's see, I guess that's the fire report. the trailer lights they saved the Village \$7,000 by doing that themselves so, anyway." Mayor, "Wow." Trustee Sheibley, "That's all I have under fire." Mayor, "Okay. Next, from joint activity and recreation, Aaron Markham." Trustee Markham, "Just an update on the skate park, we're having a meeting Thursday here at 6:00 (Inaudible) Carol and Mark Benton so (Inaudible) Andy Burr, not much the Town can do but he said talk to Crystal Abers or Borrallo they might be able to find some grants (Inaudible)." Mayor, "Very good. Anything else from recreation from Aaron." Trustee Markham, "No." Mayor, "Carol Sheibley?" Trustee Sheibley, "I think there are some action things, Traci maybe you want to for Mark Benton retirement." Treasurer, "So, Mark Benton is staying as recreation director but for the purposes of New York state retirement he needs to retire from the employees retirement system so he can transfer his credits and salary to teachers retirement system and officially start collecting a pension so in order to do that there's an official process that we have to go through and he has to be with not on our payroll for 14 day period so have it all worked out so, the first action is to accept the reg, resignation of Mark Benton for New York State retirement purposes only effective May 14<sup>th</sup>." Mayor, "Do we have a motion to accept the resignation of Mark Benton for the New York State retirement purposes effective May 14<sup>th</sup>?" Trustee Koch, "Yes". Trustee Sheibley, "So moved." Mayor, "Carol with a second to Wanda. Any questions or comments? Again, this will allow Mark to transfer his Village time to the service, the service credit to the teacher's retirement system to collect retirement and pension after a 15-day period he can then be rehired by the Village, good explanation thank you. All those in favor?" Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments?" Trustee Koch, "Is he gonna volunteer (Inaudible)?" Mayor, "I'm sure he is. That is carried. Next." Treasurer, "And because obviously he's still continuing with the Village, he wrote a second letter asking that the Village of Gowanda appoint Mark Benton as recreation director effective May 31<sup>st</sup>." Mayor, "Do we have a motion to appoint Mark Benton as recreation director effective May 31<sup>st</sup>?" Trustee Markham, "So moved." Mayor, "Aaron. 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 Sheibley, "okay and there is a commission meeting scheduled for Saturday morning May 22<sup>nd</sup> here in the board room at which time the employees that will be hired will be interviewed (Inaudible) recreation commission." Mayor, "You have a lot of applications I believe for summer." Trustee Koch, "(Inaudible)." Trustee Sheibley, "And hopefully summer rec will be able to start July 5<sup>th</sup> if everything goes well. Soccer a couple weeks ago there were 58 present for soccer at Gateway Park, I went that night, there wasn't any place to park really. I stopped by last night and there 67 participants so, good program and I understand that 2 weeks ago there 2 area school superintendents who were watching the soccer team, one had one was a son playing and one was the grandmother so they thought the program was awesome so that's good

stuff. I guess that's my report." Mayor, "Very good. Excellent. Thank you, Carol. We did legal already. Anything else Deb at this point?" Attorney, "No sir." Mayor, "Okay. Treasurer Traci Hopkins." Treasurer, "The first thing is after all the prp negotiations and the peter cooper trust funds and all that stuff has been solidified with Deb and her team we need to open a peter cooper trust fund account which will be used to hold the additional trust funds that are coming for the Village of Gowanda that will be used for the operation and maintenance of that site for the next 20 years. I have, I'm asking the board for authorization to open the peter cooper trust fund account for that deposit to be made." Mayor, "First of all thank you to Deb for all your long and hard work on this. It's been going on since I became Mayor and I appreciate your dedication to getting this done, thank you. Do we have a?" Attorney, "You're welcome." Mayor, "authorization to open. Go ahead Deb." Attorney, "no, I, I just wanted to see this account open and you get the cash at this point." Mayor, "Right. DO we have an authorization to open the peter cooper trust fund account as sated by the Treasurer?" Trustee Markham, "So moved." Mayor, "Aaron. 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." Treasurer, "And, and I skipped over the bond resolution, this has been talked about for the last few months, Deb is reaching bond counsel, we're working on this is a moving target with dates and funding and scope. We need to establish a bond resolution for borrowing for the parking lot, borrowing for the point peter fema project which is full fema reimbursable from the water fund, borrowing for the waste water treatment plant capital project which is 71 and half percent contributed by DOCCS and borrowing for the Thatcher Brook which 65% of that is contributed by the federal share while another 17 and half is a share from the New York DEC which would impact our general fund. All of these need to be solidified and we're working on that so, I just wanted continue to update you on that. The budget modification number 8 dated May 11<sup>th</sup> is in your packet for the general fund and the sewer fund as we approach the next fiscal year which is coming up here May 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be some significant budget modifications just balance line items as we're good but we're not good about getting to the exact what we believe our expenses are gonna be. So, I'm asking for the board to approve budget mod #8 as identified in your packet." Mayor, "Do we have a motion to approve the 20 21 budget mod #8 as stated?" 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? That is carried." Treasurer, "The final is the May abstract bills to pay as identified in the financial report. I'm asking for the board to approve the bills to pay abstract of the general fund totaling \$20,080.90, the water fund \$19,046.65, and the sewer fund \$25,753.72. As we approach the end of the fiscal year again the team of employees has been hearing from me the last 3 to 4 months at least about decreasing spending, tightening controls as we approach the end of the year hoping to secure fund balance so that we can have some reserves to get things that are needed for our operations." Mayor, "And the employees have listened because that's the lowest spending report I can remember in almost years. Do we have a motion to approve the May abstract bills to pay as stated?" Trustee Sheibley, "So moved." Trustee Koch, "So moved." Mayor, "Carol with Wanda as a second. Any questions or comments? All those in favor?" Trustees, "Aye". Mayor, "Opposed? Any abstentions or further comments? The abstract bills to pay are approved." Treasurer, "That's all I got." Mayor, "Alright. The next meeting for the Village of Gowanda will be June 8<sup>th</sup> 2021. We'll have a work session that night at 5:30 to discuss the protocols, procedures and needs for Gateway Park and other event applications for the Village. The regular meeting for June 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 will be closed to the public and a decision will be made month by month what will happen so also in that work session, so madam clerk if you could make a note, we will look at the numbers at that time and make a determination for Julys meeting at that time. The only other step is to announce that we will be recessing now into executive session for the purposes of discussing marijuana law and its potential impact on local government including ours.

There will be no voting after executive session other than to formally adjourn the meeting. Do we have a motion to recess into executive session?" 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? Madam clerk you can press stop on the recording. Motion to adjourn." Trustee Markham, "So moved." Mayor, "Aaron. Do we have a second?" Trustee Koch, "Second." Mayor, "All those in favor?" Trustees, "Aye." Mayor, "Opposed? The meeting is adjourned at 8:11. Thanks everybody."