

Village of Gowanda  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2021

The Village of Gowanda Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Mayor David Smith at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mayor David Smith, Trustee Peter Sisti, Trustee Wanda Koh, Trustee Carol Sheibley

Absent: Trustee Paul Zimmermann

Employees Present: Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, WWTP Supervisor Andy Carriero, Code Enforcement Gary Brecker (*left at 6:40 PM*)

Public Present: Jack Broyles, Theresa Girome, Victoria Chmiel, Thomas Milligan

**Motion 9-74**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the agenda for the September 14, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried.

**Motion 9-75**-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the minutes From the August 10, 2021. Motion carried.

### **Public Participation**

Jack Broyles-Water and sewer rates are still a problem.

Tom Milligan-from Delaware River Solar, Solar Farms NY discussed solar farms and the discounts that are offered on NYSEG bills for those interested in participating in a community solar energy program.

Victoria Chmiel-Letting the board know about a Women's March to take place October 2<sup>nd</sup> to support the women of Texas from the Village Hall to the Town Hall.

**Code Enforcement-Gary Brecker**-*due to scheduling code is first*

A preliminary site plan for a subdivision on Memorial Dr has been submitted to the board. This step will allow the developer to move forward with the formal process. This is not a formal approval for the subdivision but just a preliminary step needed in the process and only for the Village of Gowanda.

**Motion 9-76**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the conditional preliminary submittal for the subdivision proposal on Memorial Drive within the Village of Gowanda subject to the Villages jurisdiction. Motion carried.

### **Mayor Updates**

- Covid update-the numbers are rising in Catt County.
- Dollar General Update-The Village doesn't have the right to tell a business they cannot come in, as long as it's zoned correctly and they have every single form and passed all the regulations. If the Village refused the Village could be sued by Dollar General for millions.

- Parking Lot update-pre construction meeting on 9/10 and should be done by Halloween.
- Gowanda Central School Drug Awareness Night-174 attendees came out.
- Birthday Thanks-Mayor thanked everyone for all the birthday wishes for his 50<sup>th</sup>.
- Thatcher Brook Flood Diversion Update-Call on 8/16, next one will be 9/20. Should be signing the final PPA within the next week.
- Neighborhood watch-Meeting took place about having a neighborhood watch.
- Fire Installation-Gathering of the fire department on 8/21
- Cattaraugus County Health Board-Meeting was on 9/1, discussion was on Covid.
- McDonalds Grand Opening-Grand re opening on 9/18 for all of their renovations.
- Employee Birthday Wishes-The mayor wished Dennis Feldmann and Gary Brecker a Happy Birthday for this coming Saturday.
- Community Spirit Parade-Will be held on 10/7 for the Gowanda Central Schools. Line up at 4:30 behind Jesse's and start time will be 5:30.
- VFW Chicken BBQ-will be on 9/25 from 3-6. The fire department will have one on this Sunday from 11 until sold out.
- Alumni Weekend-will be 9/24-9/26. Gowanda School will honor the first ever distinguished educator award to Carol Sheibley on 9/24 at 7 PM at the Theater.

### **Correspondence**

- Support Letter from Mayor for the Southern Tier 23<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District.
- ARPA Subsequent Distribution and Allocation
- Chlorine Price Increase
- McDonald's Grand Re-Opening September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.
- NYSDOT bridge Repair Project.
- Gowanda Historical Society Thank You.

### **Official Business**

#### **Mayor/Board of Trustees**

Halloween will be on Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 from 6-8.

A proposal for the annual fire extinguisher inspection by Haier's Extinguisher Company has been provided to the board for approval.

**Motion 9-77**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the annual fire extinguisher inspections by Haier's Extinguisher Company. Motion carried.

#### **Sewer-Andy Carrier**

A recommendation has been made to the board to fill the open laborer position effective October 4, 2021.

**Motion 9-78**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to hire Ron Kaczmarek as a Waste Water Laborer effective October 4, 2021. Motion carried.

#### **Clerk-Danielle Wagner**

**Motion 9-79**-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the Car Show Event Application for September 26 2021 from 11-3 on South Water St. Motion carried.

**Motion 9-80**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to retroactively approve the BOA growing Gowanda event that took place September 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

***Fire-Carol Sheibley***

A washer and drying rack need to be purchased per a requirement for the Cancer Insurance Policy. This is for so the turn out gear used can be washed separately. The funds will come from contingency.

**Motion 9-81**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the purchase of a washer and drying rack for the fire department totaling \$5,410.00 with contingency funds. Motion carried.

The fire department would like to hire a grant writer totaling \$2,500 to assist the fire department with grants for fire equipment needs.

**Motion 9-82**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the fire department to hire a grant writer with contingency funds. Motion carried.

The fire department would like \$1,158 restored to the fire budget. This was from the insurance portion of the fire budget.

**Motion 9-83**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the restoration of insurance renewal decrease funds \$1,158 to the 2021-2022 fire budget on an as needed basis. Motion carried.

***Legal-Deb Chadsey***

The Village needs to either opt in or opt out of allowing marijuana dispensaries in the Village and opt in or opt out of on-site consumption of marijuana.

**Motion 9-84**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to opt out of allowing any marijuana dispensaries. Motion carried.

**Motion 9-85**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to opt out of on-site consumption. Motion carried.

***Treasurer-Traci Hopkins***

The final completion and closing out the Empire State Development Water front project will utilize Special Project and Community Development funds and General fund cash flow to make bridge payments to finalize the Waterfront Development contracts until ESD fully reimburses the Village upon completion.

**Motion 9-86**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the cash flow plan for the ESD Waterfront Development Project. Motion carried.

A budget modification and amendment #2 is needed in the general fund to accept the additional touring route funds and the unanticipated addition to the CHIPS funding.

**Motion 9-87**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the budget Modification/Amendment #2. Motion carried.

The abstract bills to pay #4 was provided to the board for approval.

**Motion 9-88**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the abstract bills to pay in the general fund \$259,678.68, water fund \$12,340.20, sewer fund \$30,107.24 and capital projects \$223,520.10. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be October 12, 2021 at 6PM.

**Adjournment**

**Motion 9-89**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti approve to adjourn the board meeting at 7:34 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Danielle Wagner

Clerk

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