

Village of Gowanda  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2021

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

Present: Mayor David Smith, Trustee Paul Zimmermann, Trustee Wanda Koch, Trustee Carol Sheibley, Trustee Peter Sisti

Employees Present: Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, WWTP Supervisor Andy Carriero Water Supervisor Kirk Trumppore, Officer in Charge Dennis Feldmann, Code Enforcement Gary Brecker

Public Present: Joann Waite, Jack Broyles, Phil Palen, Steve Raipert, Tim Twichell

### **Public Hearing**

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing for the CDBG at 6:03 PM.

The Village is applying for sidewalk improvements through the Community Development Block Grants. The Village has many sidewalks that desperately need repair, especially sidewalks leading to all the parks within the Village.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Smith closed the public hearing at 6:07 PM.

### **Agenda and Minutes**

**Motion 10-90**-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the agenda for the October 12, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried.

**Motion 10-91**-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried.

### **Public Participation**

Phil Palen-concerns over a no parking sign that used to be on Chestnut is now missing and people have been parking there. He would also like to see a yield sign put at the top of Cemetery Hill Rd.

Jack Broyles-concerns over Gateway funds being invested through Andy Burr and it goes against the code of ethics.

### **Mayor Updates**

- Thank-You for support during recent time of loss-Mayor's father-in-law passed away.
- Funeral 9/17-Mayor Smith was the pastor at Doug Wright's funeral.
- McDonalds Grand Re-opening was 9/18 for the remodeling they did.

- Thatcher Brook Update-conference call on 9/20 another one on 10/18. Very close to signing the PPA agreement.
- Gowanda Hall of Fame Induction- on 9/24 Carol Sheibley was inducted into the Gowanda Area Boosters Hall of fame and was honored as a teacher of distinction.
- Spirit of Gowanda Parade was on 10/7.
- Parking Lot Improvement Update-Making progress. The construction has started with the curbing and some drainage work.
- Dollar General Update-Making progress.
- Thanks to the historical society for running the social media page with all the history updates.

### **Correspondence**

- FEMA notification of emergency analyses and floodplain mapping throughout Cattaraugus County.
- Rural Transit Service authorization request letter for CBDG 2022/2023.

### **Official Business**

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

A resolution was present to the board to reopen the Gowanda Correctional Facility that closed on March 30, 2021. The resolution will be sent off to the appropriate parties.

**Motion 10-92**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to adopted the Re-Open the Gowanda Correctional Facility Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

#### ***Code-Gary Brecker***

The Town of Persia is looking for a Code Enforcement Officer. A shared service agreement with the Town of Persia will be explored.

#### ***Highway-Liaison Peter Sisti-Gary Denea not present***

The 2008 plow truck is in need of significant repairs. The repairs are needed because the Village can not get a new plow and plowing season is approaching.

**Motion 10-93**-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the emergency plow repairs. Motion carried.

#### ***Sewer-Andy Carriero***

The Town of Collins is raising the cost of the recyclable hauling for the Village from \$100 every haul to \$350, Andy will look into other options along with other options for sludge hauling.

Wendel would like authorization to apply for a water infrastructure improvement act grant (WIIA) on behalf of the Village. This grant will help with the additional repairs/improvements needed beyond the DOCCS contract and scope of work for the WWTP.

**Motion 10-94**-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the Waste Water Treatment Plant Capitol Project WIIA grant opportunity. Motion carried.

**Water-Kirk Trumpose**

**Motion 10-95**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to declare the 1986 Chevy Suburban as surplus. Motion carried.

**Clerk-Danielle Wagner**

Thank you to Byron Post for the Native America Flag donation for Gateway Park.

**Motion 10-96**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Wedding Vows event application for October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30-5:00 at Chang Hu Park. Motion carried.

**Fire-Carol Sheibley**

The fire department is seeking approval for the purchase of a new Tanker/Pumper Truck to replace hose 2. Hose 2 is 29 years old and no longer meets PESH and OSHA standards.

**Motion 10-97**-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the authorization to sign the purchase agreement with E-One for a the VMT Tanker Truck. Motion carried.

**Motion 10-98**-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to declare Hose 2 as surplus pending delivery of the new truck in February/March 2022. Motion carried.

**Treasurer-Traci Hopkins**

A scope of work change order to include sidewalk repair and curbing needs to be done on Center St. to match the infrastructure of the new parking lot. It will be billed separately from the General Fund Sidewalk Improvement line.

**Motion 10-99**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the parking lot curbing and scope of work change. Motion carried.

A draft municipal agreement for the Town of Persia water /sewer district was prepared and ready to be sent to Persia for their review. This agreement allows for the Village to service and repair that district if there are any infrastructure, blockages or pipe issues. The Village will bill Persia for labor and cost of the repairs and maintenance.

**Motion 10-100**-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the draft Town of Persia Water/Sewer District Agreement. Motion carried.

The Village needs to amend the procurement policy to change some language that will follow general municipal law. This will allow the Village to purchase from State bid, County or other Cooperative agreements.

**Motion 10-101**-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the amended procurement policy. Motion carried.

The Community Development Block Grant Application Resolution for #1 Sidewalk Improvement and #2 support Rural Transit Service.

**Motion 10-102**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the Community Development Block Grant Authorizing Resolution. Motion carried.

A budget Modification was provided to the board for approval.

**Motion 10-103**-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve modification number 2. Motion carried.

**Motion 10-104**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the abstract bills to pay as follows General Fund at \$16,675.89, Water Fund at \$11,200.74, Sewer Fund at \$88,102.61, Capital Projects at \$210,524.49 and Community Development Special Projects at \$4,500.00. Motion carried.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be November 9, 2021 at 6PM.

#### **Adjournment**

**Motion 10-105**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Danielle Wagner

Clerk