

Village of Gowanda
Board Meeting Minutes
November 9, 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 Peter Sisti, Trustee Wanda Koch, Trustee Carol Sheibley

Employees Present: Treasurer Traci Hopkins, Clerk Danielle Wagner, WWTP Supervisor Andy Carriero, Water Supervisor Kirk Trumpore, OIC Dennis Feldmann, Attorney Deb Chadsey-*via telephone*

Public Present: Theresa Girome, Jack Broyles, Cheri Ann Rojeck, Carmelo Lozada

Agenda and Minutes

Motion 11-106-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the agenda for the November 9, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried

Motion 11-107-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Cheri Ann from Bader Ave. has concerns over the construction at Dollar General. She has some damage to her property and yard from the flooding from the construction at Dollar General and would like the Village to do something.

Carmelo Lozada also has flood damage to his property because of the construction at Dollar General.

Jack Broyles thinks the Village follows Roberts Rule of Orders. Dollar General is violating the Flood Law and feels he wasn't clear about his point during his participation at last month's board meeting.

Mayor Updates

- Thatcher Brook Update-conference call on 10/18. The PPA is not completed yet.
- Moment of Silence to honor Mr. Tonello and his daughter Elizabeth who passed away.
- WWTP Capital Project update-there was a call on 11/2.
- Cattaraugus County Health Board Meeting on 11/3. Covid numbers are still rising.
- Pine Hill Cemetery Clean-up was rescheduled to this Saturday at 9 AM.
- Veterans Day Celebration on 11/11 at 11 am in front of the Gowanda Library.
- Legion for Vets-get together at the Legion on 11/13, Mayor Smith will be a speaker.
- Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Correspondence

- Springwood Mobil Park correspondence
- FEMA Point Peter final scope of work change request.

Official Business

Highway-Liaison *Pete Sisti-Gary Denea not in attendance*

The annual stock piling snow agreement with Caleres has been provided to the board for approval.

Motion 11-108-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the annual stock piling snow at 465 Palmer St. with Caleres. Motion carried.

Sewer-Andy Carriero

The next motions in front of the board are all in relation to the WWTP Capital Project.

Motion 11-109-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the Municipal Solutions Finance Activity agreement for the Waste Water Treatment Plant financing activities as required by Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. Motion carried.

Motion 11-110-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Resolution to authorize Municipal Solutions to submit the WIIA grant. Motion carried.

Motion 11-111-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the Engineering Agreement with Wendel pending the fully executed DOCCS Capital Project Improvement contract. Motion carried.

Motion 11-112-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the resolution to authorize the Type II SEQRA for the WWTP Capital Project. Motion carried.

Clerk-Danielle Wagner

Motion 11-113-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the Tax Relevy for Erie County at \$22,210.46 and Cattaraugus County at \$41,339.12. Motion carried

Motion 11-114-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the annual Williamson Software Contract Renewal for the Clerk System. Motion carried.

Motion 11-115-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the fireworks donation request from the Gowanda Chamber at a minimum of \$500.00 to a Maximum of \$1,000 based on other contributions. Motion carried.

Police-Dennis Feldmann

Motion 11-116-Motion by Trustee Koch, second by Trustee Sheibley to accept the anonymous donation to the Police Department for \$100 to be added to the Police Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Fire-Carol Sheibley

The Village received the Erie County Fire Service Mutual Aid Plan which was reviewed by them and the Fire Companies and revised as of October 14th.

Motion 11-117-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Erie County Fire Service Mutual Aid Plan. Motion carried.

The Fire Department has an agreement with Grant Masters who is writing a grant for Turn Out Gear.

Motion 11-118-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the agreement with Grantmasters Inc for Grant Writing Services. Motion carried.

Motion 11-119-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Erie County Mutual Aid Participation Resolution. Motion carried.

Joint Activity-Carol Sheibley

Motion 11-120-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve to hire a Recreation Counselor Kathleen Jones for Roller Skating starting December 6th at a stipend rate of \$25 per night. Motion carried.

Environmental

Motion 11-121-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation for November 9, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion 11-122-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to accept the \$200 donation from D. Menshel to be added to the Tree Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Legal-Deb Chadsey

A public hearing for the opt out Marijuana law needs to be set for December 14th at 6:05 PM since the board opted out of marijuana dispensaries and on-site consumption.

Motion 11-123-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to set a public hearing for December 14th. Motion carried.

Treasurer-Traci Hopkins

The NYSEG gross receipts has agreed to settle. This will help the Village with future delivery only revenue gross receipts.

Motion 11-124-Motion by Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the NYSEG Gross receipts settlement and release agreement. Motion carried.

The parking lot change order number 1 for the paving enhancement to install 4 inches of top cover at \$7,000 needs approval.

Motion 11-125-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the parking lot change order for paving enhancement. Motion carried.

The request for qualifications from multiple environmental companies to help fulfill the scope of work with the EPA which will provide phase 1 and phase 2 environmental assessment on vacant, underutilized

or BOA properties. A recommendation is being made to the board for C & S. They scored the highest from the Village and GARC.

Motion 11-126-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the EPA request for qualifications award to C & S. Motion carried.

Budget Modification request number 3 was provided to the board for approval.

Motion 11-126-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve budget modification request #3. Motion carried.

The abstract was provided to the board for approval.

Motion 11-127-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the abstract bills to pay for the General Fund \$35,902.93, Water Fund \$12,478.50, Sewer Fund \$62,773.74 and the Capital Projects \$18,167.50. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be December 14, 2021 at 6 PM with a public hearing at 6:05 PM for the Opt out of Marijuana.

Adjournment

Motion 11-128-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded Zimmermann to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Danielle Wagner
Clerk