

Village of Gowanda  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 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 Paul Zimmermann, Trustee Peter Sisti, Trustee Carol Sheibley, Trustee Wanda Koch-*via telephone*

Employees: Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, Highway Supervisor Gary Denea, Sewer Supervisor Andy Carriero, Water Supervisor Kirk Trumpore, Code Enforcement Gary Brecker-*left at 6:40 PM*, Attorney Deb Chadsey-*via telephone-left at 6:20*

Public Present: Jack Broyles, Robert Dingman, Gerry and Jackie Emborski, Steve Raiport, Mark Hebner, Randy Campbell, Don Offhaus

**\*Swearing In**

Mayor Smith appointed Peter Sisti as Village Trustee to replace Aaron Markham effective August 10, 2021.

**Agenda**

**Motion 8-58**-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the agenda for August 10, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried.

**Minutes**

**Motion 8-59**-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Participation**

Jack Broyles questioned the cash flow in water and sewer due to the rates.

Bob Dingman addressed the board on the opting in or opting out of the new marijuana laws. He urged the Village to opt out.

**Legal**-*Deb Chadsey, due to scheduling legal is going first*

**Motion 8-60**-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to table the marijuana dispensary opt in or opt out until September. Motion carried.

**Motion 8-61**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to table the marijuana on site consumption opt in or opt out until September. Motion carried

The Town of Persia water/sewer draft agreement will be sent to the Town of Persia for approval.

**Mayor Updates**

\*Amended-board approved at December 14, 2021 Board Meeting.

- Flooding close call on July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Thatcher Brook call on July 19<sup>th</sup>, continuing to move forward.
- Covid numbers are climbing with the Delta Variant.
- HCA Ministry-Senior visit on 7/17 and on 8/21.
- Parking lot improvement Update- The bid will be awarded tonight. 5 bids were received.
- Waterfront Development-Creekside had some flooding on 7/17, the project should be completed by October.
- Book Signing-Mark Benton had a book signing on 7/31 and all book sale proceeds are being donated to Gowanda Recreation.
- Preach Friends of Collins-Mayor Smith preached there on 8/1.
- Cattaraugus County Health Board meeting on 8/4.
- Fire Media on 8/4-Rope and water rescue drill.
- Ducky Derby-will be on 8/2/ at Gateway Park.
- Gowanda Mural Chalk Day will be on 8/28.

### **Correspondence**

- NYS Dec letter-AVM site classification registry change.
- Seneca Nation support letter for waste water treatment plant upgrades.

### **Official Business**

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

**Motion 8-62**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the resolution to support GARC funding applications for community development project. Motion carried.

**Code**-*Gary Brecker not in attendance*

**Motion 8-63**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to table the subdivision preliminary design layout. Motion carried.

#### **Water**-*Kirk Trumpore*

The Point Peter Reservoir had some flooding on July 17<sup>th</sup> and is in of emergency repairs. Currently using the emergency back up well.

**Motion 8-64**-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to declare the Point Peter Reservoir as an emergency. Motion carried.

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

**Motion 8-65**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the Ducky Derby event application for August 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer**-*Traci Hopkins*

**Motion 8-66**-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the Annual Financial Document fiscal year end 5/31/21. Motion carried.

Parking lot improvement bids were received and opened August 4<sup>th</sup>. A recommendation was made to award the bid to the lowest bidder American Paving.

**Motion 8-67**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to award the parking lot improvement bid to the low bid at \$331,550.00. Motion carried.

The Village sent out 5 requests for quotes for a big trash pickup. 2 were received back.

**Motion 8-68**-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to award the big trash pickup to the low bid. Motion carried.

**Motion 8-69**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the Thatcher Brook Bank/Tree Removal clean up not to exceed \$5000 pending Town of Persia contribution. Motion carried.

The Village received American Recovery Funds. The State is very specific on how the money can be spent; a recommendation is made to for those funds to have their own bank account for tracking purposes.

**Motion 8-70**-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve to open the American Recovery Fund designated account. Motion carried.

**Motion 8-71**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve budget modification request #1. Motion carried.

**Motion 8-72**-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the abstract bills to pay for the General Fund \$36,497.96, Water Fund \$20,332.13, Sewer Fund \$39,813.19 and the Community Development Special Projects \$39,000. Motion carried.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on September 14, 2021 at 6PM.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion 8-73**-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to adjourn the board meeting at 7:44 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Danielle Wagner  
Clerk

