

Village of Gowanda  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2022

The Village of Gowanda Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Mayor Smith at 6:20 PM-*Budget Work Session ran late.*

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

Employees Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, Attorney Deb Chadsey-*via telephone*

### Agenda and Minutes

**Motion 2-173**-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the agenda for the February 8, 2022 board meeting. Motion carried.

**Motion 2-174**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2022 board meeting. Motion carried.

### Mayor Updates

- Covid Update-The numbers are going down, the plan is to open March's meeting to the public.
- 2022-2023 Budget Review-the Treasurer and Mayor had a budget meeting on 1/18.
- Government Class-Public Service-Mayor Smith was asked to speak about being a Mayor to a Government class at the Gowanda School on 1/19
- Gowanda High School Musical-Musical was at the Hollywood Theater on 1/22 and 1/23.
- Thatcher Brook Update-conference call was on 1/24, looking to finalize the PPA.
- Cub Scouts Barbeque-Pack 276 had a chicken bbq on 1/23.
- Negotiation Meeting-a meeting took place with the Attorney, Trustee Zimmermann and Trustee Sheibley to discuss the SEIU contract that will be expiring May 31.
- Cattaraugus County Health Board Meeting-meeting was 2/2, topic was Covid.
- BOA Steering Committee Meeting-The last public participation meeting will be 2/15.

### Correspondence

- Erie County CDBG funding for Sidewalk Replacement denial letter.
- NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement Project grant application denial letter.
- Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau 2021 program allocation award.
- Hartford Steam Boiler inspection report.
- NYS Department of Labor PESH violation.
- Senator John Mills-Thank you Gary Denea and crew.
- Permissive Referendum

### Official Business

**Highway-Liaison Peter Sisti**

**Motion 2-175**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to accept the resignation of Bryan Bylbie MEO effective February 11, 2022. Motion carried.

**Clerk-Danielle Wagner**

**Motion 2-176**-Motion by Trustee Koch, second by Trustee Sheibley to approve the event application for the Girl Scouts Scavenger Hunt at Creekside Park on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30-2:30. Motion carried.

The board was provided information on changing the water/sewer billing from postcards to regular paper. The cost is roughly \$120 more a year for the switch.

**Motion 2-177**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Water/Sewer billing process change. Motion carried.

**Police-Liaison Wanda Koch**

Officer in Charge Dennis Feldmann submitted his letter of resignation. The board thanked Dennis for his hard work and years of service to the Village.

**Motion 2-178**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to accept the resignation of Officer in Charge Dennis Feldmann effective February 5, 2022. Motion carried.

**Joint Activity-Carol Sheibley**

Recreation Director Mark Benton submitted a request for a \$500 salary increase effective June 1, 2022.

**Motion 2-179**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the salary increase request. Motion carried.

**Treasurer-Traci Hopkins**

**Motion 2-180**-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the 2022-2023 draft budget number 1. Motion carried.

Budget Modification request #6 for the General and Sewer fund was provided to the board.

**Motion 2-181**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve Budget Modification request #6. Motion carried.

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

**Motion 2-182**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the abstract bills to pay for General \$28,861.74, Water \$9,655.45, Sewer \$27,693.70, Capital Projects \$8,555.92 and Community Development Special Projects \$562.50. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be March 8, 2022-plan to be open to the public based on Covid numbers.

**Executive Session**

**Motion 2-183**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to recess into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues as 6:58 PM. Motion carried.

**Motion 2-184**-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to exit Executive Session. Motion carried.

During Executive Session Personnel was discussed. The following motion is being made.

**Motion 2-185**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to appoint Gowanda Police Officer, Cattaraugus County Sheriff and Gowanda Central School RSO Ben Shields as the interim Officer in Charge effective February 5, 2022.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion 2-186**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Danielle Wagner  
Clerk