

Village of Gowanda  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2022

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

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

Employees Present: Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, WWTP Supervisor Andy Carriero, Water Supervisor Kirk Trumpore, Code Enforcement Gary Brecker, Interim OIC Ben Shields, Attorney Deb Chadsey-*via telephone*

Public Present: Don and Theresa Girome, Ralph Honey, Dave Yezek, Jack Broyles, Cub Scout Dylan

### **Agenda and Minutes**

**Motion 3-187**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the agenda for March 8, 2022 board meeting. Motion carried.

**Motion 3-188**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2022 board meeting. Motion carried.

### **Public Participation**

Cub Scout Dylan came to interview the board about serving the public.

Ralph Honey has concerns about the sidewalk plow-had a conversation prior to the board meeting with Trustee Sisti. He would also like something done about the speeders on South Water St.

Dave Yezek would like something done about the illegal chickens at his neighbor's house.

Jack Broyles believes no one should interrupt someone when they are talking. The Village never had a NYS certified inspector (unclear on the rest) and the Village doesn't apply laws fairly.

### **Mayor Updates**

- Rain Event on 2/10-Mayor thanked everyone on hand to assist the community.
- Short Term Flood Mitigation-Cutting trees, cleaning out racks helped to prevent flooding.
- Brownfield Opportunity Assessment Steering Committee Call-a public participation call was on 2/15. Waiting to see if Step 3 gets approved.
- Thatcher Brook Flooding Mitigation-Army Corp call-PPA agreement is getting finalized.
- Cattaraugus County Health Board meeting on 3/2.
- American Legion Post 409 Happy 103 Birthday.
- Gowanda Middle School Musical-Dear Edwina at the Hollywood Theater on 3/16 & 3/17.
- Village Elections are on Tuesday 3/15 from 12-9 at The Village Hall.
- Honor Cattaraugus County Veterans at the Hollywood Theater on 4/8 at 7PM.

- Change of April Board Meeting-moved to Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.
- Village Big Trash Pick-up the week of April 25, 2022. There will be an ad in the Penny saver.

## **Official Business**

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

**Motion 3-189**-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to set the Budget Public Hearing for March 22, 2022 at 5 PM. Motion carried.

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

**Motion 3-190**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the event application for the Gowanda Library for an Easter Egg Hunt at St Johns Park on 4/16 from 10-12. Motion carried.

NYS needs the Village to sign a vendor agreement for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance program so that if any resident applies for funds the Village can get those funds from the State.

**Motion 3-191**-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the NYS Low Income Household Water Assistance vendor agreement. Motion carried.

The Gowanda Chamber was offered a Live Tree donation for the Christmas in Gowanda Tree lighting which will be planted in Chang Hu Park.

**Motion 3-192**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to accept the tree donation. Motion carried.

#### **Police-Interim OIC Ben Shields**

**Motion 3-193**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to hire Brandon Newell as a part time Patrol Officer. Motion carried.

**Motion 3-194**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to hire Jake Webber as a part time Patrol Officer. Motion carried.

#### **Legal-Deb Chadsey**

A resolution to pass the Point-of-Sale Inspections of Vacant and Abandoned Properties has been provided to the board for approval. The public hearing for the law was held January 11, 2022.

**Motion 3-195**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to adopt the Point-of-Sale Inspections on Vacant and Abandoned Property to be Chapter 85. Motion carried.

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

The annual STOP DWI contract with Erie County was provided to the board for approval.

**Motion 3-195**-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the Erie County STOP DWI contract. Motion carried.

**Motion 3-196**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the quote with Village Locksmith to replace the Village Hall Police entrance door. Motion carried.

The board was provided information about a tax collection software for Erie County taxes collection.

**Motion 3-197**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the tax collection software with Williamson for Erie County Tax Collection. Motion carried.

Draft #2 of the 2022-2023 tentative budget has been provided to the board.

**Motion 3-198**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve draft #2 of the 2022-2023 tentative budget. Motion carried.

Budget modification request #7 for the General and Water fund was provided to the board.

**Motion 3-199**-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve budget modification request #7. Motion carried.

Abstract bills to pay #10 was provided to the board for approval.

**Motion 3-200**-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the abstract bills to pay #10 for the General Fund \$33,345.77, Water Fund \$11,268.80 and Sewer Fund \$19,310.00. Motion carried.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be a week earlier, Tuesday April 5, 2022 at 6 PM.

### **Executive Session**

**Motion 3-201**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to recess into Executive Session at 7:21 PM. Motion carried.

**Motion 3-202**-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to adjourn Executive Session at 8:16 PM. Motion carried

**Motion 3-203**-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Danielle Wagner

Clerk