

Village of Gowanda
Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2022

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: Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, Attorney Deb Chadsey, Highway Supervisor Adam Reid, Code Enforcement Jason Pickering, OIC Ben Shields

Public Present: Jack Broyles, James Purdy, Joshua Tripi

Agenda and Minutes

Motion 9-62-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the agenda for the September 12, 2022 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion 9-63-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Participation

No public comment

Mayor Updates

- NY Forward Public Meeting will be tonight at 7:00PM for public comment
- Village Hall Building Assessment Tour on 8/10
- Wendel Village Hall Building Tour on 8/25-some repairs are needed to the Village Hall
- Thatcher Brook Taskforce meeting on 8/18
- Fire Rescue Truck DASNY funds received
- Hidi Picnic on 8/25
- Happy 100th Birthday Mrs. Stiles on 8/26
- Ducky Derby on 8/28
- Water Emergency Call on 9/4-resident sent letter of thanks
- Cattaraugus County Health Board Meeting on 9/7
- Gowanda Fall Fest 9/23-9/25-will correspond with Alumni Weekend and car show
- Fishing Derby 10/16 & 10/16
- Hollywood Theater Celebration on 9/15
- Panther Prowl on 9/25
- High Water concern for Thatcher Brook on 9/5

Correspondence

- Hollywood Theater Invitation to board members Honoring Partners in Preservation on 9/15

Official Business

Mayor/Board of Trustees

Motion 9-64-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to accept the resignation of Dan Povhe as Village cleaner. Motion carried.

Motion 9-65-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the temporary beer and wine license waiver for the Hollywood Theater. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement-*Jason Pickering*

Motion 9-66-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the business permit for Asylum repairs at 37 Memorial Dr. Motion carried.

Clerk-*Danielle Wagner*

Motion 9-67-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the polling location lease agreement with Erie County. Motion carried.

Police-*Ben Shields*

Motion 9-68-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to accept the resignation of Jake Weber effective May 14, 2022. Motion carried

The Body Cam Policy has been prepared and provided to the board for approval.

Motion 9-69-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Police Body Camera Policy. Motion carried.

Fire-*Carol Sheibley*

Trustee Sheibley prepared a proclamation for Ed Kota's 70 years of Fire Service.

Motion 9-70-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve to designate October 1, 2022 as Edward Kota Day to recognize his 70 years of service as a member of the Hidi Hose #4 and the Gowanda Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried.

Legal-*Deb Chadsey*

The PPA for the Thatcher Brook Diversion Channel has final been approved by the NYS and the Army Corp of Engineers. The project can move into the design and implementation stage.

Motion 9-71-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to authorize the resolution for the execution of the Thatcher Brook Flood Diversion Project agreement between the New York State DEC and the Village of Gowanda as the non-federal local share sponsors. The PPA agreement-Project Partnership Agreement. Motion carried.

Treasurer-*Traci Hopkins*

Motion 9-72-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to accept and approve the 5/31/22 Annual Financial Report. Motion carried.

Due to higher interest rates, the Treasurer would like to move funds from Citizens to Community Bank.

Motion 9-73-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to authorize to move General Fund savings account from Citizens to Community Bank for better public account offered rate. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer Rate Review will take place in a worksession at 5:30 PM prior to next months board meeting.

Abstract bills to pay #4 has been provided to the board for approval.

Motion 9-74-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the abstract bills to pay for General Fund at \$34,403.21, Water Fund \$2,511.30, Sewer Fund \$10,517.79, Capital Project Fund \$35,078.31, and Community Development Special Projects \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

A public hearing needs to be set for the Village to apply for CDBG Grant Funds.

Motion 9-75-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to set the CDBG public hearing for October 11, 2022 at 7PM. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be October 11, 2022 at 6 PM.

Adjournment

Motion 9-76-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM. Motion carried.