

Village of Gowanda
Board Meeting Minutes
October 11, 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 Present: Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, WWTP Supervisor Andy Carriero, Highway Supervisor Adam Reid, OIC Ben Shields, Code Enforcement Jason Pickering and George Poff

Public Present: Jack Broyles, Stacy Forthman

Agenda and Minutes

Motion 10-76-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the agenda for the October 11, 2022 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion 10-77-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2022 board meeting.

Public Participation

Jack Broyles-Water Rates & out of district water rates

Mayoral Updates

- Public Hearing at 7:00 PM for the CDBG Grant Opportunity
- Executive Session for Pt. Peter Correspondence from FEMA and DHSES
- Halloween Hours 6-8 on Monday October 31
- Hollywood Theater Appreciation Night 9/15
- Thatcher Brook Flood Diversion Update 9/26-Trustee Zimmermann was unable to attend meeting
- Ed Kota Day recognizing 70 years of service 10/13/2022
- NY Forward Grant Interview on 10/6
- Thatcher Brook Taskforce meeting on 10/6
- Community Spirit Parade on 10/13 at 6PM

Official Business

Highway-Adam Reid

Motion 10-78-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to appoint Colton Clareus to Motor Equipment Operator (MEO) Classification after receiving his CDL License. Motion carried.

Motion 10-79-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to appoint Eric Lemke as Motor Equipment Operator effective October 31, 2022. Motion carried.

Brush Dump Site is being abused-The Village will look into options of what do about it.

Sewer-*Andy Carriero*

Village responded to the DEC notice of violation.

Water-*Carol Sheibley-Kirk Trumpore not present*

PFAS Cost Recovery Program-all utilities can register and recover any current and projected future expenses of the testing, treatment and remediation due to PFAS contamination.

Motion 10-80-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the PFAS Cost Recovery Program. Motion carried.

A water hearing was held.

Motion 10-81-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the water hearing recommendation Leak Forgiveness Program. Motion carried

Motion 10-82-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the water hearing payment plan. Motion carried.

Police-*OIC Ben Shields*

The Village does not have the ability currently to disseminate body cam footage for foil requests. A vendor will be needed to do redactions, the Village does not have the capability to do it and a cost will be associated with that.

Motion 10-83- Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the Resolution for Body Cam Footage Foil Requests. Motion carried.

A form letter was prepared for body cam foil requests.

Motion 10-84-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the foil response to body cam footage request form letter. Motion carried.

Motion 10-85-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to reappoint Pat Nixon as a part time patrol officer effective October 12, 2022. Motion carried.

Joint Activity-*Carol Sheibley*

Ski Club sign ups October 26, 2022 6-7:30 at the Village Hall

Motion 10-86-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to appoint Deb Harris to the Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

Treasurer-*Traci Hopkins*

The Village anticipated to make a larger debt payment on water system debt-however the extra funds are not available, the Village will make the minimum payment of \$35,000.

Motion 10-87-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the Water BAN Debt Payment. Motion carried.

The Village will be applying for CDBG. The public hearing will be at 7:00, pending the outcome of the public hearing the Village will submit #1 sidewalks and #2 Rural Transit Service.

Motion 10-88-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the mayor to sign, submit and execute the Authorizing Resolution for the 2023/2024 CDBG. Motion carried

The Municipal Building is having structural problems.

Motion 10-89-Motion by Trustee Koch to approve the review and authorization of Municipal Building repair estimates. Motion carried

Before repairs can be done to the Municipal Building asbestos testing is required.

Motion 10-90-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve Mark Burr and Traci Hopkins to seek asbestos testing. Motion carried.

The accounts payable clerk will be leaving shortly.

Motion 10-91-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve to advertise the accounts payable position. Motion carried.

Budget Amendment #3 was provided to the board for the General Fund for the Touring Route and Pave our potholes funds.

Motion 10-92-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve budge amendment #3. Motion carried.

Abstract bills to pay #5 was provided to the board.

Motion 10-93-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve abstract bills to pay for General Fund \$244,904.76, Water Fund \$10,728.44, and Sewer Fund \$10,705.21. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

Motion 10-94-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to recess into the CBDG public hearing at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

The Village will be applying for sidewalks around St. Johns Park as the #1 and Rural Transit Service as #2.

No public comments

Mayor Smith closed the public hearing at 7:05 PM.

Next Meeting

Due to the General Elections being held in the Village Hall the next Board Meeting will be Tuesday November 15, 202 at 6 PM in the Village Hall.

Executive Session

Motion 10-95-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to adjourn into executive session at 7:08 PM. Motion carried.

Motion 10-96-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adjourn executive session at 7:43 PM. Motion carried.

Motion 10-97-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Danielle Wagner
Clerk