

Village of Gowanda
Board Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2022

The Village of Gowanda Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Mayor Smith at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mayor David Smith (*left at 6:40*), Trustee Paul Zimmermann, Trustee Peter Sisti, Trustee Wanda Koch, Trustee Sheibley

Employees Present: Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, WWTP Supervisor Andy Carrier, Highway Supervisor Adam Reid, Attorney Deb Chadsey (via telephone), Code Enforcement George Poff, Jason Pickering, Police Officer Timothy Fitzpatrick

Public Present: Jack Broyles, Theresa Girome, Stacy Forthman

Agenda & Minutes

Motion 11-98-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the agenda for tonight's board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion 11-99-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the agenda amendment to move public participation to the end of the meeting due to Mayor Smith needing to leave at 6:40 PM. Motion carried.

Motion 11-100-Motin by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Updates

- Gowanda Central School Lock Down-On 11/1 a false alarm was set off by a teacher accidentally entered the code. The middle school and high school went into lockdown. 4 and half minutes 5 agencies responded. The school is making changes to the code to avoid this problem.
- Impactful Panthers Clean Up-a group of students helped clean up Chang Hu Park on 11/3.
- Veterans Day on 11/11
- Happy Thanksgiving.

Correspondence

- Gowanda Area Chamber of Commerce-Gowanda 175th Birthday Celebration.
- Thank you-The Shaw's hot coca stand.

Official Business

Highway-Adam Reid

The annual Caleres agreement for stock piling snow on Palmer St.

Motion 11-101-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Caleres agreement for Snow Stock piling. Motion carried.

Sewer-Andy Carrier

The Village was awarded a WIIA Grant to help offset the Villages share of the Capital Improvement Project. **Motion 11-102**-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to accept the Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) Grant award for \$1,375,000.00. Motion carried.

The Village also got an Intended Use Plan Hardship Funding of up to 5,000,000 interest free financing.

The Sewer plant has additional engineering improvements related to the DEC requirements and a recent NOV the Village received.

Motion 11-103-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the WWTP additional engineering improvements related to the DEC requirements. Motion carried.

Motion 11-104-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the authorization to start the process of getting Ron Kazmarek trained for licensing. Motion carried.

Clerk-Danielle Wagner

Motion 11-105-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the property tax relevy for Cattaraugus County \$49,104.88 and Erie County \$46,100.69. Motion carried.

Motion 11-106-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Christmas in Gowanda firework donation request for \$1,000. Motion carried.

Police-Timothy Fitzpatrick OIC Ben Shields not in attendance

Motion 11-107-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to accept the resignation of John Bronneberg effective October 5, 2022. Motion carried

Motion 11-108-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to accept the anonymous donation to the Police Department Reserve Fund for \$100. Motion carried.

Due to vandalism at St. Johns Park camera will be installed.

Motion 11-109-Motion Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the installation of cameras at St. Johns Park. Motion carried.

Joint Activity/Recreation-Carol Sheibley

Trustee Sheibley offered a moment of silence for Anne Clabeaux and Jay Bowers.

Roller Skating will be Mondays starting December 5th from 6 pm-7:30 pm.

Motion 11-110-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve Janelle Williams and Kathleen Jones as Roller Skating monitor at \$25 per night. Motion carried.

Motion 11-111-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to accept the \$1200 donation from the American Legion Post 409. Motion carried.

Motion 11-112-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to accept the \$300 donation from the Gowanda Kiwanis Club. Motion carried.

Legal-Deb Chadsey

Review of the Thatcher Brook Diversion land acquisition time line.

A letter had been drafted for the Village to begin to reach out to private land owners about acquiring the necessary property and easements.

Motion 11-113-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Thatcher Brook Flood Diversion public and business update acquisition letters. Motion carried.

The Water public hearing for rate increase is set for Tuesday December 13th at 5:15 PM.
The Sewer public hearing for rate increase is set for Tuesday December 13th at 5:45 PM.

Treasurer-Traci Hopkins

Cattaraugus County has allocated \$75,000 to support Thatcher Brook Flood Mitigation Project. A contract has been provided to the board so the Village can use those funds.

Motion 11-114-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the Cattaraugus County Thatcher Brook Flood Mitigation contract. Motion carried.

Authorization is needed to set up an investment account for Peter Cooper & Village Funds to help with the inflation factor while interest rates are high.

Motion 11-115-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to authorize the set up of an investment account for Peter Cooper and Village Fund. Motion carried.

The Village would like requests proposals for a big trash day in 2023.

Motion 11-116-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to request for proposals for big trash pick-up for the spring of 2023. Motion carried.

Budget Modification #2 was provided to the board for General and Water fund.

Motion 11-117-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve budget modification request #2. Motion carried.

Abstract bills to pay #6.

Motion 11-118-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the abstract bills to pay for General Fund \$37,067.37, Water Fund \$21,780.85, Sewer Fund \$47,271.31, Capital Projects \$20,955.00, and Community Development Special Projects \$14,500.00. Motion carried.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be December 13, 2022 at 6 PM.

Public Participation

Jack Broyles-NYSEG should be interested in other properties on Industrial and not just Village properties, house complaint on Buffalo St and other people should be receiving notices of unregistered vehicles not just him.

Adjournment

Motion 11-119-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM.
Motion carried 4-0 (*Mayor Smith not present*)

Respectfully Submitted
Danielle Wagner
Clerk

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