

Village of Gowanda
Water Rate Public Hearing Minutes
December 13, 2022

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

Employees Present: Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins

Public: Jack Broyles

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss and hear public comment regarding the water rate increase proposal.

Water rates have not been adjusted since 2016. A rate increase is being considered due to the 26% increase in operating expenses and 28% decrease in reserves. The Village board is considering a 15% increase in water rates, the new minimum would be \$46.00 and \$6.04 per 1,000 over minimum if passed- the rate currently is \$40 minimum and \$5.25 per 1,000 over.

If approved the rate increase will go into April 1, 2023 with the impact on the July 2023 billing.

Public Comment

Jack Broyles-understand why the Village must consider rate increases, he would like the 15% increase to be fair to all water users. Also has concerns over the Point Peter Reservoir Project.

No other public comment

Mayor Smith closed the public hearing at 5:45 PM.