

Village of Gowanda
Board Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025

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

Present: Interim Mayor Peter Sist, Trustee Paul Zimmermann, Trustee Mark Nephew, Trustee Wanda Koch, Trustee Carol Sheibley

Employees: Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, WWTP Supervisor Andy Carrierro, OIC Ben Shields, Code Jason Pickering & George Poff, Attorney Deb Chadsey (*Via Telephone*)

Absent: Water Supervisor Kirk Trumppore, Highway Supervisor Adam Reid

Public: Jack Broyles, Don & Theresa Girome, Phil Palen, Gerry Emborski, Tanya Cammachio

Agenda & Minutes

Motion 1-122-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve the agenda for the January 14, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion 1-123-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Jack Broyles-glad to see on internet the carpenter building is resolved. He believes legal advisory does not look out for the Village.

Don Girome-Thanked board. Aldrich Street by the playground needs a crosswalk.

Phil Palen-Thanked board for historical society donation. Brought a news article about Medina historic preservation.

Correspondence

- Notice of Gowanda Ambulance Annual Meeting
- Lease renewal request for 34 West Main St Parking Lot-The Village will work on plowing only agreement with the Hollywood Theater.

Official Business

Code-George Poff, Jason Pickering

Complaints files-1

For the purposes of NYS Retirement Jason has submitted a resignation as a break in service.

Motion 1-124-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Nephew to accept the resignation of Jason Pickering effective January 14, 2025 for the purposes of NYS Retirement. Motion carried.

Public Works

Highway

Adam Reid has had a lot of overtime hours recently with the weather and lack of man power in Highway. The board would like to pay out half of the comp time at 60 hours.

Motion 1-125-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the OT pay highway Department at 60 hours. Motion carried.

Water-Carol Sheibley

A leak forgiveness for the Collins billing was provided to the board for approval.

Motion 1-126-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the leak forgiveness for Collins. Motion carried.

The Point Peter project is complete!

Clerk-Danielle Wagner

A resolution for the polling place and hours for Village elections was provided to the board for approval. Elections will be March 18, 2025 from 12pm-9pm at the Village Hall.

Motion 1-127-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the Resolution Identifying Polling Place and Hours for Village Elections on March 18, 2025. Motion carried.

Police-Ben Shields

A recommendation was made to the board for a new hire.

Motion 1-128-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the recommendation to hire Mason Myers as a certified police officer pending full background review. Motion carried.

Treasurer-Traci Hopkins

A final change order for the additional gatehouse and spillway work at Point Peter was provided to the board for approval.

Motion 1-129-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve the Point Peter Improvement Project additional Gatehouse and Spillway work final change order request at \$226,313.32. Motion carried.

Pay app #10 for Point Peter was provided to the board for approval.

Motion 1-130-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve Point Peter Improvement Project pay app #10 and change order (final) through 12/31/24 at \$432,146.53. Motion carried.

Pay app #8 for the WWTP Capital Project was submitted to the board for approval.

Motion 1-131-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the WWTP pay app #8 to STC Construction through 12/31/24 at \$248,317.65. Motion carried.

Abstract bills to pay #8 was provided to the board for approval.

Motion 1-132-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve abstract bills to pay #8 for General \$40,210.08, Water \$23,884.57, Sewer \$22,139.90, Capital Project \$819,491.40, and Community Development \$30,507.50. Motion carried.

Budget Modification #3 was provided to the board for approval.

Motion 1-133-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve Budget modification #3 for the General, Water and Sewer fund. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 11, 2025 at 6Pm.

Adjourn

Motion 1-134-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Danielle Wagner
Clerk