

Village of Gowanda
Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025

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

Present: Interim Mayor Peter Sisti, Trustee Paul Zimmerman, Trustee Mark Nephew, Trustee Wanda Koch, Trustee Carol Sheibley

Employees: Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, Attorney Deb Chadsey, WWTP Supervisor Andy Carrier, Water Supervisor Kirk Trumppore, Highway Supervisor Adam Reid, Code Geroge Poff & Jason Pickering

Absent: OIC Ben Shields

Public: Theresa Girome, Jack Broyles, Shame Miller, Robert Tiller, Gerry Emborski, Tanya Camacho, Diego Camacho

Agenda & Minutes

Motion 2-135-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve the agenda for February 11, 2025 board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion 2-136-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2025 board meeting. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Shane Miller-Erie County Sheriffs had several calls in the Village.

Jack Broyles-old complaint from several years ago.

Correspondence

- Thank you letter to Lewiston Fire Department for the donated SCBA bottles.
- Erie County CDBG not selected for 2025-2026 funding.

Official Business

Mayor/Board of Trustees

Village elections will be March 18, 2025 from 12pm-9pm.

The Hollywood Theater agreement for the Village to do snow removal services only for the public parking lot at 34 West Main St was provided to the board for approval.

Motion 2-137-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the snow removal agreement with the Hollywood Theater-34 West Main St public parking lot. Motion approved.

The Village is need of a Zoning Board of Appeals. The Village needs 3 members with staggering terms.

Motion 2-138-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve Robert Tiller-3-year term, Barbara Nephew-2-year term and Rev. Travis Grubbs-1 year term to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Nephew abstained due to conflict. Motion carried.

The Hollywood Theater need the boards support to renew their 2025 liquor license.

Motion 2-139-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the Hollywood Theater Liquor License renewal for 2025. Motion carried.

Code-George Poff, Jason Pickering

Building permits 0, complaints filed 1, violations on patrol 3, notices sent 3, compliance notices 2.

A proposed local law for a rental registry to help better Code to do their jobs according to NYS laws was provided to the board. A working committee should be formed consisting of 1 board member, both code officers, 2 property owners and 2 non-property owners to go over the law and make necessary changes to move forward.

New hours for the Code Department.

Motion 2-140-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve the new Office, patrol and inspection hours for Code Mondays 10am-2pm, Wednesdays 2pm-6:30pm and Saturdays 8am-10:30am. Motion carried.

Highway-Adam Reid

Cattaraugus County DPW Correspondence RE: Crosswalks and signage.

- 4 Speed limit signs for Aldrich St near the elementary school have been ordered.
- Cross walk by the Theater-Adam reached out to the NYS traffic safety, who looked and given the location with parking on both sides, a parking lot, and a crosswalk within 250 feet on both sides of that location it does not qualify at this time.
- Crosswalk at St. Johns and College St.-Adam feels that a crosswalk would create additional hazards for children-maybe a stop sign is better suited for this.

Police-Liaison Wanda Koch

Motion 2-141-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the hiring of Arian Bove as a certified police officer pending full background review. Motion carried.

Motion 2-142-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to accept the vest reimbursement grant funds received \$799.98 for A. Olszewski. Motion carried.

Motion 2-143-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to support the Hollywood Theater Liquor License renewal for 2025. Motion carried.

Treasurer-Traci Hopkins

Motion 2-144-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve the 2025-2026 Draft #1 Budget. Motion carried.

A funding agreement for LEWPA Flood Mitigation projects was provided to the board for approval for stabilization projects for Grannis Creek, Thatcher Brook and Allen Springs.

Motion 2-145-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmerman to approve the Cattaraugus County Soil & Water agreement for LEWPA flood mitigation. Motion carried.

The WWTP capital project pay app #2.

Motion 2-146-Motion by Trustee Zimmerman, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve the WWTP pay app #2 to BECC Electric through 1/31/25 at \$59,280. Motion carried.

Motion 2-147-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve WWTP pay app #2 to Quakenbush Company through 1/3/25 at \$55,521.23. Motion carried.

Cattaraugus County youth services had some unclaimed funds that they thought the Village would use for expenses from 10/1/23-9/30/24. The Village spent \$12,900 on the Summer Recreation Program. The Village will be reimbursed that from the grant funds.

Motion 2-148-Motion by Trustee Sheibley. Seconded by Trustee Koch to accept the youth sports education funding for a total of \$14,900. Motion carried.

The annual budget for Peter Cooper was completed with the anticipated expenditures for 2025.

Motion 2-149-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the authorization for Peter Cooper 2025 annual budget transfer of \$34,3263.23 to the OM & M Trustee for anticipated operating expenses. Motion carried.

The Village had a NYMIR Risk Assessment done and recommendations were made for the Village to decrease liability. A response has been prepared to those recommendations.

Motion 2-150-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the NYMIR Risk Assessment recommendations response. Motion carried.

The employee's health insurance needs to be renewed with Independent Health.

Motion 2-151-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve to renew health Coverage with Independent Health effective 6/1/25. Motion carried.

The abstract bills to pay #9 was provided to the board for approval.

Motion 2-152-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Zimmerman to approve the abstract bills to pay #9 for General at \$32,544.21, Water at \$6,898.20, Sewer at \$28,998.68, and Capital Projects at \$149,375.25. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place a week earlier March 4, 2025 at 6 PM.

Adjournment

Motion 2-153-Motion by Trustee Zimmerman, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Danielle Wagner

Clerk