

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2013**

The Village of Gowanda Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Mayor Heather McKeever at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Hall. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present: Mayor Heather McKeever
Trustee Carol Sheibley
Trustee Paul Zimmermann
Trustee John Certis

Village Employees: Village Clerk Kathy Mohawk, Treasurer Cindy Schilling, Village Attorney Deb Chadsey

Media Present: Phil Palen, Cable Channel 22
Samantha McConnell, Observer

Public Present: Ron Clabeaux, Pete Johnson

Trustee DeCarlo was absent due to illness.

Motion 210-12. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to go into Executive session for a legal matter at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion 211-12. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to come out of Executive session at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion 212-12. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2012 Village Board meeting as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Sheibley noted that a couple of the vouchers were not signed: No. 444 and No. 468. She also noted that the Village paid late fees on one of the Time Warner bills. Trustee Sheibley asked if the charge card bills could be attached indicating what was charged.

Motion 213-12. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve Abstract #8 dated January 8, 2013 on all funds as follows:

General Fund	\$ 40,639.54
Water Fund	15,080.44
Sewer Fund	33,184.78
Superfund Project	162.55
UDAG	85,873.00
Total	\$174,940.31

Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Phil Palen congratulated the Village on receipt of a Safe Routes to School grant. Mayor McKeever advised there are several aspects of the grant. Trustee Sheibley advised that one of the good things about the grant is the inclusion of sidewalks within a 2 mile radius of the schools. Mr. Palen advised that a negative editorial was written in the Observer about the grant.

POLICE

Village Clerk Mohawk read the December 2012 police report:

“273 reportable calls, 14 arrests, 11 tickets issued, 1 violent domestic, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 7 assist other agencies, 16 calls Erie County and State Police Collins assisted Gowanda P.D.

The week of Christmas our Village was hit with a rash of car break-ins (car popping).

We made an arrest on the subject and recovered most of the property that was stolen.

I want to encourage residents to please lock your vehicle. Every car that was broke into was unlocked. The number one ingredient for crime is opportunity.

Requesting to hire three local men to send to the Police Academy this spring at no cost to the Village. The three are Drew Carriero, Shane Miller and Jordan Griffin. The 3 won't be ready for patrol until after firearms in August or graduation March 2014.”

Motion 214-12. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve sending Drew Carriero, Shane Miller and Jordan Griffin to the police academy this spring at no cost to the Village. Motion carried 4-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that the police department had training this past weekend in the Village public works building.

Mayor McKeever advised that a Neighborhood Watch meeting has been scheduled for January 23rd.

JOINT ACTIVITY

Trustee Sheibley requested approval of Jack Gaylord, Jr. as an Assistant Coach for co-ed basketball at \$7.50 per hour. They will play from 5:30 – 6:15 on Monday beginning January 14, 2013. All players have paid to participate. 42 people are registered.

Motion 215-12. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to appoint Jack Gaylord, Jr. as an Assistant Coach for co-ed basketball at \$7.50 per hour.

VillageClerk Mohawk requested approval for use of the sewer department truck for hauling the ski equipment for the ski program.

Motion 216-12. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to authorize the use of the sewer department truck to haul ski equipment for the ski program. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Sheibley advised that Jay Ondus and Harry Rasey have volunteered to run a 2nd and 3rd grade basketball fundamentals program.

Motion 217-12. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the 2nd and 3rd grade basketball fundamentals program. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Sheibley advised that roller skating begins tomorrow from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Sheibley reported that ice rink work has begun but the weather is too warm.

Village Attorney Chadsey advised that all volunteers should sign liability waivers. The Village should also complete background checks on all volunteers who work with children.

FIRE

Trustee Zimmermann reported on the upcoming installation banquet on January 19, 2013 at the Gowanda Fire hall. The new officers that will be installed are Mike Birthnall, Fire Chief, Mark Hebner, 1st Assistant, Randy Campbell, 2nd Assistant, Nick Crassi, President and Jack Wells is Vice President.

DISASTER COORDINATOR

Trustee Zimmermann, as Chairman of the Thatcher Brook Task Force, gave an update on the latest meeting. He advised that the DEC has agreed to be the non-Federal sponsor. The Village will need to be the municipal sponsor. A federal cost-sharing agreement will need to be put in place.

TREASURER

Treasurer Schilling advised that the contract for Veterans Park has been increased by \$9,020 because of two major items that were necessary to be completed. The Village will receive \$100,000 from the CDBG grant but will need to spend \$15,638 more. The only thing left is delivery of the lamp poles.

Motion 218—12. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the change order for Veterans Park in the amount of \$9,020. Motion carried 4-0.

Treasurer Schilling reported that the assessment settlement will be paid on the next abstract.

Treasurer Schilling advised that the notice the Village received on NIMS training should be attended to. Mayor McKeever indicated that the supervisors should go. The training is next Tuesday, January 15th. Treasurer Schilling indicated that the Disaster Coordinator should also go. Mayor McKeever indicated she would attend the evening session and Treasurer Schilling will go during the morning. Mayor McKeever indicated that Sewer Superintendent Carriero, Highway Superintendent Denea, Water Superintendent Dubaj, Disaster Coordinator Crassi and Treasurer Schilling should go. Village Attorney Chadsey indicated she would go in the evening.

Treasurer Schilling asked if the Village Board had any objection to putting the financials and the budget online.

LEGAL

Village Attorney Chadsey advised that during the work session discussion was held on the Parise matter and the Town of Persia water district. She will follow up on both issues.

Village Attorney Chadsey spoke about the Town of Perrysburg water/sewer agreement. She will forward the agreement to the Town Attorney.

Village Attorney Chadsey will solicit comments about the Gowanda Ambulance lease.

PUBLIC WORKS

Highway Superintendent Denea requested authorization to allow Dan Stroud to take down the Christmas wreaths this coming week.

Motion 219-12. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to allow the use of Dan Stroud's bucket truck to assist in taking down the Christmas wreaths. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor McKeever advised that CHIPS money will be used to purchase the new SkidSteer.

Motion 220-12. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to purchase the 2013 Terex PT50 from Baschmann Services for \$28,734 with the trade-in options, on the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Denea. Motion carried 4-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that the sewer department requested authorization to allow Russo Development to pay a different price for emergency dumping from Corrections. Russo Development has a contract with the State to pay \$20/thousand but the Village charges all other dumpers \$60/thousand. Trustee Certis feels the Village cannot charge a different price than what everyone else pays. Village Attorney Chadsey will talk with Mike Hutchinson to see if this is a capacity issue. Mayor McKeever requested Village Clerk Mohawk to put this issue on the work session for the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent Denea requested quotes for improvements to the electrical system in the highway garage. There was discussion about paying for this out of CHIPS money. Treasurer Schilling indicated that the work needs to be done. The Village Board discussed the two different quotes.

Motion 221-12. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to accept the low bid of \$9,800 from Stroud Electric & Plumbing to make the necessary electrical repairs to the highway garage. Motion carried 4-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported the Village received \$133.38 from Energy Curtailment.

Mayor McKeever advised that the snow plow is being repaired.

PLANNING

Mayor McKeever advised there was a planning board meeting last night. They requested approval to appoint Janet Vogtli as an alternate member to the planning board. Trustee Sheibley asked if the members need to be Village residents. Mayor McKeever stated that Southern Tier West indicated they do not.

Motion 222-12. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to appoint Janet Vogtli as an alternate member to the Planning Board. Motion carried 4-0.

ADMINISTRATION

Village Clerk Mohawk advised the election is Tuesday, March 19, 2013. She indicated the Board of Trustee needs to adopt a resolution providing there will not be a registration day.

Motion 223-12. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to adopt a resolution providing that there will not be a village registration day. Motion carried 4-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that the Board of Trustees must adopt a resolution identifying the polling place and the hours the polls will be open.

Motion 224-12. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Certis to identify the polling place as the Village hall and the hours the polls will be open at 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. Motion carried 4-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that the November Treasurer's report has been filed.

Village Clerk Mohawk presented an example of a letter of support to the cost of cleanup at the West Valley Demonstration Project.

Motion 225-12. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve a letter of support from Mayor McKeever for keeping the funding for cleanup of West Valley Demonstration Project. Motion carried 4-0.

ENVIRONMENT

Phil Palen reported that on December 27th and 28th Covey Tree Service did 9 takedowns and 6 safety prunes. One tree could not be taken down due to a guide wire needing to be removed. Village Clerk Mohawk will contact NYSEG about getting the wire removed. Stump grinding will have to wait until the snow clears. Mayor McKeever asked that residents be advised that their trees are coming down. She feels it is a courtesy

Motion 226-12. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

The next Village of Gowanda board meeting is January 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk
Village Clerk