

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JUNE 11, 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 Dale DeCarlo
Trustee Paul Zimmermann

Trustee John Certis was absent.

Village Employees: Village Clerk Kathy Mohawk

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

Public Present: Peter Johnson

Motion 62-13. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2013 Village Board meeting as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion 63-13. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve Abstract #13 dated June 11, 2013 on all funds as follows:

General Fund	\$61,411.46
Water Fund	6,274.92
Sewer Fund	15,029.93
Total	\$82,716.31

Motion carried 4-0.

Motion 64-13. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve Abstract #1 dated June 11, 2013 on all funds as follows:

General Fund	\$15,025.35
Water Fund	694.47
Sewer Fund	1,150.00
Total	\$16,869.82

Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee DeCarlo questioned the difference in the amounts paid to the employees for clothing allowances. Mayor McKeever advised they are reimbursements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Peter Johnson asked about an update on Tri-County Hospital. Mayor McKeever advised there has been a lot of transition this spring in personnel. She would like to hold another public presentation with the surrounding communities and the hospital. He also asked for an update on Gateway Park. Mayor McKeever advised that by the end of the summer the pile of dirt should be leveled out. Village Clerk Mohawk advised that GARC requested to be placed on the next Village meeting agenda to make another presentation to the Village Board.

POLICE

Motion 65-13. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to accept the resignation of Richard Cooper from the Gowanda Police Department effective May 30, 2013. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion 66-13. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to appoint Richard Cooper to the Gowanda Police Department, effective May 31, 2013. Motion carried 4-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk presented the May 2013 police report:
“305 reportable calls, 31 arrests, 6 juvenile arrests, 29 tickets issued in Persia, 27 tickets issued in Collins, 6 violent domestics, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 21 assist other agencies, 7 941 mental transports to Lake Shore Hospital.
Please accept the resignation of Officer Tim Braughler.”

Motion 67-13. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to accept the resignation of Officer Tim Braughler from the Gowanda Police Department. Motion carried 4-0.

“D.A.R.E. graduation will be held tomorrow night at 6:30 in the Gowanda High School auditorium.”

JOINT ACTIVITY

Trustee Sheibley asked that the telephone be turned on again at St. John’s Park by July 1st for the summer recreation program.

Motion 68-13. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to turn the phone back on at St. John’s Park by July 1st. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Sheibley presented the list of summer recreation workers:
Playground Director (\$2,000 for the six week program) Alicia Slate
Lifeguards (\$10 an hour) Katie Stang, Olivia Bergmann, and substitute James Sowa
Returning Workers (\$8 per hour) Danielle Stebbins, Jill Swanson, Bailey Tonello, Alexa Farner, Alexa Gabel, Erica Mentley

New Employees (\$7.50 an hour) Skylar Ondus, Brendan Omicioli, Chase Williams, Sam Utley, Taylor Kickbush

Not all recreation employees will work each day.

Motion 69-13. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the list of summer recreation employees as presented by the Gowanda Recreation Commission. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Sheibley advised that Recreation Director Benton is working on the health department certificate for the recreation program.

Trustee Sheibley advised the Village received funding from the Town of Perrysburg for the recreation programs.

FIRE

Trustee Zimmermann advised he is still attempting to meet with Supervisor Stopen regarding their future actions relative to the fire protection contract.

Trustee Sheibley indicated her willingness to work on the ambulance lease for the next meeting.

TREASURER

Treasurer Schilling requested approval to attend the NYSGFOA summer conference.

Motion 70-13. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to authorize Treasurer Schilling to attend the NYSGFOA summer conference. Motion carried 4-0.

LEGAL

Mayor McKeever advised the HVAC system is still being worked on.

PUBLIC WORKS

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that she spoke with Village Attorney Chadsey about the necessary legal wording changes for the Microbac contract so it can be signed.

Mayor McKeever advised that Village Engineer Burr is reviewing the bid for the sewer outfall project. It may need to be rebid.

Mayor McKeever advised that Gary Lauer will not work as a temporary sewer plant operator at less than the contract price.

Motion 71-13. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the hiring of Gary Lauer as a temporary sewer plant operator at \$19.20 per hour. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor McKeever requested authorization to hire Justin Grimm and Alex Sternisha as summer laborers at \$7.50 per hour.

Motion 72-13. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve hiring Justin Grimm and Alex Sternisha as part-time summer laborers at \$7.50 per hour. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Sheibley noted that interviews should have been held.

Motion 73-13. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to authorize payment of the N.E.S.T. dues for 2013 membership. Motion carried 4-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported there is an old drainage pipe at the reservoir that is unused. Gary Lauer asked to have it.

Mayor McKeever advised the Wendel chlorine study is going forward.

Mayor McKeever advised that an initial meeting for the Water committee is being set up.

Mayor McKeever advised that Highway Superintendent Denea is attempting to use CHIPS funding to mill and pave Caroline Road, Allen Street, Hill Street, Center Street and Frederick Street. She indicated the Town of Persia would assist.

The situation with the new mower was discussed. Quotes were received for repair and/or purchase. Trustee Sheibley asked if the cost could be split between highway and water since both departments use it.

Motion 74-13. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to accept the quote from Z&M Ag and Turf for a new John Deere Z930A 29HP Pro 72" MIDZ tractor in the amount of \$6,736.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee DeCarlo advised that the new planters made by Jordan Sanderson look nice.

Trustee DeCarlo advised the only complaints about the Hollywood Happening is the street closing and the difficulty getting to the drug stores.

ADMINISTRATION

Village Clerk Mohawk presented the Municipal Membership invoice for Southern Tier West. It was agreed to accept the basic membership and the website maintenance.

Motion 75-13. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to authorize payment of the Southern Tier West Municipal Membership Invoice for the basic membership and the website maintenance. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Sheibley reported that the next electronics recycling event is scheduled for June 29th from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. at the sewer plant. Mayor McKeever advised that the next large trash pickup is Monday, July 8th, and the next yard waste pickup is Monday, July 29th.

Village Clerk Mohawk presented a request from the Observer for an advertisement congratulating the graduates. Mayor McKeever advised the Village Board has been trying to get away from placing all these advertisements because of the cost. Trustee DeCarlo stated the Village should congratulate the seniors.

Motion 76-13. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to authorize a 3”x2” advertisement at the cost of \$53.00. Motion carried 4-0.

ENVIRONMENT

Phil Palen advised he has been trimming trees. Trustee DeCarlo reported on at the corner of Broadway and Frederick Streets.

Trustee Zimmermann advised he will contact Roger Burzak about the lighting at Chang-Hu Park.

Mayor McKeever asked Village Clerk Mohawk to send a letter to Jordan Sanderson about the flower boxes.

UDAG

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that Nate Pleakis is leaving Community Bank and has resigned from the UDAG committee. She suggested that the Village Board needs to consider replacements for him as well as Don Lazar who resigned earlier in the year. Mayor McKeever asked Village Clerk Mohawk to send a letter to Mr. Pleakis thanking him for his service.

Mayor McKeever spoke about the downtown flags. There was some discussion about each organization in the Village taking a day and putting up flags for that holiday.

Trustee DeCarlo indicated he needs a list of the hydrants for the purpose of getting them painted.

Motion 77-13. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

The next Village of Gowanda board meeting is July 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk
Village Clerk