

**SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2013**

The Village of Gowanda Board of Trustees special meeting was called to order by Mayor Heather McKeever at 8:15 p.m. at the Municipal Hall. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Village Employees: Village Clerk Kathy Mohawk, Village Attorney Deborah Chadsey

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

Public Present: John Walgus, Joe and Janet Vogtli

The purpose of this meeting was to act on any resolutions necessary after the planning board meeting. More information was requested from the design architects before any final decisions can be made. A follow up meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd, at 7:30 p.m.

There was discussion about the Smart Growth Fund proposals which are due in Buffalo by Friday. Trustee Sheibley prepared the paperwork to continue with Phase 3 of Veteran's Park on South Water Street. This phase would include pavement, bollards, cleaning bank foliage and even purchase of the old China King. The Village could receive an amount up to \$325,000. Trustee Sheibley indicated she worked with Village Engineer Burr on this project.

Motion 118-13. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to submit the Smart Growth Fund proposal for Phase 3 of Veteran's Park on South Water Street to include blacktop, 2 park benches, 4 bollards, 2 or 3 garbage receptacles, water fountain, site for future tribute to veterans and the purchase and demolition of a blighted property for the total amount of \$115,215.35. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor McKeever spoke about the Safe Routes to School. She indicated the Village Board will need to take action at the September 10th meeting. There is no village match for this grant. The Village will receive \$150,000 over 4 years.

Motion 119-13. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adjourn the special Village Board meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Village of Gowanda board meeting is September 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk
Village Clerk