

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 27, 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 John Certis  
Trustee Paul Zimmermann

Trustee Dale DeCarlo was not present.

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

Motion 202-13. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2013 Village Board meeting with corrections suggested by Trustee Sheibley. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion 203-13. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2013 Special Village Board meeting as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor McKeever suggested that the Village Board only hold one meeting in December since the second meeting would fall on Christmas Eve. Trustee Certis indicated that a special meeting could be held if something urgent arises.

Motion 204-13. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Certis to cancel the December 24, 2013 Village Board meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

**POLICE**

Mayor McKeever advised that for the Christmas in Gowanda event a police car and fire truck will be used following the correct procedures for Village vehicles.

Motion 205-13. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to authorize the use of a police car and a fire truck for the Christmas in Gowanda event. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor McKeever reported that the Gowanda Police Department was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the New York State Governor's Justice Grant for video and audio equipment for an interrogation room.

**JOINT ACTIVITY**

Trustee Sheibley presented a list of individuals to be hired for the roller skating program. The staff will be rotated with 3 attendants working per evening. She presented the following for consideration: Justin Sowa, Jessica Sowa, James Sowa, Taylor Kickbush, Sara Grubbs, Michael DeLeo and Megan Lulas. The last two individuals will earn \$7.50 per hour as new employees; the first 5 \$8.00 per hour as they are returning employees. Trustee Certis advised that all the candidates went through the application process and were interviewed and will be undergoing safety training.

Motion 206-13. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to appoint the above-named individuals as roller skating attendants. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Sheibley reported that 45 young people signed up for the Learn to Ski program on the first signup. That program begins in January.

Trustee Sheibley reported that the Village received a check for \$60.54 from Rochester Computer Recycling for the second to last electronic recycling event. Those funds will go to Gowanda Recreation.

**FIRE**

Trustee Zimmermann reported that the Gowanda Fire Department is starting a fundraiser for a memorial. They will be seeking sponsors for laser-engraved bricks.

Trustee Zimmermann reported that Joshua Miskell joined Hose #2 as a new member.

Trustee Zimmermann reminded residents to keep fire hydrants clear of snow.

Mayor McKeever reported that the County Legislature just agreed to give part of the casino revenues they receive to Gateway Park and the Hollywood Theater. She advised she will have more specific information at the next meeting.

**TREASURER**

Mayor McKeever discussed the use of the reserve funds to pay for repairs to Big Blue. She indicated that the previous motion 189-13 from the November 12, 2013 meeting agreed to pay \$17,710 for the repair. It was decided that this amount will be split between the sewer and highway equipment reserves.

Motion 207-13. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to use a percentage from both equipment reserves to make the repair to “Big Blue”. Motion carried 4-0.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mayor McKeever reported that the Microbac Lab services agreement has been reviewed and approved by Village Attorney Chadsey.

Motion 208-13. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the Microbac Services agreement on the recommendation of Village Attorney Chadsey. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor McKeever advised that bids were received for the Wastewater Treatment Plant digester cleaning. The low bid was for an estimated 5 days, 8 hours per day, for a total of \$11,250 from Global Environmental.

Motion 209-13. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Certis to accept the low bid of \$11,250 from Global Environmental for the wastewater treatment plant digester cleaning. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor McKeever indicated that if anything differs from this estimate, the Village needs to be notified.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor McKeever reported that the Village Christmas party will be held on December 11 at 12:00 in the Village Board room. She will provide the meat and everyone will bring a dish to pass.

Mayor McKeever advised that the Christmas in Gowanda will be held on December 6 with the tree lighting at 6:00 p.m. She recommended that everyone go to the Town of Persia for the meet and greet.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

Phil Palen reported on street lights that are out on West Main Street in front of the Hollywood Theater. Trustee Sheibley advised the one across the street is also out.

Motion 210-13. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion 211-13. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to come out of Executive Sessin at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion 212-13. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk  
Village Clerk  
(minutes provided by Phil Palen videotape)