

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JUNE 17, 2014**

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 Pete Sisti
Trustee Barbara Nephew
Trustee Paul Zimmermann

Village Employees: Village Clerk Kathy Mohawk, Village Attorney Deb Chadsey, Treasurer Cindy Schilling, Officer-in-Charge Steve Raiport, Officer Sean Campas, Building Inspector Gary Brecker, Officer Sean Hotnich

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

Public Present: Joe and Janet Vogtli, Michelle Kielar, Dorothy and Lou Selan, Lin Boats, Tom Povhe, Pam Howard, Ralph Hill, Adele and Frank Markiewicz, Robert Kilcoyne, John Walgus, Jeanne Ebersole, Assessor, Town of Collins, Don Lazar, Andy Burr, Linda Klein, Charity Sweda, Terrie DeHos, Ed and Shirley Kota, Dennis Abraszek, Joanne Gillis, Tim Noecker, Mike Hutchinson, GARC, Fred and Susan Jamieson, Jay Frantz, Nancy GreeleyTerry Howard, Sam Castellano, Dave Tessmer, Supervisor, Town of Collins, Murrilene Flaig, Sue Sternisha, George Furlet, Jan Samarra, Dawn Valentine, Tierra Moppert, Paige Sultermier, Keith Neumeister, Jodie Edington, Faith Hoffman, Kevin Hornberger, Carol Regan, Alicia Tonello

Motion 67-14. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014 Village Board meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 68-14. Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve Abstract #13 dated June 17, 2014 on all funds as follows:

General Fund	\$104,678.64
Water Fund	\$ 14,674.23
Sewer Fund	\$ 42,558.98
Superfund	\$ 623.14
Total	\$162,544.99

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 69-14. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve Abstract #1 dated June 17, 2014 on all funds as follows:

General Fund	\$3,937.80
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Water Fund	\$ 204.00
Sewer Fund	\$ 955.11
Joint Activity	\$ 34.00
Total	\$5,130.91

Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike Hutchinson spoke first with an update on the Zoar Valley Gateway Project. GARC awarded the bids for tree removal. He indicated they would be spreading the fill and silt cover this year. GARC has a \$.5 million grant for next year. The site will be de-listed; there is no longer a health or environmental risk involved. GARC will revisit the fence bids for the project as well.

Fred and Susan Jamieson asked about the Veterans exemption. The Village has not adopted the veterans exemption. Village Attorney Chadsey advised that the Village could adopt the State veterans exemption. She advised the Village should be consistent with the Town. Jeanne Ebersole said that due diligence should have been done over the past year to determine what type of impact accepting the Town rolls might have on the residents. Ms. Ebersole indicated that not all veterans had the same exemption; it was not a flat 5% across the board.

Janet Vogtli stated that Mayor McKeever advised the taxes would not go up that much. Joe Vogtli indicated his taxes went up significantly. Mayor McKeever said the tax levy went up less than 2%. Trustee Zimmermann suggested that the assessment is obviously more important now and the grievance process should be followed if there is a problem with the assessment.

Village Attorney Chadsey advised this process was to put all the residents on an even playing field. Only one assessor needs to be doing the job for the Town/Village.

Ralph Hill feels his taxes should have only gone up 3%. Treasurer Schilling advised him that the equalization rates are different in each county based on the amount of sales taxes the Village receives. Mayor McKeever indicated that the tax levy was only 1.07%. Joanne Gillis asked what the rate is for Erie County and she was told it was \$18.01/thousand.

Jeanne Ebersole explained to the residents that the State has no provision for incremental increases in assessments.

Treasurer Schilling indicated that she reviewed the formula with the State and the County to make sure it was correct. She indicated to those present that the Village could not be more forthcoming because the Village really did not know what to expect.

Jeanne Ebersole advised that the equalization rate is based on sales. The higher the sales the lower the equalization. The constant from year to year is the assessment which does

not change unless you make improvements to your property. She advised that the Grievance Day for the Towns is the 4th Wednesday in May.

Frank Markiewicz asked about the rule that no public municipality can raise taxes more than 4%. Treasurer Schilling said that refers to the total amount of the tax levy which must be kept below 2%; that is not the individual tax bill.

Don Lazar asked how much money was raised for taxes from last year to this year. Mayor McKeever advised that the tax amount last year was \$990,489 and this year is \$1,001,070, an increase of \$11,000. The entire tax levy was under 2%.

Motion 70-14. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to open the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. to amend sections of the Village of Gowanda codes entitled Zoning, Subdivision Regulations and Flood Damage Protection. Motion carried 5-0.

Janet Vogtli asked if these amendments would address the dilapidated printing press building. Andy Burr stated these amendments would fix things that are necessary in the Village outdated codes. Land uses will be more specific and the zoning changes will be more appropriate and will force property owners to comply. Joe Vogtli asked about the wording for medical facilities, dental offices, etc. Village Attorney Chadsey said definitions are being clarified. No zoning districts are being changed. Mr. Vogtli indicated the specific language in these changes defines what type of office building one can build. Ed Kota spoke about the eyesore at the back reservoir at the old glue factory.

Motion 71-14. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to come out of the public hearing at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION Regarding Environmental Impacts of Proposed Local Law to Amend the Planning, Building, and Zoning Regulations of the Village of Gowanda
This resolution is a negative declaration for the purposes of article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law. It is adopted by resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Gowanda, at a meeting held June 17, 2014, with notice being duly provided as required. The Village of Gowanda, Board of Trustees, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and a Draft Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Name of Action: Adoption of the Proposed Local Law to Amend Planning, Building, and Zoning Regulations of the Village of Gowanda
SEQR Status: Type 1

This is not a conditioned negative declaration.

The action is the adoption of a local law, the second proposed local law in 2014, to modify 12 provisions in Chapters 30, 31 and 34, with the purpose of streamlining the code and removing multiple minor ambiguities throughout the planning, building, and zoning process. The law removes ambiguity as to the form of communications made to the Village Board of Trustees, by requiring they be in writing before they are effective. The amendments clarify what exceptions to the Business Zones are not allowed, specifically those that would necessarily fall in the Medical Facilities Zones.

Additionally, it clarifies the definition of which uses should fall within the Medical Facilities Zone, and increases the parking required for developments in that zone to bring the requirement in line with requirements in other zones based on intensity of usage.

The Board of Trustees has considered the following in coming to this determination:

The action will not have any impact on existing air quality. The changes do not relate to a development which will impact air quality adversely, nor do the changes modify existing Village Laws that protect or guarantee air quality. The changes in parking requirements should reduce automobile traffic idling or travelling longer to find parking spaces, and should thereby not have any adverse impact on air quality. The specific uses being zoned are all currently allowed in the Village, and will all continue to be allowed, and no specific projects are contemplated or reasonably expected to be allowed which would negatively impact air quality.

The action will not have any negative impact on traffic or noise levels. The requirements for written requirements have no discernible impact on traffic or noise in the Village.

The clarification of allowed zoning does not allow, and is not reasonably anticipated to allow, any additional uses that would increase traffic or noise levels in the Village. The parking requirements should reduce idling and searching of traffic for parking spaces, and does not have any adverse impact on traffic or noise levels.

No parts of the proposed action have any relation to the quantity of solid waste produced in the Village, and are not reasonably anticipated to have any such impacts.

The action will not have a substantial increase on potential for erosion, flooding, leaching, or drainage problems. The requirement for additional parking at certain types of developments does not, in and of itself, impact flooding and drainage. However, certain individual developments proposed or reasonably anticipated may, by reason of additional parking impact erosion, flooding, or drainage. The developments need not have these impacts, and steps can and should be taken by the Planning Board and Board of Trustees when considering these projects in the future.

The action will not destroy or remove vegetation or fauna. The writing and zoning requirements have no conceived impact on vegetation or fauna. The parking requirement may require some extra land to be used for parking, which may require a reduction in green space, but effective designs and planting requirements can mitigate or reverse any such impacts.

The action will not interfere with movement or migration of any fish or wildlife. No specific developments known or anticipated have an impact on local fish or wildlife, and should any specific development potentially have an impact the Planning Board and Board of Trustees can and should take steps anticipated in the local laws to mitigate those impacts.

The action is not anticipated to have any impact on significant habitat areas. The action does not require or specify specific developments or changes to any particular areas of the Village, and therefore is not anticipated to have any adverse impacts in this regard. Further, should particular developments in the future have such impacts, the Planning Board and Village Board can and should take steps anticipated in the local laws to mitigate those impacts.

The action is not anticipated to have any impact on endangered plants or animals. The action does not require or specify specific developments or changes to any particular areas of the Village, and therefore is not anticipated to have any adverse impacts in this

regard. Further, should particular developments in the future have such impacts, the Planning Board and Village Board can and should take steps anticipated in the local laws to mitigate those impacts.

The action is not anticipated to have any impact on natural resources. The action does not require or specify specific developments or changes to any particular areas of the Village, and therefore is not anticipated to have any adverse impacts in this regard. Further, should particular developments in the future have such impacts, the Planning Board and Village Board can and should take steps anticipated in the local laws to mitigate those impacts.

The action does not impair or impact any environmental characteristics of a Critical Environmental Area of the Village of Gowanda.

The action does not create a material conflict with the Village of Gowanda's current plans or goals, and supports and assists the currently adopted plans and goals of the Village of Gowanda.

The action does not impair the character or quality of historical, architectural or aesthetic resources, or existing community or neighborhood character. No developments known, or anticipated or reasonably expected, to be allowed by the development will have such impacts. Further, should particular developments in the future have such impacts, the Planning Board and Village Board can and should take steps anticipated in the local laws to mitigate those impacts.

The action does not create a major change in the quantity or type of energy used in the Village of Gowanda. No developments known, or anticipated or reasonably expected, to be allowed by the development will have such impacts. Further should particular developments in the future have such impacts, the Planning Board and Village Board can and should take steps anticipated in the local laws to mitigate those impacts.

The action does not create a hazard to human health in the Village of Gowanda. No developments known, or anticipated or reasonably expected, to be allowed by the development will have such impacts. Further, should particular developments in the future have such impacts, the Planning Board and Village Board can and should take steps anticipated in the local laws to mitigate those impacts.

The action is not anticipated to have a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space or recreational resources of the Village of Gowanda, nor in the capacity to support existing uses. The action does not require or specify specific developments or changes to any particular areas of the Village, and therefore is not anticipated to have any adverse impacts in this regard. Further, should particular developments in the future have such impacts, the Planning Board and Village Board can and should take steps anticipated in the local laws to mitigate those impacts.

The action does not encourage or attract a large number of people to a place or places in the village compared to the number of people who would come to such place absent the action in the Village of Gowanda. No developments known, or anticipated or reasonably expected, to be allowed by the development will have such impacts. Further, should particular developments in the future have such impacts the Planning Board and Village Board can and should take steps anticipated in the local laws to mitigate those impacts, No combined impacts or cumulative effects of the actions taken are known or reasonably anticipated to have any significant impacts on the environment when considered cumulatively.

Motion 72-14. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Sisti to adopt the foregoing Negative Declaration as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 73-14. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Sisti to adopt Local Law #2 of 2014 relating to amendments to Chapters 30, 31 and 34 of the Village of Gowanda Municipal Code as follows:

In order to resolve ambiguities in the current laws, and in order to provide better guidance to elected and appointed officials in the Village of Gowanda as to their rights and duties of office when performing those duties in relation to the planning, building, and zoning of developments in the village, and

In order to provide better expectations to constituents of the community, business members in the community, and applicants who wish to improve the village with new developments, and

In exercise of the powers of the village to enact laws relating to its property,

Section 1

To remove the ambiguity in zoning regulations with respect to whether medical or dental facilities may be placed in business zones, the text of specific exclusions from business districts in Municipal Code Title III, Chapter 30, section 25, subsection (A)(14) shall be changed as follows: Any use not herein specified is not permitted: this includes but is not limited to conversion of the first floor business areas into individual or multiple dwelling areas, and including those uses that would fall under the Medical Facilities Districts due to the conducting of a business use permitted therein. (The underlined portion is an addition.)

Section 2

To improve the protections made by the village to its residents with respect to control over traffic, the text of uses which will require a specific special use permit in business districts in Municipal Code, Title III, Chapter 30, section 25, subsection (B)(1)(e) shall be changed as follows: “Unusual traffic hazards or congestion due to type or number of vehicles required.” (The underlined portion is an addition.)

Section 3

To improve the understandability of what constitutes a medical facility, and remove any potential ambiguity which may have previously existed under the current code, the text of Medical Facilities in Municipal Code Title III, Chapter 30, section 29, subsection (A)(2) shall be changed as follows: “Medical and dentistry offices, or any office used to conduct practice of those businesses, such as a clinic or urgent care facility, including provisioning of mental health services and counseling.” (The underlined portion is an addition.)

Section 4

To improve the standards for parking requirements in the village, and to help alleviate parking issues which the village faces, the text of requirements for parking spaces that shall be made available by new developments in Municipal Code Title III, Chapter 30, section 29, subsection (F) shall be changed as follows: “Automobile storage and parking space shall be one space for each one-hundred fifty (150) [two-hundred fifty (250)] square feet of [above grade] building area, excluding building area used for such

automobile storage and parking.” (The underlined portions are additions. The portions in brackets are removals.)

Section 5

To remove ambiguity about whether flood damage protections apply to new developments on lands that have experienced disaster level floods in Gowanda, the text of standard that apply to new developments of non-residential structures in Municipal Code Title III, Chapter 34, section 5, subsection 4 shall be changed as follows: “The following standards apply to new and substantially improved commercial, industrial and other non-residential structures where all or any of the same property is located in areas of special flood hazard ...” (The underlined portion is an addition.)

Section 6

In order to improve the communication between applicants for building permits and the village authorities involved during the application process, and in order to remove ambiguity regarding what constitutes an effective communication to the Village Board of Trustees before it must act on any application for a building permit, the text of the site plan review process in Municipal Code Title III, Chapter 31, section 25 shall be changed as follows: “Within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt by the Planning Board of a complete application for Site Plan approval, the Planning Board shall render its written recommendation to the Village Board ...” (The underlined portion is an addition.)

Section 7

In order to further improve the communication between applicants for building permits and the village authorities involved during the application process, and in order to remove ambiguity regarding what constitutes an effective communication to the Village Board of Trustees before it must act on any application for a building permit, the text of the site plan review process in Municipal Code Title III, Chapter 31, section 26 shall be changed as follows: “Within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt of the written Code Enforcement Officer’s and the Planning Board’s written recommendations to the Site Plan, the Village Board shall ...” (The underlined portions are additions.)

Section 8

In order to improve communication between various advisors to the Board of Trustees and the Board, and between development applicants and the Board of Trustees, and between the applications and various advisors to the Board of Trustees, the text of the site plan decision process the Village Board of Trustees must follow in Municipal Code Title III, Chapter 31, section 26, subsection B as follows: “Decision on site plans. The time within which the Village Board must render its decision may be extended by mutual consent of the applicant and such Board. A site plan shall not be considered received by the Village Board until it has received the written recommendations of both the CEO and the Village Planning Board, or any Village official or office that the Village Board may reasonably provide it with advice related to the application, including the Village Engineer, the Village Attorney, the Village Flood Plain Administrator, the head of the Village’s emergency services or fire departments, or information from any State or local Agency or department which will be involved in any part of the proposed development. Further, those written recommendations shall be filed in the office of the Village Clerk and a copy thereof mailed to the applicant.” (The underlined portions are additions.)

Section 9

In order to improve communication between the Planning Board, the Village Board of Trustees, and an applicant for a building permit, the text of requiring planning board action in Municipal Code Title III, Chapter 31, section 25 shall be changed as follows: “This time period may also be extended by mutual consent of the applicant and the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall document such consent in writing, and the Planning Board may unilaterally extend the time period to require additional written documentation requested by the Planning Board related to any matter in §31.24(F) Review of Preliminary Site Plan.”

The Village Board may unilaterally extend this time period by request for writings or further evidence on any matter considered in the application before accepting the recommendation of the Planning Board.” (The underlined portion is an addition.)

Section 10

In order to improve the Village Board of Trustees ability to comply with New York’s comprehensive Environmental Quality laws and regulations, the text requiring village board action in Municipal Code Title III, Chapter 31, section 26, subsection D shall be added to as follows: “The good faith efforts of the Village Board to comply with the State Environmental Quality Act or its implementing regulations shall extend the time period during which the Village Board must render a decision under §31.26(B) of this Chapter.” (The underlined portion is an addition.)

Section 11

In order to ensure a full and proper Planning Board review of changes that a development may bring to the village, the text of site plan requirements in Municipal Code Title III, Chapter 31, section 24, subsection F shall have the following portion removed: “[The Planning Board may at its discretion waive any preliminary requirements which are not relevant to the proposed use and site].” (The portion in brackets is removed.)

Section 12

In order to protect all village tax payers from extraordinary costs related to review of applications for building permits, the text of costs reimbursable to the village in Municipal Code Title III, Chapter 31, section 28 shall be changed as follows: “Cost incurred by the Planning Board, Village Board or the CEO for consultation fees or other extraordinary expense in connection with the review of a proposed Site Plan shall [may] be charged to the Applicant.” (The underlined portion is an addition. The portion in brackets is removed.)

Motion carried 5-0.

Don Lazar asked how the Village would spend the extra money being raised by taxes. Trustee Sisti indicated the money being raised by taxes is what the Village needs to run and at least \$11,000 will be spent in the first few months of this new budget year.

Bob Kilcoyne reported on the flood damage which has taken place during the last 2 floods. There is erosion of the rip rap along Union/Seneca Streets.

Charity Sweda advised that Frederick Street was milled last year but there is a hump in the road which causes the front yards to flood. She asked that a bigger drain be installed on her street.

Greg McSkimming indicated that he reported an injury his daughter sustained on a broken piece of the play structure at St. John's Park.

Much discussion then turned to the School Resource Officer contract. Village Attorney Chadsey advised she got an e-mail with the proposed Memorandum of Understanding from Superintendent Rinaldi about 10 days ago. She advised this type of agreement is too simple; it does not protect the Village, the school or the School Resource Officer. Officer Jenny Alessi will still be the School Resource Officer. The Village Board advised they wanted to consult with the new superintendent and principal. The old agreement is not legally sufficient. Mayor McKeever advised that under New York State civil service law, part-time police officers cannot work more than 1,040 hours.

Paige Sultemier asked why the contract needs to be changed. It has been good for all these years. Village Attorney Chadsey advised that it was not the Village Board that allowed the problem with the hours to exist. She said the contract needs to limit the exposure to the Village.

Jan Samarra feels the Village Board is playing with the childrens' future. All of the safety programs at the school were put in place by Officer Jenny Alessi.

Mayor McKeever advised that the Village promised civil service to make this situation correct.

Village Attorney Chadsey polled the individual Board members who all indicated they would have Officer Jenny Alessi be the School Resource Officer. No changes were anticipated. Village Attorney Chadsey again advised of the problems with the current Memorandum of Understanding including no insurance, no public officer liability coverage, no tracking of hours. Trustee Sisti stated there have been some personnel issues that are not allowed to be discussed in open session. Village Attorney Chadsey advised that all full time police officers must be on the civil service list.

Charity Sweda asked how many full time officers the Village could employ.

BUSINESS/BUILDING PERMITS

Building Inspector Brecker spoke about the SEQR long form for the Savarino project. He reminded the Village Board that he needed their comments.

Building Inspector Brecker advised he received a business permit application from Christina Sepulveda to operate an ice cream truck in the Village. He advised she has passed the criminal background check.

Motion 74-14. Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve the Business permit from Christina Sepulveda to operate an ice cream truck in the Village. Motion carried 5-0.

Building Inspector Brecker advised he has received telephone calls about a taxi service from Buffalo and to run a hot dog stand on Main Street. He advised he has contacted the owner of the old print shop and indicated the Village will take legal action to enforce compliance.

Phil Palen about the progress on the South Water Street parking lot.

Village Clerk Mohawk will ask Sharon Mathe to attend the next meeting to answer questions regarding the Council on Addiction Recovery Services request for a satellite office at the Healthy Community Alliance building.

LEGAL

Village Attorney Chadsey advised that regarding TLC Health Network, the attorneys for the debtor have filed papers with the Court to allow the sale of certain property. She advised that the Livermore Trust was set up for the benefit of the health and education of citizens of the Village of Gowanda. Village Attorney Chadsey indicated that once all of the property of TLC is sold, there should be enough cash to pay off all the secured creditors and the trust loan. Mayor McKeever stated this helps the Village have teeth to keep health care services in the Village. Trustee Sheibley indicated that the school has interest in the Livermore Trust as well.

There was discussion regarding the Officer-in-Charge position. Mayor McKeever indicated that it was necessary to rescind the appointment of Sean Hotnich as Officer-in-Charge. He was unable to fulfill his duties because he ran out of hours per Civil Service. She requested approval to continue Steve Raiport in that position as an interim appointment and to bring in an outside consultant for organizational development in the police department at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

Motion 75-14. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to rescind 2014 Officer-in-Charge appointment as Officer Hotnich was unable to fulfill his duties after running out of hours per Civil Service rules and at this time Steve Raiport will remain as interim Officer-in-Charge and the Village Board will bring in an outside consultant who has experience in organizational development to analyze our current organizational structure and to make recommendations moving forward. The cost to the Village will not exceed \$2,000. Motion carried 4-1. Trustee Sheibley opposed the motion. She indicated the Board had no prior discussion on this plan to appoint an outside consultant and asked if that isn't why the Board is elected.

Village Attorney Chadsey stated that the Village Board is not expert in police matters. A professional outside opinion would be necessary.

Village Attorney Chadsey will work on the Time Warner Cable franchise renewal.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised there is a vacancy on the UDAG committee and it was suggested that she contact Mary Stelley at the credit union to ask if she would consider sitting on the committee for 6 months.

Motion 76-14. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to appoint Mary Stelley to a six-month term on the UDAG committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Village Attorney Chadsey asked that Village Clerk Mohawk e-mail the rental properties local law information to Tara at teach@kavinokycook.com and then call her to make sure she receives it. Jay Frantz advised that all the proposed changes need to be a separate local law.

POLICE

Officer-in-Charge Raiport reported that the New York State Department of Corrections inspection held of their department showed a lack of proper signage and no locker for weapons.

Motion 77-14. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to authorize the purchase of a wal-mounted gun locker in the amount of \$390. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer Schilling thanked Officer-in-Charge Raiport for finding \$4800 and \$2800 for STOP-DWI monies from Erie County that were not applied for.

Mayor McKeever read the May monthly report: “Total calls for the month – 305; domestics – 4; motor vehicle accidents – 5; arrests – 19; traffic summons issued – 25; total patrol mileage for vehicles – 5267.”

Officer-in-Charge Raiport submitted an application for bullet proof vests after receiving notification of \$3.5 million in forfeiture monies from the State. He is also following up on the COPS grant.

Officer Hotnich indicated his willingness to work with Officer-in-Charge Raiport.

JOINT ACTIVITY

Trustee Sheibley reported that on June 14th the Gowanda Honor Society students helped with park cleanup and they did a great job. Trustee Nephew reported that the young people planted the flower barrels, then spent 1 ½ hours at Chang-Hu Park and then went to St. John’s Park. They collected 4 bags of garbage at each park and Recreation Director Benton carried it all away. LaVia donated pizza for the workers. Village Clerk Mohawk will send thank you letters to all the students who participated.

Trustee Sheibley presented the list of summer playground employees for approval. The first year employees will earn \$8.00 an hour, the returning counselors \$8.50 and lifeguards \$10.

Motion 78-14. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the summer playground employees as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Sheibley reported that on July 3 from 9:00 to 4:00 the summer employees will have CPR, first aid, and sensitivity training. She also advised that Chautauqua Opportunities has donated \$4,000 to be used to purchase supplies and recreational materials for the summer program. Trustee Sheibley reported the Liberty Partnership has donated 4 buses to be used for the field trips to a Bisons game, Allegany State Park, Evangola State Park and Fantasy Island. The 21st Century After School program will supply staff for arts and crafts and a music program at the park. The Girl Scouts will also provide an arts and crafts instructor. Lunch will be served each day. Trustee Sheibley advised that on July 3 from 5:30 to 7:00 registration for the summer program will take place as well as on the first day of the program. Officer-in-Charge Raiport suggested that Code Red applications could also be presented to the parents during the signups so that specific recreation messages could be relayed if necessary.

Trustee Sheibley advised that historically the Hidi Fire Company has done the maintenance at Hidi Park.

Motion 79-14. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to allow the Hidi Fire Company to perform the maintenance at Hidi Park. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Sheibley advised that St. Joseph's School will close after 90 years. She asked to proclaim June 21st as St. Joseph's School Day.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, dedicated teaching and meaningful learning has existed at Saint Joseph School for ninety years; and

Whereas, the motto for Saint Joseph School is: Achieve, Believe, Excel; and

Whereas, the teachers, principals and school staff, both past and present, have worked to guide students toward spiritual, academic, and personal excellence; and

Whereas, a high level of educational and volunteer service at Saint Joseph School has been provided for the Village of Gowanda and local surrounding communities; and

Whereas, three and four generations of families at Saint Joseph School have built and maintained a lasting tradition for Catholic education; and

Whereas, giving back to their communities and helping others are values instilled each year in Saint Joseph School students; and

Whereas, many former Saint Joseph School students and graduates have made successful contributions in government, industry, business, education and numerous professional fields; and

Whereas, Now be it resolved that June 21, 2014 be proclaimed Saint Joseph School 90th Year Commencement and Grand Reunion Day.”

Motion 80-14. Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Nephew to proclaim June 21, 2014 as Saint Joseph School 90th Year Commencement and Grand Reunion Day. Motion carried 5-0.

TREASURER

Treasurer Schilling reminded the Village Board that they would need to raise the pay rates of all new employees to \$8.00 per hour.

Motion 81-14. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to raise the pay rate of all new employees to 8:00 per hour. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer Schilling reported that when working with this year's budget, she used the wrong tax levy from last year. The actual levy is only 1.07%.

Motion 82-14. Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to authorize the tax collector to accept partial payments in 2 increments, with the late penalty to follow the rules of the appropriate County. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer Schilling requested approval to attend the annual GFOA seminar which is in July.

Motion 83-14. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to authorize Treasurer Schilling to attend the annual GFOA seminar in July. Motion carried 5-0.

DISASTER COORDINATOR

Mayor McKeever requested authorization to explore the option of obtaining a FEMA consultant. She wants to make sure the Village is getting all the money. FEMA pays for the consultant.

FIRE

Trustee Zimmermann invited the Village Board members to the fire truck inspection tomorrow at 6:30 in front of the Hollywood Theater.

Donation letters will be going out.

Trustee Sheibley advised the hose test in July 12th at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

There was more discussion about the purchase of a plow truck. Highway Superintendent Denea provided two quotes. Trustee Sisti indicated he was under the impression they would get a quote on a stainless steel truck body. He advised that steel bodies don't last. Stainless would be better.

Mayor McKeever advised that the Chapel Street bridge has been completely cleaned out.

Mayor McKeever advised the Highway crew has been trying to fix potholes as they can.

The Village received two bids for the surplus truck and Village Clerk Mohawk advised that the highway department indicated they could get more to scrap it. The Village Board did not wish to scrap it and advised Village Clerk Mohawk to rebid it.

Motion 84-14. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to reject the bids that were received for the surplus 1998 truck. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 85-14. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to authorize Village Clerk Mohawk to rebid the truck. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor McKeever advised that all of the applicants for the public works summer employment were interviewed. The candidates that were offered employment are Alex Sternisha, Joshua Veloski, Cody Zeafla, and Devin Reid as an alternate.

Motion 86-14. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve the hiring of the above-named public works summer employees. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Sheibley advised that she and Trustee Sisti are working on the best way to fix the Center Street/School Street fire hydrant.

ADMINISTRATION

There was more discussion about the Music in the Park being held at the Legion. It appears that the Sons of the Legion provide food so the Chamber doesn't want to change the venue at this point. The issue of the concerts being in the park will be reviewed for next year. Mayor McKeever advised that the Chamber of Commerce asked for money for the concerts. She feels that since the music is not in the park, the Village should not provide the funding. Trustee Sheibley will contact Mary Stelley as the Chamber representative and proposed a fifth program which the Village will sponsor at the park.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that the April and May Treasurer's reports have been filed.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised she contacted a window washing service and will follow up with them in about 3 weeks.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised she is soliciting quotes for the price of shredding the documents from the flood. She contacted a company that Cattaraugus County uses and a company from Erie County. It was suggested that she also contact Iron Mountain.

Mayor McKeever advised that on June 24th at noon there will be a workshop to build our new website design.

ENVIRONMENT

Trustee Nephew thanked Phil Palen for all he does with cleaning up in the community. Phil also mentioned that he had help from Lori Anderson. Village Clerk Mohawk will send a letter to Ms. Anderson thanking her.

Phil Palen advised there are still some stumps that need to be ground from the tree cutting. He will contact Gary Mitchell from Silver Creek, Glenn Goetske and Davey Tree Service to get quotes. Mr. Palen thanked the highway department for taking care of the weeds in the business district.

Motion 87-14. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 10:40 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Village of Gowanda board meeting is July 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk
Village Clerk