

**SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 25, 2016**

The Village of Gowanda Board of Trustees special meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Paul Zimmermann at 8:35a.m.at the Municipal Hall.

Present: Mayor Heather McKeever (via telephone)  
Trustee Carol Sheibley  
Trustee Paul Zimmermann  
Trustee Wanda Koch  
Trustee Aaron Markham

Village Employees: Village Clerk Kathy Mohawk, Public Works Superintendent Jason Opferbeck, Account Clerk Kathleen Ellis (via telephone)

The sole purpose of the emergency meeting was to discuss the situation with the clarifier at the wastewater treatment plant. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck reported that the chain broke off on Tuesday. The clarifier is 50 feet across. He explained that this repair is work that was anticipated with the bonding and it shouldn't affect the funding request through EFC. The other clarifier can be used presently since the flows are down due to it being so dry. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck advised that Jeff Smith said a contractor can be hired to get it fixed in an emergency but Mr. Opferbeck prefers to get 3 quotes to hopefully keep the price down. The Village Board agreed that a temporary fix is just a waste of money.

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck said he got the clarifier drained and cleaned on Friday. The unit is about 29 years old. Trustee Markham asked about the condition of the concrete underneath. Mr. Opferbeck thinks it might be okay but there will still be some concrete work. Trustee Sheibley feels the process should start immediately and be fixed permanently.

Deputy Mayor Zimmermann read the resolution that was prepared by Village Attorney Chadsey. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck indicated that the only change was the wording from Clarifier #2 to South Secondary Clarifier.

“WHEREAS, the South Secondary Clarifier at the Gowanda Sewer Department experienced a catastrophic failure on or about June 22, 2016 and is no longer in working order; and

WHEREAS, the South Secondary Clarifier carries one-half of the treatment load for the Gowanda Sewer Department and its failure will significantly reduce the volume of wastewater flow that can be treated by the Gowanda Sewer Department; and

WHEREAS, the inability of the Gowanda Sewer Department to treat all wastewater flow to it will cause and create an immediate and adverse risk to the health and safety of Village residents and residents of the adjoining Towns and State facilities that use and depend on the Gowanda Sewer Department; and

WHEREAS, the need to obtain replacement parts and repair the South Secondary Clarifier is an emergency; and  
WHEREAS, the Gowanda Sewer Department operations and provision of sewer services to all resident and municipalities serviced by the Gowanda Sewer Department would be impaired if the Village of Gowanda must obtain replacement parts and repair services under its regular procurement rules; and  
WHEREAS, General Municipal Law allows for an "emergency purchase" for the procurement of goods and services arising out of an accident or other unforeseen occurrence; and  
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Gowanda has determined that the failure of the South Secondary Clarifier is an emergency situation.  
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Gowanda, duly convened does hereby:  
RESOLVE, based on the aforesaid conditions that an emergency exists in the Village of Gowanda Sewer Department and approved the "emergency procurement" of the replacement parts and repair services necessary to repair the South Secondary Clarifier.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Public Works to immediately undertake such actions as may be prudently required to repair the South Secondary Clarifier, including but not limited to, obtaining any necessary engineering or design services, purchasing the necessary parts, replacement parts and repair services, all as required to put the South Secondary Clarifier back into full use at the Gowanda Sewer Plant.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the standard procurement procedure may be disregarded for this emergency purchase.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution, invoicing for all replacement and repair costs and documentation of the failure of the South Secondary Clarifier shall be filled with the voucher for final payment.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion 90-16. Motion by Trustee Markham, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the foregoing resolution as presented by Deputy Mayor Zimmermann. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck advised he will be contacting as many contractors as possible early next week to get competitive pricing. He indicated that STC from Springville does this type of sewer work primarily. Mr. Opferbeck advised that Sewer Superintendent Carriero is trying to get ahold of the DEC to notify them of the situation. Deputy Mayor Zimmermann suggested sending a letter to the DEC as a paper trail is necessary to show the Village has attempted to contact them.

Trustee Koch asked if the other clarifier could go down as well.

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck advised that the brick work, concrete work and roof bid specs should be ready from Jeff Telecky for the July meeting. Mayor McKeever asked Mr. Opferbeck if he was going to need his entire staff during this time. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck advised that most of the work would be contractor work.

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck presented the list of auctioned items. He anticipated receiving \$48,000 and was pleased with \$63,000.

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck advised that one of his lawn mowing crew quit and he needs to hire someone else over 18 years of age. He indicated that someone just picked up an application so he would pursue that individual.

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck advised that all the mulch has been put down at St. John's Park.

Motion 91-16. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Markham to adjourn the special Village Board meeting at 9:05 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Village of Gowanda board meeting is July 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk  
Village Clerk