

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JUNE 9, 2015**

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 Barb Nephew
Trustee Paul Zimmermann

Village Employees: Village Clerk Kathy Mohawk, Village Attorney Deb Chadsey, Public Works Superintendent Jason Opferbeck, Treasurer Cindy Lauer

Media Present: Phil Palen, Cable Channel 22

Public Present: Deb Skinner, Joe and Janet Vogtli, Rollin and Karen Besse, Jack Broyles, Ron Clabeaux, Frank Markewicz, Charity and Joe Sweda, John Girome, Pauline Murphy, Tom Povhe, Esther Hendrix, Dennis Abraszek, Pete Johnson, Don and Theresa Girome, Sharon von Hasselin, Doloris von Hasselin, Cattaraugus County Legislators Paula Stockman and Richard Klancer, Andy Burr, Joe Gorenflo, Carol Ognen, Mary Buck, Donald Mitchell, Barbara Efler, Thomas Barone, Joseph Borzellaire

Motion 62-15. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015 Village Board meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 63-15. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2015 Special Village Board meeting as revised. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 64-15. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve Abstract #13 dated June 9, 2015 on all funds as follows:

General Fund	\$84,879.80
Water Fund	6,445.25
Sewer Fund	20,190.93
Superfund Project	276.18
Joint Activity	119.00
Total	111,911.16

Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor McKeever read a statement prior to the public participation portion of the meeting:

“As Mayor I would like to address those in attendance before we start the public participation portion of the meeting. With much unrest over the current recycling issues, we understand your frustrations. I would like to take this opportunity to remind our residents that the village board held multiple meetings to discuss changes in garbage as our contract was going to expire May 31, 2015. This year we only had one company respond to our RFP and the cost of garbage pickup that they offered to charge was \$163,000 and if they were to include recycling curbside the cost would have been \$210,000. Prior to approving the 2015/16 budget, at our village board meeting, we had informational handouts explaining possible options such as taking the garbage fee out of your tax bill and paying a rate of \$12 a month and \$15 a month fee would have kept curbside recycling and eliminate the use of tags.

I gave specific examples in a handout to the public on how much an average household would save if we were able to charge all residents monthly (including renters). Residents would have been allowed to put up to two 30 gallon bags a week without needing the use of tags, with the option to buy more if needed. The people who attended these meetings were in favor of keeping the garbage service charge in the taxes because the majority didn't want to pay a monthly fee that would have been added quarterly to each water bill. You can get copies of the minutes from the village clerk to see what comments were made by residents and the village board members response. It was a difficult decision for the board. I still stand by wanting to go with a monthly fee with the option to opt out next year for residents who would prefer other options but unfortunately, that is no longer an option.

Moving forward, our contract is only one year in length; we cannot go back to discussing a monthly fee because when we passed the 2015/16 budget, as a result we have to increase taxes to offset the cost of keeping the garbage service in the tax levy. To avoid increasing the taxes even higher, we increased the price of tags because the cost will go onto the user, not just the taxpayer. I would like to note that the garbage tag prices have not been increased since the late 90's.

Tonight we are going to discuss setting up our own recycling station at the sewer plant in the upcoming weeks. We continue to explore options including self performing starting next year in an effort to maintain the service while keeping costs down.

The Observer as our legal paper and the editor who doesn't attend our meetings recently printed in “the observer's view” their opinion on our recent budget and tax increase. It's disappointing that a person who calls himself an “editor” printed just pieces of information that don't tell the whole story; his piece was entitled “save the village, tax residents”. I'm surprised he didn't point out that one of the towns in which we reside (Town of Persia) raised their taxes this past year with a 37% increase. I understand that the public cannot attend each meeting; all of our meetings are recorded but not everyone is able to watch them regularly. Tonight I am going to read key points from my 2015/16 budget message to point out facts and reasons as to why we made these decisions for this upcoming fiscal year.

Based on the appropriated fund balance used last year, the Board started out this year's budget without this option in which last year helped to bring the tax rate down by 6.3%. Also take into consideration new mandatory line items for the upcoming fiscal year; 2009 flood bond – principal payment \$48,200 (4.8% increase), 2009 flood bond – interest payment \$34,627 (3.5% increase) and RAN for FEMA completion \$6,580 (.7% increase).

When considering this a standalone budget with no appropriated balance being used this year and in comparison to last year's budget, I would like to point out that the increase in costs were over 15% when these stated items were included.

Our tax increase being presented for the 2015-2016 budget year is 9.53%; when considering the above, we as a board have cut 6% of our operating costs reflected in the proposed budget. We have worked hard to maintain services such as trash pickup. We do plan to develop a committee to explore cost saving options moving forward. Our budget also reflects that we are maintaining priorities such as public safety and road repair.

Moving forward, we will look to long term borrowing as the Board is committed to capital improvement projects throughout the Village. We also plan to expand our government efficiency plan to working with local municipalities and respective counties in an effort to continue shared services"

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joe Vogtli spoke about the recyclable materials going into the garbage. He stated that Village residents cannot go to Collins and most will not go to Dayton. He also asked for a response to the letter he sent to the Village on the illegal water rate increase. Mayor McKeever advised that the water committee is researching the issue and will respond once they have made a determination.

Deb Skinner spoke about the zombie properties in the Village. She indicated that other towns are attaching the demolition costs to the property taxes. She indicated she asked Building Inspector Brecker to get costs for demolition. Ms. Skinner asked if a project such as this could be considered for CDBG funding. Funds could be set up to begin the process of cleaning up abandoned properties.

Jack Broyles stated that he reviewed the water contracts with the towns and the Village has the authority to change water rates but there is no provision to terminate the contracts. He indicated that it was not fair to the people to make a new contract just to change the water rates. Village Attorney Chadsey indicated the Village can sell water to municipalities but not to individuals outside of the Village. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck indicated the Village has a contract to do operation and maintenance of the Collins water district. Mayor McKeever stated the Village has good working relationships with both the Town of Collins and the Town of Perrysburg.

Janet Vogtli stated that the pavers downtown are a mess and should be looked at. The trees downtown need to be pruned. She stated that weeding is not being done on Jamestown Street. She also asked how much money is in the UDAG fund. Ms. Vogtli stated that the Town of Collins refused to pay the rate increase but everyone else did.

Joe Gorenflo, 53 Frederick Street, asked what benefit the Village is getting out of taking care of the Collins water. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck advised the Village will get about \$40-50,000 in revenue as they are being reimbursed for the Village time. There will be a 1.5% increase each year for the next 5 years.

Charity Sweda, 56 Frederick Street, wants a credit on her water bill. She also stated that the shower drain in front of her house is ruining her sidewalk. She also asked that curbside recycling be brought back.

John Girome, Broadway Road, asked what's going on in the Village: water rates went up, taxes went up, and garbage sticker prices went up.

Esther Hendrix, Allen Street, indicated she is very agitated about the recycling issue. She feels there should be 3 recycle stations around town, one in Hidi, one on Jamestown Street and one on her side of the Village.

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck spoke to the issue of recycling. He indicated that Casella's option to provide a rolloff would still cost the Village about \$32,000. He spoke to Town of Collins Highway Superintendent Denny Jensen. The Town of Collins owns the recycling containers and has their own truck and they haul the recyclables to Tonawanda. It costs \$76 per tons for recycling and \$28 a ton to dump garbage. If the Village sorted the recycling before hauling, the Village would receive \$128 a ton for plastic, \$55 for cardboard and \$25 for paper. There is no money in glass, tin or aluminum. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck stated the cost of a dumpster is \$7,000 which would be a one-time charge as the Village would then own them. He suggested having 2 dumpsters at the sewer plant which would be available 7 days a week. It takes 4 weeks to get a dumpster once it is ordered.

Joe Sweda suggested getting a scrap metal dumpster.

Trustee Nephew stated that all communities are experiencing the same problem.

Frank Markewicz asked Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck is there was a place that could be assigned as a dump. Village Attorney Chadsey indicated it would be necessary to get a permit from the DEC.

Mary Buck, 49 Allen Street, stated she wants the recycling back.

Dennis Abraszek, Seneca Street, stated that the taxes went up, the water rates went up, now there is no recycling. He feels that the garbage/recycling should have been the first priority of the Village Board.

Barbara Efler asked what she is getting for the taxes she pays. What happened to paving, sidewalk replacement, curbs, etc. She feels the Village has been mismanaging the money they get.

Pete Johnson stated this community is populated by people on fixed incomes. There are empty storefronts and a crumbling infrastructure. He feels all decisions should be made by the public. He indicated the Village should go shopping around for garbage services.

Andy Burr stated it is illegal to go shopping for services. By New York State law, government services must go out to bid.

Sharon von Hasselin asked what the Village is giving the residents for their taxes. She questioned Mayor McKeever's sincerity. Mayor McKeever responded that she does care about the Village.

Don Girome indicated he is pleased that Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck is looking for other options for garbage and recycling. He feels the Mayor should resign since she is not doing the job.

Treasurer Lauer stated the Village has spent \$555,000 of tax money over the past 5 years on garbage services. Village Attorney Chadsey explained that the stickers are a user fee; this fee helps to offset the entire cost of garbage pickup which is paid for by the residents.

Janet Vogtli stated that the businesses all have dumpsters and they still pay taxes.

Joseph Borzilliere, 25 Park Street, asked why the Village couldn't become a recycling center and have people come here. He indicated that the State of Florida does a good job with their recycling program. Mr. Borzilliere stated that heroin is a problem in this town and he wants something done about it. He said he told the police about it over a year ago and nothing has been done. Janet Vogtli suggested that the local police meet with the State Police and Sheriff's office to deal with this.

Charity Sweda asked what will happen next year when some of the money that is supposed to be raised from the sale of garbage stickers goes elsewhere when other residents find somewhere else to take their garbage.

Andy Burr, 43 Center Street, would like to see the Village get a recycling program. He stated that the taxes in the Town of Persia increased 37.2% while the Village rate was 8.5%. He feels that the time for consolidation of services is now. He stated that the water contract with the Town of Collins will cost the Town \$90,000 instead of \$130,000 to maintain, giving \$40,000 extra revenue to the Village. Losing Tri-County Hospital in 2009 cost 10% of the water revenue. The Village has moved one employee from highway to sewer. The sewer department now has 3.5 employees, water has 2.5 employees and the Village and Towns could consolidate highway services. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck stated the six roads that got done this spring were accomplished with Village and both towns crews.

POLICE

Officer-in-Charge Raiport requested approval to rehire Robert Kibler to replace Earl Farina.

Motion 65-15. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to rehire Robert Kibler to the Gowanda Police Department. Motion carried 5-0.

The loan for the new police car was approved by Ford and will be delivered by DeLacy Ford this Wednesday or Thursday to FM Communications. FM Communications will start installing the equipment on the new vehicle starting June 15. Gowanda Police will be taking the old police car out to FM Communications sometime early next week to transfer some of the equipment to the new vehicle.

Officer-in-Charge Raiport reported that 195.5 manhours were used for the Hollywood Happening, only Gowanda Police Department Officers. The total cost was \$4,291.66.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported the Village received \$75.00 from the Town of Persia for Court fines.

Officer-in-Charge Raiport advised he will post a memo for the officers informing them that no one is allowed to dump any debris at the Thatcher Brook site.

Officer Dave Hock attended K9 certification this past week with the new K9 dog "Chase". Chase successfully completed his certification from Division of Criminal Justice Services. Chase is now certified in drug detection for marijuana, cocaine, heroin, ecstasy and methamphetamine.

June 12th will be another bike to school day for Gowanda High and Middle School students. This is being coordinated with Healthy Community Alliance as part of the Village's Safe Routes to School grant. We will have one of our bike patrol officers riding along with the students from the Village to school. Those that don't live in the Village may also participate by being out front of Healthy Community Alliance on School Street by 6:45 a.m. Parents may drop off their child and bike and ride along with the group that leaves at 6:55 a.m.

Also partnering with Healthy Community Alliance, several bike helmets were purchased and are free to families that cannot afford or provide a helmet for a child. New York State law requires kids to have a helmet and it is also a law for all individuals to have a helmet if they ride in State parks. Residents in need of a helmet for their child may stop by the police department and obtain a helmet.

Officer-in-Charge Raiport also advised that there will be a child safety seat check at the Gowanda Fire Department on June 20th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Village Clerk Mohawk presented a letter that was received late afternoon:

"I am writing to formally notify you that I am resigning from my position as Police Officer with the Village of Gowanda Police Department. My last day of employment will be June 6th, as per the responsibilities under the terms of my employment. I appreciate the opportunities I have been given at your police department and your professional guidance and support. I wish you, the police department and the Village of Gowanda a successful and prosperous year. Yours sincerely, Cori Kowalski"

Motion 66-15. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to regretfully accept the resignation of Cori Kowalski from the Gowanda Police Department. Motion carried 5-0.

JOINT ACTIVITY

Trustee Sheibley reported that last Thursday interviews were held for the summer recreation employees. There are 4 returning counselors at \$9.50 per hour plus 6 part-time counselors at \$9.00 per hour. One or two of them will work each week. There are 3 lifeguards at \$10.50 per hour. She also noted that 5 of the applicants are on the high honor roll at school.

Trustee Sheibley read the list of proposed employees:

Playground Assistant Director – Sam Utley

Counselors

Returning – Delaney Van Wey, Sara Grubbs, Thomas Raiport, Meghan Lulas

First Year – All part-time, as needed – Carter Benton, Casey Peglowski, Danielle

Lesefske, Katelyn Jarozewski, Isaiah Utley, Hunter Samuelson

Lifeguards – Jenna Grainer, Keysean Alexander, Oliver Koehler

Trustee Sheibley also stated that Carter Benton will be working one week for free for National Honor Society community service. Trustee Sheibley stated that all are Village residents or residents of communities that financially assist the recreation program.

Motion 67-15. Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Nephew to accept the list of proposed summer recreation employees as above noted. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Sheibley asked that the Village Board designate St. John's Park from July 6th through August 14th from 9:30 until 2:00 for summer recreation use only.

Motion 68-15. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to designate St. John's Park for summer recreation use only for the time period stated above. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Sheibley reported that Chautauqua Opportunities will again furnish an arts and crafts worker for the program. A cell phone policy has been put in effect as well as a sign in/sign out policy for all participants.

There was discussion about installing the security cameras at the park. Officer-in-Charge Raiport reported that the wiring was run for the cameras before the public works employees got busy with other work. He indicated they are trying to come up with some sort of protective case for around the camera so they are not susceptible to vandalism. Three windows were broken in the Ruth Bareham building and they have been boarded up. The highway department employees will inspect the playground every week. A suggestion was made that the Recreation Director do it weekly when the program is ongoing and Trustee Sheibley indicated that it is done every morning.

FIRE

Trustee Sheibley reported that tomorrow at 6:00 on West Main Street is the fire department inspection.

Trustee Sheibley reported that the final payment came on Friday from the Village of Belmont for the fire department. Village Clerk Mohawk will be depositing those funds in the fire department reserve account.

Trustee Sheibley reported that Hidi Fire Hall has requested internet service for downloading training materials. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck said the cost is \$39.99 a month. He is unable to get good service in the Public Works building so he could move the box to the fire hall. Tom Povhe indicated the fire hall is already wired by Time Warner.

Motion 69-15. Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Nephew to allow internet service at the Hidi Fire Hall. Motion carried 5-0.

DISASTER COORDINATOR

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck advised that 98% of the debris from the 2009 flood is gone from Thatcher Brook. It should be removed completely by tomorrow. Then restoration and grass seeding will begin. Treasurer Lauer asked about the \$152,000 funding which should be coming back from FEMA. Mr. Opferbeck said that FEMA thinks the Village owes them money. Janet Vogtli asked if all the money was received from FEMA.

TREASURER

Treasurer Lauer indicated she needs to set up accounts. She indicated the Village received \$17,500 from the BOA grant and the Safe Routes to School which will need to be set up as separate accounts. Treasurer Lauer indicated there is about \$46,495 in reserve for repairs. Not much interest is being earned. She feels the reserves might be better moved to funds to be used. Trustee Sisti suggested a special meeting to discuss the financial numbers. Treasurer Lauer also mentioned that Community Bank has a financial planner. In response to several residents concerns, Treasurer Lauer advised that the taxes the Village collects cover public safety, police, dog control, transportation, street lights, road, plowing, etc. and that is about \$800,000 there.

LEGAL

Village Attorney Chadsey advised that before the next meeting she should have the Time Warner contract.

Village Attorney Chadsey advised that the Village should adopt the New York State Records and Retention schedule.

Motion 70-15. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adopt the New York State Records and Retention schedule. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck advised that he met with Jeff Telecky regarding the sewer violation corrective actions to determine what costs might be charged to Corrections. Mr. Opferbeck advised that New York State did pay the \$87,000 bill from for services from last June.

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck indicated the sewer staffing would work with a smaller staff.

There was further discussion about the vacation pay request from Highway Superintendent Denea. He has 52 hours of unused vacation time going back to February. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck indicated that Mr. Denea is unable to take the time in the winter. The Village Board would like to amend the contract to go forward with offering him a change to buy back one week of vacation, 40 hours annually. Trustee Sisti indicated that vacation is to use it or lose it. It was agreed that in the future, Highway Superintendent Denea should ask for the time and then it can be denied by the Board.

Motion 71-15. Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to pay Highway Superintendent Denea for his unused vacation time. Motion carried 5-0.

The Village Board discussed having Jay Frantz tackle the code issues as a second attorney for the Village. He presented a letter agreement to the Village back in April. Trustee Sisti advised this is a budgeted expense and there is a cap on it, a not to exceed amount. Trustee Sisti feels the water code should be done quickly but Trustee Zimmermann also feels it should be done correctly. Mayor McKeever wants an updated code book by the fall. Trustee Sheibley feels the Village currently has a Village Attorney and she feels Village Attorney Chadsey should do the work. Trustee Sheibley does not think the Village can afford two attorneys. Trustee Nephew feels it makes sense to have Mr. Frantz do this so it can be done by July. Trustee Zimmermann stated he understands Trustee Sheibley's concerns and is not in favor of having a second attorney for all future projects going forward. Trustee Sisti asked if Village Attorney Chadsey was asked about increasing her retainer. The Board wants the water/sewer codes done right now. Village Attorney Chadsey feels the Board should go with Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck's request to retain Jay Frantz. The proposal was for a flat fee of \$5,000 for 60 hours.

Motion 72-15. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to retain Jay Frantz to assist with the water/sewer code revisions, to discuss the scope of work, at a rate not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried 4-1. Trustee Sheibley opposed.

Village Attorney Chadsey will oversee the finished product.

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck requested approval to hire summer help, 2 in highway, 2 in sewer, and 1 in water. He received 4 applications and he would like to hire all of them. \$16,000 was budgeted. Mr. Opferbeck indicated that the 2 workers in sewer would be eligible for some reimbursement from the Town of Perrysburg. Three kids are needed just to do mowing. Trustee Sheibley stated again it is an issue of money. Traditionally the Village has had three summer workers, 1 in highway, 1 in water and 1 in sewer. She indicated she might be willing to go with a 4th floater but not 5 employees. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck stated he wants 1 worker to shadow Sam. He indicated the young people would be given safety training courses for such things as flagging. The applicants are Chase Williams, Nick Huffman, Jake Hansen-Ivett and Ray Mansfield.

Motion 73-15. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to authorize hiring the part-time summer laborers as presented. Motion carried 4-1. Trustee Sheibley opposed.

Highway Superintendent Denea requested authorization to put No Parking signs on North Water Street entering between Allison's and Soles Unlimited. There was some discussion about which side of the street would be affected. Trustee Nephew didn't want them on the side of Allison's. Village Clerk Mohawk indicated that the road is too narrow and it is hard when plowing to fit through there. It was agreed that the Village Board would get letters from both business owners indicating they were in agreement before any decision would be made.

A water committee meeting was scheduled for June 30th at 4:30 to discuss the water law, the water letters, the asset management grant, etc. The only item remaining to move forward for the Asset Management Grant is the DUNS number. Village Clerk Mohawk will forward that.

Mayor McKeever reminded the Board members of the upcoming website workshop scheduled for June 23rd from 4:00 until 8:00.

Motion 74-15. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to go into Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. for legal issues. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 75-15. Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to come out of Executive Session at 10:10 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that she sent out requests to contractors to repair the Orchard Place pillars but has not received any responses. She will pursue some local contractors.

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck advised that the West Main Street parking lot needs to be repaid.

Village Attorney Chadsey is working on the contract for the BOA grant.

Motion 76-15. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to authorize Village Attorney Chadsey to negotiate a contract with C&S Services. Motion carried 5-0.

The Smart Growth Initiative, creekside improvements, is hoping to schedule a kickoff meeting next week. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck, Village Engineer Mark Burr, Phil Palen, and Mayor McKeever will all be involved. Village Clerk Mohawk will try to set up a meeting for next week after 4:00 p.m.

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck and Village Clerk Mohawk will put together a job description for a part-time position for the office and public works. An advertisement will be run for a part-time position, 25 hours per week, flexible hours.

Motion 77-15. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to advertise for a part-time 25 hours per week administrative position to be shared by the office and public works departments. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck reported that the Village of Gowanda and Town of Collins have entered into an agreement for the Village to take over the operation and maintenance of the Collins water system. Mr. Opferbeck requested \$50 per week for gas and \$300 a month for vehicle allowance since he is using his own truck for work. Mayor McKeever advised that some of the revenue received from Collins could be used to offset this cost. Trustee Sheibley stated it is not legal to pay a lump sum monthly allowance to an employee for driving their personal vehicle. Trustee Sheibley advised that the Village has a mileage reimbursement policy in place and that should be followed. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck indicated the Village does not have enough vehicles to do all the necessary traveling. Trustee Zimmermann feels the amount is reasonable but he wants to make sure it is legal. Trustee Nephew feels it is a reasonable request since Mr. Opferbeck is using his own vehicle. Mayor McKeever asked if it would be okay for the time being contingent upon the agreement with Collins to pay \$300 per month for the vehicle allowance and \$50 per week for gas pending Village Attorney Chadsey's approval of the legality of the issue. Trustee Nephew asked if Mr. Opferbeck could just write down the mileage at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck said that is too big of a pain. Trustee Sheibley feels a vehicle should have been included in the agreement with Collins. Mayor McKeever indicated this is just temporary and will be revisited in 6 months. Trustee Sisti indicated this is \$3600 yearly. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck is to be responsible for insurance and maintenance of his vehicle himself.

Motion 78-15. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to pay Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck \$300 a month for vehicle allowance and \$50 per week for gas, retroactive to when the contract went into place. Motion carried 4-1. Trustee Sheibley opposed.

REVISED

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck advised the Village received \$254.79 per day for working for Collins.

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck indicated that the Town of Collins will let us borrow a recycling dumpster if we make a commitment to buy our own. It would cost \$14,040 for 2 dumpsters. There would be a rolloff with 4 doors. Trustee Zimmermann indicated that policing would be an issue. The Village would own the dumpsters. Collins has a rolloff truck and hauls once per week. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck feels it would be cheaper to self-perform garbage pickup next year and not have a contract with any company. The Village has to pay to take glass or tin since there would not be any recycle bins for them. Trustee Nephew said public education is necessary so people recycle correctly. She would be in favor of trying out a dumpster to see how the residents respond before the Village expends the money to buy one. Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck advised the Town of Collins will not allow us to borrow one unless we agreed to purchase our own. He indicated that Collins hauls 4 containers per month. Trustee Nephew suggested meeting next week to discuss the recycling options going forward. A meeting was scheduled for June 15th at 4:30 to discuss this issue.

ADMINISTRATION

Mayor McKeever read the tax collectors warrant:

TO: Kathleen V. Mohawk Village Clerk and Collector of taxes of the Village of Gowanda, Cattaraugus and Erie Counties, New York

“You are hereby commanded to receive and collect from the persons named in the assessment rolls the sums named in the law column thereof opposite their respective names for the 2015-2016 Budget of the Village of Gowanda.

Erie County	\$515,863.90
Cattaraugus County	\$850,628.10
Total	\$1,366,492.00

You will proceed to collect such taxes and assessment and all interest and penalties payable thereon in the manner provided by law.

Given under my hand and seal of the Village of Gowanda on this 21st day of May, 2015.”

Motion 79-15. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Tax Collectors warrant as read. Motion carried 5-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk presented the 2015 municipal membership invoice for Southern Tier West.

Motion 80-15. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the basic membership amount of \$150. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 81-15. Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the Tri County Pregnancy Center “Walk for Life” event application as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor McKeever advised that the website workshop cost is \$250-300.

Motion 82-15. Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to pay the cost of the website workshop. Motion carried 5-0.

ENVIRONMENT

Trustee Nephew reported that the electricity at the park in not working and asked that the water be turned on.

Motion 83-15. Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 11:20 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Village of Gowanda board meeting is July 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk
Village Clerk