

**SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2016**

The Village of Gowanda Board of Trustees Special 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 Aaron Markham  
Trustee Paul Zimmermann  
Trustee Wanda Koch

Village Employees: Village Clerk Kathy Mohawk, Account Clerk Kathleen Ellis

The purpose of this special meeting was to rank the proposed projects for the upcoming Community Development Block Grant program. Village Clerk Mohawk reminded the Village Board of the three proposed projects from the public hearing: the Hollywood Theater marquee repair/restoration; the High Street waterline project; and Rural Transit.

Motion 155-16. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to rank these projects as: 1 – High Street waterline replacement; 2- Hollywood Theater repair/restoration; and 3 – Rural Transit. Motion carried 5-0.

There was some discussion about the property on Cemetery Hill Road and the ownership issues with the Farley Estate and the Village. The Village Board requested more clarification on this issue. Trustee Sheibley will meet with Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck and Highway Superintendent Denea to get a better picture of the property before authorizing Village Attorney Chadsey to follow up with the attorney for the Estate.

Mayor McKeever advised Village Clerk Mohawk that she and Trustee Zimmermann could meet on November 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> for supervisory negotiations.

Trustee Sheibley and Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck met previously with foresters regarding logging and their recommendation is WNY Timber Consultants. The company will be logging at Pt. Peter Reservoir and anywhere else the Village deems necessary.

Motion 156-16. Motion by Trustee Markham, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to accept the Forestry Services Agreement with WNY Timber Consultants as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

There was discussion about the Request for Proposals which was drafted by Village Attorney Chadsey and reviewed/revised by the UDAG committee. Mayor McKeever indicated she didn't want a minimum bid listed. She is looking more for the amount of

money a potential purchaser would be investing. After more discussion about whether or not to list a minimum bid, it was suggested the wording be changed to: "While there is no minimum bid, the market value of the property is ...". Account Clerk Ellis also indicated the Village doesn't need to sign the deed over to the purchaser until the promised improvements have been completed. The Village Board decided to make the return date December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion 157-16. Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Markham to adopt the Request for Proposal as presented with the change of the wording about the minimum bid as noted above. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 158-16. Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to make the return date for the Request for Proposal December 2, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. with the recommendation that the UDAG committee review the proposals prior to the December 13, 2016 Village Board meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 159-16. Motion by Trustee Markham, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to go into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 160-16. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to come out of Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 161-16. Motion by Trustee Markham, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to adjourn the special Village Board meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Village of Gowanda board meeting is November 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk  
Village Clerk