

**SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2015**

The Village of Gowanda Board of Trustees special meeting was called to order by Mayor Heather McKeever at 5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Hall.

Present: Mayor Heather McKeever
Trustee Carol Sheibley
Trustee Pete Sisti
Trustee Barb Nephew
Trustee Paul Zimmermann

Village Employees: Treasurer Cindy Lauer, Public Works Superintendent Jason Opferbeck

Media Present: Rebecca Cuthbert, Observer

Public Present: Andy Burr

Treasurer Lauer gave an update on financial matters. She indicated she made inquiries to local banks for a 10-year serial bond. Treasurer Lauer also indicated that Auditor Adamchik will have all the books caught up by this Friday. They have been working to streamline the accounting system. For example, the banks statements can be viewed daily and Quickbooks accounting system is being implemented.

Treasurer Lauer reported on a telephone call she received about insurance. She reminded the Village Board about putting an insurance RFP out as the insurance renews in February.

The RFP for garbage was reviewed and a few minor changes were made. The new date for return of bids is October 2, 2015. Trustee Sheibley suggested an Option #2 to be included in the garbage RFP to include roadside collection of recyclables, either weekly or bi-weekly, or to have a separate RFP for recyclables (curbside) since this is what the residents want.

Motion 127-15. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the garbage RFP with the changes presented. Motion carried 5-0.

The request from Village Clerk Mohawk about repairing the Orchard Place pillars was discussed. It was agreed that the work should be done. Both Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck and Treasurer Lauer stated the Village would find the money.

Motion 128-15. Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to repair the Orchard Place pillars at the best price and the quickest service. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent Opferbeck gave a FEMA update. A representative from Senator Schumer's office was in the Village on Tuesday and everything went very well. Apparently FEMA didn't realize the reservoir was the only water source for the Village so they are not going to stall any longer. At the very least, the Village will get some of the garbage cleaned out of the reservoir.

Treasurer Lauer provided an update on the long term financing. It was suggested that the Village borrow at least \$500,000 toward some of the sewer projects, such as the \$100,000 needed for the breakwall repair. She indicated that grant money would also help to cut some of the costs associated with the necessary capital improvements.

Motion 129-15. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adjourn the special Village Board meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Village of Gowanda board meeting is September 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk
Village Clerk
(prepared from notes taken by Mayor McKeever)