

Village of Gowanda
Board Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2021

The Village of Gowanda Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Mayor David Smith at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mayor David Smith, Trustee Paul Zimmermann, Trustee Wanda Koch, Trustee Carol Sheibley.

Absent: Trustee Aaron Markham

Employees: Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, Highway Supervisor Gary Denea, Sewer Supervisor Andy Carriero, Officer in Charge Dennis Feldmann, Code Enforcement Gary Brecker, Disaster Coordinator Nick Crassi, Attorney Deb Chadsey-*via telephone*

Public: John Girome, Arnie Andolsek, Jack Broyles, Janet Vogtli, Pete Sisti

Agenda

Motion 7-33-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the agenda for July 13th board meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion 7-34-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the minutes from the June 8th board meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Updates

- Mayor Smith went through all the current projects the Village has been working on-Waterfront Development, Brownfield Opportunity, CDBG, Point Peter, WWTP Capital Project, Thatcher Brook Diversion and Revitalizing Gowanda Plan. The total project's cost estimate \$20,628,223. Funding from outside sources \$18,756,000.00 leaving the Village's funding to be \$1,850,000. Along with the community groups doing the murals, and the clean-up crew. Cattaraugus County IDA would like to interview Mayor Smith on Gowanda's thriving through the pandemic and channel 7 news also will be interviewing Western New York's most interesting and influential people.
- Community Communication-Mayor Smith has been doing Facebook updates.
- The Village purchased the Elgin Street Sweeper.
- Code Enforcement Support with Jason and George.
- Spring Big Trash pick-up will be coming back.
- Brush Area-has been full almost every week.
- Spring Big Trash pick-up-will be bidding that our soon. Not garbage, just big trash pick-up.
- Brush Area-has been a big success.
- Fiscal Stress Score-The Village's score is 1.67 which is down from 55.8 in 2017.

Public Participation

- Arnie Andolsek would like the Village to take care of the horrible properties in the Village and would like the Village to look into getting garbage service again.
- Janet Vogtli inquired on the GARG Revitalize Grant and the process for allowing marijuana dispensaries in the Village and why is everyone against it.
- Jack Broyles (Inaudible-hard to understand). He believes the Town of Persia did pass that they don't want marijuana allowed.

Correspondences

- Gowanda named as a 2020 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for 19 years.
- Certificate of appreciation for participation in the 2021 LoGiudice Educational Center Internship program.
- CDBG business district parking lot improvements environmental review completed.
- FEMA scope of work change and time extension request letter.
- GMG Ink letter to board requesting use of Gateway Park for anniversary party.
- Beautification 2021 letter.
- Department of Transportation touring route program allocation
- South Towns Rural Preservation Company-Letter of support for a grant they are applying to assist low-income homeowners.
- Summer in Gowanda-What you can do flyer
- Board Invitation to the Gowanda Fire Department installation banquet on August 21, 2021.
- NYS Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation Property listing-57 N Chapel St.

Official Business

Mayor/Board of Trustees

During the work session-adding more regulations to event applications for park use was discussed. Bathroom provisions also will be added along with a security deposit which will be based on the number of attendees at the event.

Motion 7-35-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the event application and park regulations with the added provisions of bathrooms. Motion carried.

Aaron Markham's resignation was submitted to the board. Peter Sisti will be sworn in next meeting.

Motion 7-36-Motion with regrets. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded Trustee Koch to accept the resignation of Trustee Aaron Markham. Motion carried with regret.

Sewer-Andy Carriero

The Ferric and Chlorine bids need to be awarded. One bid for each was received.

Motion 7-37-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to award the Chlorine bid to Jones Chemicals Inc for 2 years. Motion carried.

Motion 7-38-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to award the Ferric bid to PVS Technology Inc. Motion carried.

Per the DEC requirement the Waste Water needs another full-time employee, the funds have been budgeted in the 2021-2022 budget.

Motion 7-39-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve to seek a full-time waste water employee. Motion carried.

Clerk-Danielle Wagner

Motion 7-40-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the Panther Prowl 5K event application to take place on September 26th from 10-4 at Gateway Park. Motion carried.

Motion 7-41-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to retroactively approve the Music in the Park event application to July 8th at Chang Hu Park. Motion carried.

Trustee Sheibley asked the board for approval of the \$500 donation request on behalf of the Gowanda Chamber to Music in the Park.

Motion 7-42-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the \$500 donation to Music in the Park. Motion carried.

Motion 7-43-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the GMG Ink Anniversary event application for Gateway Park on August 13th with provisions as discussed. Motion carried.

The Erie County Board of Elections Polling location lease agreement has been provided to the board for approval for the 2021 year. The primary and general elections are held here.

Motion 7-44-Motion by Trustee Zimmerman, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the Polling location lease agreement with the Erie County Board of Elections. Motion carried.

Police-Dennis Feldmann

Officer Feldmann received body cam quotes. The recommendation is Motorola Solution's for \$1857 per year for 5 years for 3 cameras.

Motion 7-45-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the authorization to enter into a 5-year body worn camera and evidence management software and video service contract. Motion carried.

Motion 7-46-Motion made with regrets by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to accept the resignation of Travis Smalls effective July 10, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion 7-47-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve to move Timothy Fitzpatrick from non-competitive to competitive. Motion carried.

Motion 7-48-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to appoint Chance Gates as a non-competitive Police Officer. Motion carried.

Motion 7-49-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to appoint Angel Echevarria as a non-competitive Police Officer. Motion carried.

Joint Activity/Recreation-Carol Sheibley

Blue by U program will have 3 coaches and 8 Volunteers for 3 nights Tues-Thurs July 20th-July 22nd and the following week at Hillis Field from 6-7:30 PM.

Motion 7-50-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the Blue by U Program employees and volunteers as stated. Motion carried.

Motion 7-51-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve Janel Williams as a summer recreation counselor effective July 6th. Motion carried.

Treasurer-Traci Hopkins

The Village will receive \$260,168.00 from the American Rescue Plan funding. Those funds may be used for water and sewer infrastructure improvement projects.

Motion 7-52-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to accept the American Rescue Plan funding. Motion carried.

GARC applied for a grant to do economic restricting and redevelopment within the Village. This will help update the 1999 Maser Plan. The Village received a grant from Catt County to provide Municipal matching funds to meet the partnership with GARC.

Motion 7-53-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve authorization to execute the Revitalizing Gowanda Project agreement with Cattaraugus County. Motion carried.

The Village was awarded a grant in October of 2020 from the EPA, the next step is to award a qualified consultant to conduct the scope of work and conduct the phase 1 and 2 environmental assessment. The board was provided a request to seek qualified candidates.

Motion 7-54-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the RFQ for the EPA grant as stated. Motion carried.

Budget Modification request #10 the final for the 2020-2021 fiscal budget year.

Motion 7-55-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve budget modification #10, the final for 2020-2021. Motion carried.

The abstract bills to pay was provided to the board for approval.

Motion 7-56-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve abstract bills to pay number #2 as follows, General Fund \$89,459.60, Water Fund \$33,215.36, Sewer Fund \$63,079.54, Capital Projects \$116,551.10 and Community Development Special Projects \$7,520. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be August 10, 2021.

Adjournment

Motion 7-57-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to adjourn the board meeting at 8:08 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Danielle Wagner
Clerk