

Village of Gowanda
Board Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2023

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

Present: Mayor David Smith, Trustee Paul Zimmermann, Trustee Peter Sisti, Trustee Carol Sheibley

Absent: Trustee Wanda Koch

Employees: Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, Highway Supervisor Adam Reid, WWTP Supervisor Andy Carriero, Water Supervisor Kirk Trumpore, Code George Poff, Village Attorney Deb Chadsey-*via telephone @ 6:10PM.*

Public Present: Don Offhaus, Jack Broyles, Norris Luther, Dave Bryne, Steve Darcangelo-Renua Energy

Agenda and Minutes

Motion 8-36-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Peter Sisti to approve the agenda for the August 8, 2023 board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion 8-37-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Don Offhaus-status of the diversion channel and speeders in the Village.

Jack Broyles-Diversion channel is not going to be straight.

Renua Energy-will be having poles for the solar farm installed on the Gernatt property on Broadway Rd.

Mayor Updates

- Cattaraugus County Health Board meeting on 7/12 & 8/2
- WWTP Capital Project update meeting on 7/17
- Pigeon Forge vacation from 7/22-7/28
- Sidewalk Improvement Project started on 7/26
- Parking Lot sealing and re-striping
- Remembering George Stark on 8/4
- Thatcher Brook Task Force on 8/10
- Gowanda Alive after 175 8/11-8/13
- Parent informational Drug/Alcohol night at Gowanda School Auditorium at 6pm on 8/23

Official Business

Mayor/Board of Trustees

A MOA was prepared for the SEIU contract regarding payment of PTO upon voluntary resignation.

Motion 8-38-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the SEIU MOA. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement-George Poff

Building permits-1, complaints filed-1, violations on patrol-5, violation notices sent-6, pending court-5.

A quote was received to mow several vacant/abandoned properties in the Village.

Motion 8-39-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the mowing of vacant properties as needed. Motion carried.

Sewer-Andy Carriero

Motion 8-40-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the recommendation to appoint Ron Kaczmarek as WWTP Operator effective 8/8/23 upon successful completion of license certification and civil service review. Motion carried.

Authorization for Wendal to design the remaining items for Phase II of the WWTP Capital Project.

Motion 8-41-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve Wendal to complete the remaining design items for Phase II. Motion carried.

Water-Kirk Trumport

The draft Point Peter bid document was provided to the board.

Motion 8-42Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the Point Peter Bid document and contract agreement draft. Motion carried.

Clerk-Danielle Wagner

Motion 8-43-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the Wedding Ceremony Event Application for Change Hu Park on 8/23/23 at 2PM. Motion carried.

Motion 8-44-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the firework permit for Gowanda Alive Celebration. Motion carried.

Treasurer-Traci Hopkins

The sidewalk project bid came in at \$182,000, the grant the Village received was \$153,000. The remaining funds the Village will pay for out of contingency.

Motion 8-45-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to authorize to allocate 2023-2024 contingency funds for the balance above grant award for the sidewalk projects-under budget estimated. Motion carried.

The Williamson Law Book Software support contract needs to be renewed.

Motion 8-46-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to renew the Williamson Law Book Support 8/1/23-7/31/24. Motion carried.

Budget Modification #11 for the General Fund was provided to the board.

Motion 8-47-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve Budget Modification #11 as requested. Motion carried.

Abstract bills to pay #3 was provided to the board for approval.

Motion 8-48-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve abstract bills to pay for General \$163,985.30, Water \$45,807.86, Sewer \$55,643.72, and Community Development Special Projects \$12,183.50. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion 8-49-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Danielle Wagner
Clerk