Village of Gowanda
Board Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2024

Village of Gowanda Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 6PM by Interim Mayor Peter Sisti.

Present: Interim Mayor Peter Sist, Trustee Paul Zimmermann, Trustee Mark Nephew, Trustee Wanda Koch, Trustee Carol Sheibley

Employees: Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, Attorney Deb Chadsey *(arrived at 6:20),* Water Supervisor Kirk Trumpore, Code Jason Pickering, George Poff, WWTP Supervisor Andy Carriero, OIC Ben Shields

Absent: Highway Supervisor Adam Reid

Agenda & Minutes

Motion 11-81-Motion by Trustee Paul Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve the agenda for the November 12, 2024 Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion 11-82-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Participation

April Powell-Is it okay to hand Christmas decorations on the light poles on Buffalo St.

Patty Meckes-CAWTILE-resolution opposing wind turbines in Lake Erie.

Dave Adrian-CAWTILE-opposing wind turbines in Lake Erie.

Jon Mills-Opposing the wind turbines, update on the County budget

Jack Broyles-called electric company about light out in parking lot behind Capozzi's

Brad Mohawk-Erie County Sheriffs responded to 87 calls in the Village.

Shane Miller-made some calls and got approval for the Village to set & place signs the speed limit on Aldrich St. by the elementary school.

Official Business

Mayor/Board of Trustees

Motion 11-83-Motion by Trustee Koch seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve the Gowanda Area Chamber request to support for annual Christmas in Gowanda fireworks. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement-*George Poff, Jason Pickering*

Building Permits 4, Complaints filed 2, violations on patrol 3, notices sent 4

Public Works

Highway-*Adam Reid not in attendance*

The annual snow stock piling agreement was provided to the board for approval.
Motion 11-84-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Caleres Snow Stock Piling agreement. Motion carried.

Sewer-*Andy Carriero*

WWTP Capital Project is going forward.

DOCCS Letter: WWTP capital project support per agreement for Phase I and Phase II.

CMOM Implementation-plan to address the management and operations of the sewer systems broken up into several sections over time. This will be a budget lift. The Village received funds to develop the plan, next is seeking funds to implement the plan.

Water-*Kirk Trumpore*

Several water hearings took place.

Motion 11-85-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Truste Nephew to approve the water hearing payment plan from 10/16/24. Motion carried.
Motion 11-86-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the water hearing Payment plan from 10/21/24. Moton carried.
Motion 11-87-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve the water hearing payment plan from 10/22/24. Motion carried.
Motion 11-88-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the water hearing I Payment plan from 10/23/24. Motion carried.
Motion 11-89-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the water hearing II from 10/23/24. Motion carried.
Motion 11-90-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve the leak forgiveness water hearing 10/29/24. Motion carried.

Point Peter Reservoir is nearing the end. A potential change order for $270,000.00 additional spill way repairs, & gatehouse repairs.
Motion 11-91-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the Point Peter Reservoir Project change order. Motion carried.

6000 cubic yards of sediment was moved from Point Peter to Gateway. It needs to be noted that the a Request was made to the Village to have hay instead straw put down over the field and to turn the grass seed over to GARC.
Motion 11-92-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Gateway Park Mulch cover change request. Motion carried.

Clerk-*Danielle Wagner*

The citizens against wind turbines in Lake Erie opposing resolution was provided to the board.
Motion 11-93-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Citizens against wind turbines in Lake Erie resolution. Motion carried.

The 2024-2025 tax relevy was provided to the board for approval.
Motion 11-94-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the tax relevy for Cattaraugus County $71,828.75 and Erie County $53,420.15. Motion carried.

Police-*OIC Ben Shields*

Motion 11-95-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to appoint Andrew Schumaker as competitive part time pending medical clearance from Civil Service. Motion carried.

The police policy and procedure manual has been updated and provided to the board for approval.
Motion 11-96-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the Policy and Procedure manual. Motion carried.

An anonymous donation of $100 came in for the police.
Motion 11-97-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to accept the $100 donation. Motion carried.

Joint Activity-*Carol Sheibley*

Roller Skating at Academy Place will be starting November 25th, from 6-7:30 PM.
Motion 11-98-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve Kathleen Jones and Chase Bolen as Roller Skating Attendants at $25 per night. Motion carried.

Treasurer-*Traci Hopkins*

The Village has $536.92 of funds leftover from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery along with the interest of $9,772.13 that the funds have earned. Those funds would be applied to the boiler repairs that are being done at the Village Hall.
Motion 11-99-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve the allocations of the remaining State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Motion carried.

The Village receives $20,0063.00 of state aid every year and it has been the same amount for 15 years. This year there was a $1,418.00 increase to the state aid funds. NYCOM has asked for supporting resolution to keep the increase in the state aid funding.
Motion 11-100-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve the Resolution to support continued increased state aid for local government. Motion carried.

Point Peter pay app #8 was provided to the board for approval.
Motion 11-101-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve the Point Perter Improvement Project pay app #8 for $806,151.77. Motion carried.

Budget Modification #2 for the General Fund was provided to the board for approval.
Motion 11-102-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Nephew to approve Budget Modification request #2. Motion carried.

Abstract bills to pay #6 was provided to the board for approval.
Motion 11-103-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve abstract bills to pay for General Fund $104,003.54, Water Fund $35,120.77,Sewer Fund $85,760.50, and Capital Project $1,199,687.24. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be December 10, 2024 at 6 PM.

Executive Session

Motion 11-104-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adjourn the meeting into executive session for legal discussion on pending legal matter. at 7:30 PM. Motion carried.
Motion 11-105-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adjourn executive session at 8:29 PM. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion 11-106-Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Koch to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Danielle Wagner
Clerk