

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JULY 10, 2007**

The Village of Gowanda Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard Klancer at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room, Municipal Building. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present: Mayor Richard Klancer
Trustee Barb Nephew
Trustee John Certis
Trustee Dale DeCarlo
Trustee Carol Sheibley

Village Employees: Village Clerk Kathy Mohawk, Public Works Superintendent Mike Hutchinson, Treasurer Cindy Schilling, Officer-in-Charge Joe Alessi

Media Present: Tim Latshaw, Observer
Mary Pankow, Gowanda Pennysaver
Phil Palen, Cable Channel 22

Public Present: Don Offhaus

Motion 86-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2007 Village Board meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 87-07. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2007 Special Village Board meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer Schilling indicated that Office Clerk Denise Trumpore transposed the numbers on the front of the cover sheet. The correct amount of the general fund for Abstract 15 should be \$21,798.69 which is off by \$6,000.

Motion 88-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve Abstract #15 dated July 10, 2007 on all funds as corrected:

General Fund	\$21,798.69
Water Fund	\$ 1,451.77
Sewer Fund	\$ 5,799.49
Joint Activity	\$ 246.69
Total	\$29,296.64

Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer Schilling asked the Board to table action on Abstract #2 dated July 10, 2007 until she could ascertain what the changes were.

Motion 89-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve Abstract #2 dated July 10, 2007 on all funds as presented:

General Fund	\$46,861.12
Water Fund	\$ 5,199.85
Sewer Fund	\$15,298.47
Capital Fund HP	\$ 82.18
Total	\$67,441.62

Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Phil Palen talked about the weed problems on the main streets in the Village. He suggested that the Village Public Works crew should be responsible for knocking the weeds down a couple of times per year. Mr. Palen also advised that the tree by the bridge is drooping and he asked if it was being included in the Village watering schedule. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated that it is.

Mr. Palen asked about replacing the paver stones around the planted trees. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated that it is not the responsibility of the Village but rather that of the DOT.

BUILDING/BUSINESS PERMITS

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that the Building Inspector's report and the Animal Control report were in the Board members' boxes.

POLICE

Officer-in-Charge Alessi gave his June 2007 police report:

“203 reportable calls; 30 arrests; 30 traffic tickets issued; 5 violent domestics; and 2 motor vehicle accidents.

Our 5th Annual car show is this Saturday, July 14th, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Requesting the hiring of Jeff Hine for patrolman. Jeff is living in Eden, New York with his wife and 2 children and holds a bachelor degree from Canisius College. Mr. Hine works for People, Inc. as a Program Administrator. Jeff is currently in the Batavia Police Academy as a pre-employment recruit. Jeff's schedule is flexible to meet our department needs when called upon. I have known Jeff Hine for 15 years while Jeff played professional baseball and is currently a member of the Gowanda Merchants baseball team. I highly recommend Jeff Hine as a Gowanda Police Officer.”

JOINT ACTIVITY

Trustee Sheibley gave the Gowanda Recreation Summer Recreation Report:

“As of today, 186 children have been registered for the summer recreation program at St. John Park.

The coordination of the Free Lunch program with Gowanda Central School has been running smoothly.

Children ages 5-8 were treated to a movie and popcorn at the Gowanda Free Library on Friday, July 6. This event will take place for the remaining five Fridays during our summer program.

The Annual Talent Show will be held at the St. John Park on Friday, August 3, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

We will be going to Fantasy Island in Grand Island, NY on Thursday, August 9. The busses will leave St. John Park at 10 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. There will be no recreation program or Free Swim on that day.”

Trustee Sheibley reported that the next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for July 30th at 6:15 p.m.

Trustee Sheibley reported that the pavilion was erected at St. John Park over the weekend. She thanked the volunteers for their efforts: Mark Burr, Mark Benton, Mike Hutchinson, Dan Povhe and Dominic Capozzi and Zeb Bobseine. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated that Mr. Bobseine also came back yesterday to help finish up the project. Mr. Hutchinson suggested that a letter from the Mayor thanking the volunteers would be nice.

Trustee Sheibley was advised of a safety issue at the park on the first day of recreation. She instructed Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson to place a safety fence near Carpenter Terrace per the parental request. It was installed behind the play structure. Mr. Hutchinson suggested getting a plastic-coated green chain link fence which could be used with the existing posts. Treasurer Schilling asked if Mr. Hutchinson had any price range in mind. His best estimate is about \$1,000.

FIRE

Trustee DeCarlo advised the fire department has had 106 calls to date this year, including two very emotionally draining ones.

Trustee DeCarlo advised that no one has expressed interest in the Disaster Coordinator Position which was vacated by Nick Crassi.

Mr. Offhaus indicated that the Fire Company has received the 501(c)(3) status for their grant applications which will be a big help.

Trustee DeCarlo indicated that Fire Chief Raiport is not going to do the NIMS training so it will be necessary for someone to do it.

TREASURER

Village Treasurer Schilling advised that the budget committee has been meeting. The Village was presented with a letter from the Gowanda Free Library requesting funding.

Motion 269-06. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to send a letter to the library advising that the Village will cease funding and that the library should seek other sources of revenue, including the school system. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Sheibley reported that bids were opened for garbage and trash pickup services. There were three bidders and the low bid was from Penhollow Disposal.

Motion 270-06. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to accept the low bid of Penhollow Disposal for garbage and trash pickup for \$140,500 plus the dumpster and tire pickup addendums. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated there may be some changes relative to pickup days but the residents will be advised of same. The new contract takes effect June 1st.

Trustee Sheibley advised that quotes were received for analytical testing services for the lab at the wastewater treatment plant. They quoted different prices for different services: sludge \$290; compost testing \$343; compost grab \$53; landfill monitoring wells \$215 each; priority pollutant scan \$571; and courier service \$20. The lowest bid was from Eastern Laboratory Services.

Motion 271-06. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to accept the low bid of Eastern Laboratory Services for analytical testing services at the wastewater treatment plant. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Sheibley reported that the Village received a letter from Gernatt about using a driveway at the sewer plant. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated he wants to discuss it with Fire Chief Raiport to make sure the driveway would not interfere with the proposed new fire training center.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson advised there will be a meeting on March 21st at 9:00 for watershed management.

ADMINISTRATION

Village Clerk Mohawk reported on the event application for the Cabin Fever Walk scheduled for Sunday, March 25th, from 1-3. It is a fundraiser for Love in the Name of Christ. They walk on the Village sidewalks.

Motion 272-06. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Cabin Fever Walk for March 25th. Motion carried 4-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported on a request to use the Chang-Hu Park pavilion for a youth worship event on June 8th from 7-10 p.m. Treasurer Schilling asked Village Clerk Mohawk to make sure of the insurance requirements for using the park. Trustee Nephew indicated that she thought the Village insurance policies covered the park events.

Village Clerk Mohawk indicated that Bob Tiller, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, indicated that the zoning board should have between 3 and 5 persons on it. At the present time, there are only 2 people. Mr. Tiller recommended that Noel Allen be appointed to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion 273-06. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to appoint Noel Allen to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried 4-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that the 2007 Spring Rabies Clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets will be held Saturday, May 12, 2007 at the County DPW Garage from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that Cattaraugus County Probation would be using the Village board room tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. until noon for some training.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that a new POW/MIA flag was presented to the Village by the American Legion. As soon as we get the proper hooks to hang it, it will be flying.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised the Village received a letter from Southern Tier West for their membership program. There are various tiers. Village Clerk Mohawk indicated that the Village has been at the Tier 2 level each year. Treasurer Schilling advised that the Village should stay at the same level.

Motion 274-06. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to renew the Southern Tier West membership at the same level as in the past. Motion carried 4-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that late this afternoon she received a letter from Village Attorney Chadsey enclosing an easement for 398 Palmer Street. She read:

“WHEREAS,

- 1) The Village of Gowanda has a permanent right of way on Palmer Street, Gowanda, New York, and the residence located at 398 Palmer Street, Gowanda,

New York encroaches upon the Village of Gowanda's right of way, as shown on a survey attached hereto as Schedule "A"

- 2) The Village consents that the residence shall remain standing in its present location, subject to the conditions herein contained.
- 3) The owner of 398 Palmer Street as described in a Deed recorded in the Cattaraugus County Clerk's Office in Liber 660 at Page 88 shall not add to, modify, or enlarge the residence so long as it encroaches. This consent to permit the encroachment shall be revoked if the residence is removed, dismantled or destroyed."

Village Clerk Mohawk indicated that the house is being sold which is why this easement is necessary.

Motion 275-06. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to authorize Mayor Klancer to sign the terminable easement for 398 Palmer Street. Motion carried 4-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported on funds received: \$19.29 from 1-800-Reconex for gross receipts tax; \$2,000 from United Way for the Gowanda Recreation Commission; \$13.91 from IDT Corporation for gross receipts tax; \$325 for a park bench at Chang-Hu Park; \$125 from Office of the Comptroller for Town of Persia fines; \$9,535.00 from Adelphia for ½ year of franchise fees; and \$50.87 from AT&T Communications for gross receipts tax.

ENVIRONMENT

Trustee Nephew advised that the tree budget went over budget because of some hazardous tree removals. The Village has received a two-year tree planting grant from the DEC. Trustee Nephew advised that the Village would like to do the planting in the spring. She requested a budget amendment to plant 20 trees this spring, not to exceed \$1500. She mentioned that other lines of the budget have excess funds that were not spent.

Motion 276-06. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to amend the budget in an amount not to exceed \$1500 to order/purchase 20 trees for planting this spring. Motion carried 4-0.

Jack Torrance gave the tree committee report:

"It was announced that Gowanda has received Tree City USA status for 2006. That's 5 years in a row.

The tree committee reviewed the tree species selection and site selection with over 20 sites identified not including plantings for Creekside Park. Tree suppliers need to know by the week of March 26 of the Village tree needs for spring planting.

The tree committee has started work on the required report: evaluation of 2006-2007 activities and plan for 2007-2008. Plans are underway for the 2007 Arbor Day celebration."

Jack Torrance requested reappointment of Phil Palen to the tree committee. Mr. Torrance requested Board appointment of Harry Humphrey to replace John Pierce. Both appointments would run through 2012.

Trustee Nephew advised that she attended the Cattaraugus County Arts Council Awards banquet on Saturday. The Village received \$1,000 for Music in the Park and the Harvest Heritage Festival. She thanked Sue Torrance for doing most of the work with these projects.

Motion 277-06. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

The next Village of Gowanda Board meeting is March 27, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk
Village Clerk