

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 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

Media Present: Mary Pankow, Gowanda Pennysaver
Tim Latshaw, Observer
Phil Palen, Cable Channel 23

Public: Joe Vogtli

Motion 163-07. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2007 Village Board meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 164-07. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the minutes of the CDBG Public Hearing held on October 16, 2007 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joe Vogtli spoke about the veterans memorial park. He has looked at many other places and what they have done to recognize veterans. He suggested that the Village look at various sites to come up with ideas of how other communities have dealt with this topic. He mentioned that the Town of Greece and the City of Rochester both have nice memorials which he suggested the Village might take a look at. A true veterans memorial park would recognize all of the veterans in the community that served. Mr. Vogtli offered to work with the Village to come up with some ideas of how to recognize all veterans of all wars. He suggested that input should be sought from the VFW and the American Legion as well. Trustee DeCarlo indicated that he would be interested in taking the trip to Rochester to see what their memorial looks like. Mr. Vogtli asked what the plans were for the park, what size it would be, how many parking spaces were allotted, etc.

Motion 61-07. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve Abstract #14 dated June 12, 2007 on all funds as follows:

General Fund	\$87,554.05
Water Fund	\$ 6,619.30
Sewer Fund	\$24,345.38
Joint Activity	1,636.50
Total	\$121,155.23

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 62-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve Abstract #1 dated June 12, 2007 on all funds as follows:

General Fund	\$66,624.61
Water Fund	\$16,468.72
Sewer Fund	\$ 5,139.00
Total	\$88,232.33

Motion carried 5-0.

POLICE

Officer-in-Charge Alessi requested permission to be first on the agenda this evening. He gave his May 2007 report:

“167 reportable calls; 31 arrests; 57 traffic tickets issued; 2 violent domestics; 5 motor vehicle accidents.

We are going to start advertising our top 10 defendants that are wanted by the Gowanda Police Department on our warrant list. To date we have 71 people that have active warrants. This will be included with our weekly police log to the Pennysaver and the Evening Observer.

I would like to extend a thank you to all the fire police for the Hollywood Happening bike parade and the Memorial Day parade that includes Collins, Collins Center, Dayton, Perrysburg, SNI Marshals and Gowanda for helping in traffic control.

We are very fortunate to have friends in the surrounding area.

Senator Catharine Young will be at our 5th annual car show on July 14th for the ribbon cutting of our new K-9 truck. The Senator will be here at 3:00 p.m.

Anyone that would like to set up a table for crafts at our car show, please contact Pat Nixon at 913-0996 as space is limited.

Our bike rodeo was a success with 19 participants for this annual event. We would like to thank St. Joseph’s Church for using the parking lot.

Special recognition goes out to Officer Mark Baltes and Officer Jason Miller for a 2-month investigation into a prescription drug forgery case that took one of the big drug dealers off the street in Gowanda. A prescription pad was taken for an area physician and used in the crime by a fired physician assistant.

We would like to introduce our new police K-9 dog “Mike” with our handler Officer Dave Hock.”

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mark Burr thanked the Village Board, the Department of Public Works and the Police Department for their assistance with the Hollywood Happening. The event raised about \$35,000 in net profits which will be used for restoration of doors and electrical upgrades.

Mr. Burr advised there are State grants available for restoration work. The project is about ½ to \$1 million. He presented a resolution which he requested the Village to consider as the grant application deadline is June 29th. He requested an updated resolution confirming the past studies done for the Master Plan and the 1986 Main Street Alliance plan.

Mr. Burr also advised that there is some Economic Development money from Erie County. The Hollywood Theater would also like to apply for some of that money.

Mr. Burr advised that on Monday, June 18th, at 9:00 a.m., the Army Corps of Engineers will be meeting with the Village Board to discuss flood damage reduction projects. Mr. Burr advised it is an important meeting and hoped that as many Board members as possible would attend. Don Offhaus asked if \$100,000 wasn't already set aside for this study. Mr. Burr indicated that the money is not yet set aside. There are certain things the Village needs to do first prior to getting the money. A preliminary feasibility study was already done. Mr. Burr indicated there would be a local match for the project. All of this information will be presented at the June 18th meeting.

Mayor Klancer read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the 1999 Village of Gowanda Master Plan coordinated by the Erie County Dept. of Economic Development and Planning along with the 1998 Hollywood Theater Feasibility Plan and the 1986 Main Street Alliance plan all independently confirm that Gowanda's Historic Hollywood Theater is a key catalyst for economic redevelopment in Gowanda's main business district.

WHEREAS, in addition to historic preservation, funding of the Hollywood Theater acts as a powerful economic redevelopment project located in a key target area in the Village of Gowanda.

WHEREAS, restoration of the Hollywood Theater is expected to create jobs and enhance cultural tourism while greatly encouraging new business development in the center of a Village that has undergone considerable economic distress over the past 35 years.

WHEREAS, in the 2001 Village of Gowanda Business Development & Downtown Revitalization Study it states that a restoration and revival of the Hollywood Theater operations would enhance the historic districts visibility substantially. Furthermore the 2001 study states: "The renovation of the Hollywood Theater is an important element in preserving and enhancing the Gowanda Village Historic District and could spur complementary efforts to capitalize on the Village's history and architecture.

WHEREAS, the Hollywood is the only historic theater of this caliber remaining in the southtowns, with its magnificent Vermont marble floors & stairways, leaded glass doors, brass railings, ornate plaster trim and large balcony.

The Village of Gowanda reiterates its' support for the preservation and restoration of Gowanda's Historic Hollywood Theater. Furthermore, we pledge our continued support for the fundraising efforts, capital fund campaigns and all grant applications put forward on behalf of the restoration efforts.

It is our sincere hope that with the continued efforts of Gowanda's Historic Hollywood Theater, Ltd. that the theater will be returned to its' original grandeur and reopen as an educational and cultural center for the visual and performing arts.

Motion 63-07. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve the foregoing resolution in support of the Hollywood Theater. Motion carried 5-0.

Charlie Maine addressed a neglected piece of property bordering property on Perry and Mechanic Streets. It is overgrown. He indicated that the property may have gone with the property which was sold to Tim Horton's. Ms. Bradley presented the Board with pictures of the overgrowth and a fallen tree. She indicated that kids have crossed back there and that there have been breakins of the adjoining property owners. The whole area needs to be taken care of. Village Clerk Mohawk asked if any of the property owner called the Village hall and spoke with the Building Inspector about the unkempt property. Ms. Bradley indicated her husband called a year ago and was advised that the bamboo was always there. Village Attorney Chadsey indicated that Building Inspector Bowers should send a letter to the owner of the property about maintaining that piece of property.

BUILDING/BUSINESS PERMITS

Village Clerk Mohawk read a letter from the Disabled American Veterans:
"Southtowns Chapter #177 of the Disabled American Veterans is asking permission to conduct our annual Forget-Me-Not Drive in the village of Gowanda.
We would like to conduct our solicitation on June 30 Saturday, July 2 Monday, and July 3 Tuesday, 2007."

Motion 64-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to authorize the Disabled American Veterans to conduct their annual Forget-Me-Not drive in the Village of Gowanda on June 30th, July 2nd, and July 3rd. Motion carried 5-0.

JOINT ACTIVITY

Trustee Certis gave the Joint Activity Report.

"After meeting with the 2006 summer playground staff and interviewing all new candidates for positions posted and available for this year's program on May 30, 2007, the Gowanda Recreation Commission makes the following recommendations to be approved by the Village Board.

Full time staff (to report each day to St. John Park)

Playground Supervisor/Pool Director – David Bolen (\$13.50 per hour).

Co-Assistant Playground Directors/Counselors: Charles Hurkes and Theresa Tonello (They will be paid \$8.00 an hour as morning counselors and \$13.50 an hour in the afternoon when Mr. Bolen is at the pool for free swim. They will alternate weeks serving as assistant playground directors.

Lifeguard/Counselors: Brianna Snyder (\$8.00 an hour as morning counselor and \$10.00 an hour as afternoon lifeguard)

Arts & Crafts: Charlene Lincoln (\$8.00 an hour)

Lifeguard: Kelsey Barratt (\$10.00 an hour. She will only be assigned to work 2 ½ hours per day at the free swim program)

Part time Counselors: (The following group of twelve counselors will be split to meet our daily needs and be assigned to work a full day every other day to cover Sports/Group Games, Music/Dance, Arts & Crafts and Quiet Games/Storytelling.

Second year part time counselors to be paid \$8.00 an hour

Lisa Coudrey, Amy Lincoln and Beth Moyer, Samantha Rutski and Jacob Swanson

First year part time staff to be paid \$7.50 an hour.

Aaron Benton, Ashley Certis, Joe Clark, Dan Cooper, Hannah Inglut, CJ Peglowski and Ben Swanson

Note: Part time staff can be adjusted to more or less counselors depending on daily attendance and/or planned activities (example: field trip to Buffalo Bison game or Fantasy Island. The total staff per day is the same as last year.”

Motion 65-07. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to appoint David Bolen as Playground Supervisor/Pool Director at \$13.50 per hour. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 66-07. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to appoint Charles Hurkes and Theresa Tonello as Co-Assistant Playground Directors/Counselors at \$8.00 an hour as morning counselors and \$13.00 an hour when Mr. Bolen is at the pool. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 67-07. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to appoint Brianna Snyder as lifeguard/counselor at \$8.00 an hour as morning counselor and \$10.00 an hour as afternoon lifeguard. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 68-07. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Certis to appoint Charlene Lincoln as Arts & Crafts instructor at \$8.00 an hour. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 69-07. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Nephew to appoint Kelsey Barratt as lifeguard at \$10.00 per hour. She will be assigned to work 2 ½ hours per day at the free swim program. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 70-07. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to appoint Lisa Coudrey, Amy Lincoln, Beth Moyer, Samantha Rutski and Jacob Swanson as second year part-time counselors at \$8.00 an hour. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 71-07. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to appoint Aaron Benton, Ashley Certis, Joe Clark, Dan Cooper, Hannah Inglut, CJ Peglowski and Ben Swanson as first year part time staff at \$7.50 an hour. Motion carried 4-0. Trustee Certis recused himself from the vote regarding his daughter’s appointment.

Trustee Sheibley reported that the Recreation Commission and Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson mapped out an area for the proposed pavilion at St. John’s Park. The total estimated cost for the pavilion would be \$3,797.42 for a 24 x 30 building for just materials. The Village would do the work. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated this price did not include the price for the rental of the auger. A poll by the Secretary of the Recreation Commission indicated all are in favor of the pavilion location. A formal resolution will be adopted at the next Recreation Commission meeting. Public Works Superintendent and Trustee Certis feel that the community will supply enough volunteers to make this a one-day project. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated the location for the pavilion would be over by the

fence between the two concrete slabs. It will involve the relocation of a tree, however. The idea was not to interfere with the recreation open space of the park. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated that anyone wishing to volunteer to work on the pavilion can call the Village hall and leave their name with Village Clerk Mohawk.

Motion 72-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve the building of the pavilion in St. John's Park pending review by Treasurer Schilling regarding the funding. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Sheibley requested that St. John's Park be designated for Gowanda Recreation use between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

FIRE

Trustee DeCarlo advised the fire department has had 71 calls so far this year.

Trustee DeCarlo advised the fire department held their annual inspection last night. He thanked Trustee Certis for attending. Trustee Certis indicated the fire company does a fine job keeping the equipment clean and in good condition.

Trustee DeCarlo advised he spoke with Nick Crassi about his resignation as Disaster Coordinator. Mr. Crassi advised that he spent many years in this position. The job has become very involved with training and responsibility. It has become too much work for him as a business owner. Trustee Sheibley thanked Mr. Crassi for his past work in 1998 during the disaster and spoke about how calm he was. Mayor Klancer requested a round of applause for Mr. Crassi's past work as Disaster Coordinator.

Motion 73-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to accept the resignation of Nick Crassi as Disaster Coordinator, with regret. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Klancer read the resolution to declare property surplus:

“RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY AS SURPLUS

WHEREAS, the Village acquired a parcel of land located at and currently used by the Village of Gowanda Wastewater Treatment Plant (“WWTP”) in said Village for the purpose of operating the WWTP composting operation; and

WHEREAS, it is no longer necessary for the Village to retain that portion of said property generally comprising of 9 +/- acres as described in Schedule “A” attached hereto and incorporated by reference, and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined to declare such property as surplus and to convey the property to the Village of Gowanda Fire Department (“Fire Department”) for the purpose of construction of a new Fire Department building, on the condition that said Fire Department obtains funding for the construction of said building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Gowanda Board of Trustees in regular session duly convened, does hereby declare the property as surplus.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOWANDA,
NEW YORK.”

Motion 74-07. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Certis to declare the said property above-mentioned surplus and offer it to the Gowanda Fire Department for the purpose of constructing a new fire hall. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Klancer read the resolution to transfer surplus property to the Gowanda Fire Company, Inc.:

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF SURPLUS PROPERTY TO THE VILLAGE OF GOWANDA FIRE DEPARTMENT, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, the Village acquired a parcel of land located at and currently used by the Village of Gowanda Wastewater Treatment Plant (“WWTP”) in said Village for the purpose of operating the WWTP composting operation; and

WHEREAS, it is no longer necessary for the Village to retain that portion of said property as is described in Schedule “A” attached hereto and incorporated by reference, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Gowanda Fire Department (“Fire Department”) has need of such property to construct a proposed new Fire Department building, and

WHEREAS, the Village received certain funding from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”) to construct the composting facility, and

WHEREAS, the Village will be required to notice NYSDEC and reimburse it for an allocable portion of the funding from NYSDEC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Gowanda Board of Trustees in regular session duly convened, does hereby authorize and direct the Village Clerk of said Village to execute and deliver to said Fire Department, such instrument of transfer for the Property, whether by easement or deed, to permit the intended use of the Property by the Fire Department, subject to: (1) a commitment from the Fire Department to reimburse the Village for any funds that are required to be reimbursed to NYSDEC and further subject to the Fire Department demonstrating, (2) committed funding for the Project, and (3) further subject to the Village and Fire Department reaching an agreement defining ownership of the Project and operations and maintenance responsibly, and (4) Fire Department paying for accurate survey of Property (5) further subject to a permissive referendum as permitted by law.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOWANDA, NEW YORK.”

Motion 75-07. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve the resolution authorizing the transport of the surplus property to the Gowanda Fire Company. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustees Sheibley and DeCarlo recused themselves from voting on this issue regarding the fire department.

Trustee DeCarlo stated that this will be a good project. He thanked the committee for the many hours they spent working on this project. Mr. Crassi thanked the Village Board for adopting these resolutions.

TREASURER

Village Clerk Mohawk read the resolution presented by Treasurer Schilling for financing for the plow truck:

“At a duly called meeting of the governing body of Buyer held on the 12th day of June, 2007, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

RESOLVED, whereas the governing body of Buyer has determined that a true and very real need exists for the acquisition of the Equipment described in Installment Purchase Agreement No. S1311 (the “Agreement”) presented to this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Buyer has taken the necessary steps, including any legal bidding requirements, under applicable law to arrange for the acquisition and financing of such Equipment,

WHEREAS, the governing body hereby directs its legal counsel to review the Agreement and negotiate appropriate modifications to said Agreement so as to assure compliance with state law and local statutory law, prior to execution of the Agreement by that person so authorized by the governing body for such purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of Buyer that:

Finding: Authorized Officers. The terms of said Agreement are in the best interest of Buyer for the acquisition of such Equipment, and the governing body of Buyer designates and confirms the following person to execute and deliver the Agreement and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Agreement.

RESOLVED, the acquisition of the Equipment, under the terms and conditions provided for in the Agreement, is necessary, convenient, in the furtherance of, and will at all times be used in connection with, Buyer’s governmental and proprietary purposes and functions and are in the best interests of Buyer, and no portion of the Equipment will be used directly or indirectly in any trade or business carried on by any person other than a governmental unit of the state on a basis different from the general public.

RESOLVED, Buyer certifies that it has not issued or effected the issuance of, and reasonably anticipates that it shall not issue or effect the issuance of, more than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of tax-exempt obligations during the 2007 calendar year, and hereby designates the financing of the Equipment to which the Agreement pertains as a “qualified tax-exempt obligation”, as defined by Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

RESOLVED, Buyer covenants that it will perform all acts within its power which are or may be necessary to insure the maintenance of its legal status as being a duly organized and existing entity under the laws of the state, which status is the basis for the interest portion of the rental payments coming due under the Agreement to at all times remain exempt from federal income taxation under the laws and regulations of the United States of America as presently enacted and construed or as hereafter amended.”

Motion 76-07. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve the foregoing resolution for the State-bid plow truck lease agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Sheibley indicated that under the old business section, the capital projects have been prioritized as: blacktop patching, drainage on Caroline and Crestwood if possible, the Water Street Creekside Park, the fountain and the tree posts for West Main Street.

Trustee Sheibley requested a support letter for the Healthy Community Alliance grant application to Southern Tier West for ARC funding.

Motion 77-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Nephew to authorize the Mayor to send a support letter for the Healthy Community Alliance grant application to Southern Tier West for ARC funding. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Sheibley reported on the Hazard Mitigation Project Application. Village Engineer Mark Burr advised that hazard mitigation is funding which is available for a disaster which is distributed among all the municipalities that have a disaster that qualifies. Types of projects include matching funds for Army Corps of Engineer projects; floodproofing buildings with such things as glass blocks, etc.; or in the Village's case, the trash rack could be equipped with a sensing facility which would alert the Village to potential risks. Village Engineer Burr advised there are many types of projects like these that are potential hazard mitigation-type projects. Trustee Nephew indicated the deadline for the applications is July 1st. She suggested meeting after the meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers to go over some of the projects. Village Engineer Burr stated he would review the Thatcher Brook file to see what projects might be good to continue to follow up on. Trustee Nephew suggested a meeting on Tuesday night, June 19th at 6:00.

Trustee Sheibley advised that interviews were held this morning with Shawn DeHos and David Edwards for summer help.

Motion 78-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to hire Shawn DeHos and David Edwards for summer help. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated he would be submitted the SPDES permit renewal application.

Trustee Sheibley reported on the extra round of funding through Erie County for economic development funds. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated there is about \$5 million unexpended funds. Some of the projects include commercial enhancement. He indicated that parking lot issues were identified in the Master Plan as being in need of improvement. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated he would package the two parking lots, on South Water Street and on West Main Street, together as one project. Village Engineer Mark Burr also requested support for the Hollywood Theater. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson stated it is better to put together one or two really good projects that the Village feels might get funded. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson also stated that a continuation of the waterline on

North Water Street to continue to West Main Street which would provide sufficient water for the Center Street School. Mr. Torrance indicated that the Planning Board strongly supports the completion of the South Water Street project as well as lighting in the West Main Street parking lot. He also indicated that the Planning Board would like to see some lighting along the Creekside Park walkway as well. Mr. Torrance advised that concept drawings were prepared for the West Main Street parking lot when the VCR grant was done. The deadline for the grant applications is June 29th. Village Attorney Chadsey offered the services of her office to assist with the grant application preparation if necessary.

Motion 79-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Nephew to submit the following projects for this round of Community Development Block Grant funding: 1) the parking lots on South Water Street and West Main Street; 2) the North Water Street waterline; and 3) the Hollywood Theater. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Sheibley reported that last Saturday the new Welcome to Gowanda signs were put up. She advised that Legislator Mills will be here for a photo opportunity at 9:30 on Saturday morning. He helped provide the funding for the signs.

Trustee Sheibley advised that a Jamestown Street resident near where the sign is located advised that some shrubs could be made available from the horticulture department at Corrections. Another Corrections Officer offered to donate 10 flats of flowers to plant around the signs. Trustee Certis suggested this would be a good project for the Boy Scouts. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson asked the residents to be particularly vigilant if they see anything suspicious going on with the new signs.

Trustee Nephew asked about the parking law recommendations. She read a petition which was presented by residents on Aldrich Street:

“We the undersigned ask for reconsideration of 60.43 A. Parking prohibited on Aldrich Street.

1. This is a residential neighborhood. As such, parking on one side of the street is often necessary to accommodate our families, guests and visitors. It will have a negative impact on the quality of our lives.
2. We do not have large lots, or driveways that can accommodate multiple cars. By eliminating street parking, we will be forced to park on our lawns. This will have a detrimental impact on our neighborhood, and the beauty of our village.
3. We agree with, and abide by the no parking during the winter months from 12:00 – 6:00 am. This allows for the Highway Dept. to plow the streets without interference.
4. We believe Aldrich Street is wide enough to accommodate parking on one side of the street, while allowing traffic to proceed at the present speed limit of 30 mph.
5. We believe there will be a negative impact on activities at Hillis Field (graduation ceremonies, football games, and sports activities) if parking is not allowed. We see an untoward negative impact to our out of town visitors attending school activities. They will have no place to park, or will be ticketed for parking along Aldrich St.

6. We have been able to park on the street, without incident, and believe we should be able to continue to do so. Please help us retain our residential neighborhood, and not plan only for traffic, trucks, and higher speeds.”

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson advised that the current law on the books makes it illegal to park on Aldrich Street. He stated that he and Officer-in-Charge Alessi agree that any changes that need to be made to the current law should be made and then it needs to be enforced. Mr. Torrance indicated that the law also states there is no parking on Carpenter Terrace, which makes a problem for the increased use of St. John’s Park. Trustee DeCarlo asked if restrictions could be made on a road if it is a County road like Broadway Road. Trustee Sheibley stated that this petition represents a significant number of residents that all live in one area. Phil Palen stated that leaving parked cars on Aldrich Street would help alleviate the problems with speeding.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated that he received a proposal from Wendel Engineers for \$5,500 for design of the parking lot. Mr. Hutchinson indicated that this project would be eligible for CHIPS funding.

Motion 80-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Nephew to hire Wendel Engineers for \$5,500 to do the design for the parking lot. Motion carried 5-0.

PLANNING

Jack Torrance gave the Planning Board report:

“On Monday, June 11, at the regularly scheduled meeting, the Planning Board revised the previously submitted draft of the Chapter 54 of the Village Code Book, Animals, as suggested by the Village Board at its last meeting. The final revised draft will be ready for Village Board approval at the next Village Board meeting.

Per the Village Board request, the Planning Board has selected the Schenectady Special Use request form as the model to be used by Gowanda. By including two boxes to select from the form can be used for either a “Special Use Permit Request” or for a Variance request. The draft of the form will be ready for Village Board approval at the next Village Board meeting.

It was decided to send copy of the draft Site Plan Review Checklist to the Code Enforcement Officer for his review and comments.

Several additional census graphics prepared by Chris Crawford, Cattaraugus Planning and Tourism, are attached to the June 11th minutes. From the graphics for the 2000 census, the following information was of interest: 32.3% of the households had at least one person over 65, there were 667 family households in Gowanda, 32.6% of the households has at least one person under the age of 18, and the median age of persons living in Gowanda is 41.1 years. The graphics will be used at the next Planning Board workshop to provide additional interpretation of the data from the survey.

It was reported that the Planning Board had been contacted by BHMT Architects on behalf of Academy Place to review what data might be required and to review what procedural steps might need to be followed as the project progresses. Things like Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit were mentioned.

The next meeting date was set for July 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.”

ADMINISTRATION

Village Clerk Mohawk reminded the Village Board members about the Gowanda Library contract.

Motion 81-07. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve the Gowanda Library contract. Motion carried 5-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that the Tri-County Crisis Pregnancy Center Walk for Life insurance certificate was supplied. The event will be held July 22, 2007 from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m. at St. John’s Park.

Motion 82-07. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve the Tri-County Crisis Pregnancy Center Walk for Life for July 22, 2007 at St. John’s Park. Motion carried 5-0.

Village Attorney Chadsey reported that she sent letters to the delinquent UDAG customers about payment.

Village Clerk Mohawk reminded everyone of the Erie County Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff Day at Erie Community College on Saturday, June 16th, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Entrance is on Big Tree Road. No tires, latex paint, computers, appliances, commercial or industrial wastes.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported on funds received: \$31.97 from Direct Energy Services for gross receipts tax; \$3.02 from Direct Energy Services for gross receipts tax; \$19.50 from 1-800-Reconex for gross receipts tax; \$1,827.83 from New York Telephone for return of utility tax; \$77.79 from PAETEC Communications for gross receipts tax; and \$20,000 from Numarco for the North Water Street waterline connection for Gowanda Central School.

ENVIRONMENT

Trustee Nephew asked Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson if leaving the bathroom doors open at the park is working out okay. Mr. Hutchinson indicated that it seems to be working well with the Public Works Department opening the restrooms in the morning and the police are closing them in the evening.

Trustee Nephew reported that she and Trustee Sheibley attended the Open House at Tri-County Memorial Hospital and were impressed by the new emergency room. Village Clerk Mohawk advised that she attempted to go but there was no place to park.

Motion 80-07. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Nephew to go into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 81-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to come out of Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 82-07. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Nephew to authorize Village Attorney Chadsey to further negotiate regarding the Peter Cooper site. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 83-07. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve the contract with Gowanda Central School and School Resource Officer Jennie Alessi. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 84-07. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to authorize Village Attorney Chadsey to move forward with the Gowanda Electronics project. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 85-07. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 9:22 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Village of Gowanda Board meeting is July 10, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk
Village Clerk