

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2010**

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

Present: Mayor Richard Klancer
Trustee Carol Sheibley
Trustee Heather McKeever
Trustee John Certis
Trustee Dale DeCarlo

Village Employees: Village Clerk Kathy Mohawk, Public Works Superintendent Mike Hutchinson

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

Motion 201-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2010 Village Board meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Sheibley mentioned a typographical error in the minutes of the November 24, 2010 Special Village Board meeting.

Motion 202-10. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2010 Special Village Board meeting as corrected. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 203-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee McKeever to approve Abstract #7 dated December 7, 2010 on all funds as follows:

General Fund	\$103,026.28
Water Fund	32,502.77
Sewer Fund	45,926.15
HP17 Fund	651.84
HP27 Fund	1,188.71
Flood	\$299,125.90
HP29 Fund	9,493.68
Joint Activity	645.50
Total	\$492,560.83

Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS/BUILDING PERMITS

Village Clerk Mohawk reported that she sent a letter to New York State regarding the shrubs on the corner of Buffalo and Allen Streets.

FIRE

Assistant Fire Chief Mike Birtchnall thanked Mayor Klancer for his assistance in the Zoar Valley rescue.

He presented information regarding the purchase of new equipment for the fire company. The company requested some ATV tracks for all four wheels. They are like snowmobile tracks and they would help out in snow as well as in mud. Fire Chief Birtchnall indicated that the fire company has a map of all of the surrounding snowmobile trails. These tracks would enable the ATV to pull the rescue trailer to the victim. The fire company also requested the purchase of insulated wet suits to keep the rescuers dry. According to the swift water course which the firemen attended, these suits are mandated by the State to have for use all year long. The request is for 6 suits this year and 6 next year, to come out of the equipment budget. Four will be universal and two would be oversize.

Mayor Klancer commended the emergency personnel and fire personnel and everyone involved in the rescue in Zoar Valley. Assistant Fire Chief Birtchnall advised there were 236 fire and EMS personnel involved, not including the police. With everyone involved, there were about 300 people there.

Motion 204-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee McKeever to authorize the purchase of 6 cold water suits for the Gowanda Fire Company, 4 universal and 2 oversize. Motion carried 4-0. Trustee DeCarlo abstained.

Motion 205-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee McKeever to authorize the purchase of the ATV tracks for the Gowanda Fire Company. Motion carried 4-0. Trustee DeCarlo abstained.

Assistant Fire Chief Birtchnall advised that three vehicles are necessary at these types of rescues, the incident command center, the ATVS and the rope rescue trailer. Fire Chief Raiport would like a 32 foot trailer to combine all three trailers into one. The fire company will buy the trailer but requested radios for the trailer. The company wishes to purchase 400 Mghz mobile and portable units. Mayor Klancer asked if the fire company would sell the current trailers and Assistant Fire Chief Birtchnall indicated they would. The price for the radios would come out of the equipment budget. Assistant Fire Chief Birtchnall estimated the cost at around \$2500. Trustee Certis asked if there would be any problem getting this larger trailer to any site where it might be needed. Assistant Fire Chief Birtchnall indicated it would be used as the command center and the ATV's could then get to any remote location necessary. Mr. Birtchnall also advised that not just any

fireman would be driving this larger trailer. It is necessary to have a CDL license. The Village Board authorized Assistant Fire Chief Birtchnall to get prices for the radios.

JOINT ACTIVITY

Trustee Sheibley advised that she invited Kevin Brown to attend the meeting but he was unable to attend. He was the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau's Youth Citizenship Student of the Week for the week of October 25th. Kevin is a Senior at Gowanda Central School, a member of Gowanda Free Methodist Church, and coached a track and field program for young people during the summer. He has been Vice President of his class for 3 years, a member of the National Honor Society for 2 years and a member of the Chamber Choir for 4 years and a member of the band for 2 years. He has spent 12 quarters on the high honor roll and has participated in track and field for 5 years. He plans to attend college majoring in Social Work. Trustee Sheibley indicated this is quite an honor to receive this award. Mayor Klancer requested a letter of congratulations from the Board.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Klancer advised that the Chamber of Commerce requested representation from the Village at their meetings. It would be beneficial for Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson to attend to discuss traffic issues relative to various events sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Klancer asked him to attend on the Mayor's behalf.

Trustee McKeever discussed with Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson doing some kind of summary report to present to the public relative to the flood recovery efforts and the FEMA and SEMO status. Mayor Klancer stated that he wants the residents to understand just what was involved in the recovery effort. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson advised there is still a significant amount of work to finish up. A change order to Manno was approved. The gatehouse is almost done due to some redesign work. The entire top had to be removed and redone. Two pieces of grading are coming. Chapel Street and Torrance Place are done. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson reported that the Village had 49,000 hours of donated resources. They were submitted to FEMA and have heard nothing regarding whether it can be used as the local share. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated that perhaps our local politicians need to get involved to make sure a project worksheet gets submitted for this time.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson presented a lease agreement with Brown Shoe Company to let the Village use the old parking lot for snow stockpiling. Dan Gernatt has offered the use of the old Forbush lot and this would be a second place.

Motion 206-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve the lease agreement with Brown Shoe Company pending review by the Village Attorney. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson reported that the Great Lakes Initiative consortium is attempting to get some of that money spent locally. Trustee Sheibley advised that she has been attending some of the meetings of this committee.

Motion 207-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to participate in the partnership with Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Erie Counties in the Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance to restore and protect our water resources for future generations. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson presented the VOC treatment agreement with New York State for AVM which was previously authorized by the Village Board. He requested that the Mayor sign these contracts. Village Attorney Chadsey has already reviewed them.

Motion 208-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee McKeever to authorize Mayor Klancer to sign the VOC treatment agreement with New York State for AVM. Motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATION

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that the 2011 January Rabies Clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets sponsored by Cattaraugus County Health Department will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2011 in Little Valley at the County DPW Garage on Route 242 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. There is no charge, but donations are accepted to help defray costs.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised Christmas and New Year's Day are both on Saturdays so the Village Hall will be closed on Friday before.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson reminded residents to keep fire hydrants shoveled out.

Motion 209-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee McKeever to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Village of Gowanda board meeting is January 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk
Village Clerk