

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 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, Treasurer Cindy Schilling, Public Works Superintendent Mike Hutchinson, Village Attorney Deb Chadsey

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

Motion 173-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee McKeever to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2010 Village Board meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS/BUILDING PERMITS

Trustee DeCarlo asked Mayor Klancer about the situation on Palmer Street. Village Clerk Mohawk advised that the trash on the corner of Buffalo and Mechanic Streets has been removed. Mayor Klancer asked about the tires on Buffalo Street next to Tim Horton's. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson reminded residents that they can turn tires in at the sewage treatment plant seven days a week. Village Clerk Mohawk advised she would have Building Inspector Brecker check on the junk vehicle on a trailer parked on a vacant lot on Buffalo Street. Village Clerk Mohawk advised that 31 Jamestown Street is aiming to open November 1st. The ribbon cutting is November 5th at 5:00 p.m. The liquor license is in the works. The name of the restaurant is Atmosphere at 31 Jamestown Street.

POLICE

Village Clerk Mohawk read the mid-October police report:
"Requesting to contract with Lexis-Nexis as a police investigation tool for our department. The price is \$145.00 per month with real time phone search. This is going to save hours in investigations searching for people. This is a three year contract and this will be funded through our education line."

Treasurer Schilling suggested that the amount of money in the education line should be confirmed. Village Attorney Chadsey advised that prices are competitive and she suggested that the police department should attempt to renegotiate the price with Lexis-Nexis. The Village Board agreed to table this until next meeting.

The taser price that was given last meeting was incorrect. Because of New York State rules, we can only purchase from one vendor so the price for one taser with 6 training shots, 4 simulation shots and 6 real electric cartridges plus a holster is \$1,180.”

Motion 174-10. Motion by Trustee McKeever, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to rescind Motion 163-10 from October 12, 2010 regarding the price of the tasers. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 175-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve the purchase of one taser with 6 training shots, 4 simulation shots and 6 real electric cartridges plus a holster for \$1,180. Motion carried 5-0.

“We will have prices in the coming month for a 2-bay garage that will be attached to the ambulance building. We have contacted area contractors. The new police car has been ordered and should be here by the 2nd week of December. I am getting prices for the electronic installation of radios, lightbar and strobes.”

Village Clerk Mohawk requested confirmation that the price of the police car changed. The prior arrangement was that it would cost \$20,498 on a 3 year lease at \$7,417.85 per year with a down payment of \$5,000 from the police vehicle reserve fund.

Motion 176-10. Motion by Trustee McKeever, seconded by Trustee Certis to rescind motion 162-10 from October 12, 2010 regarding the purchase of the new police car. Motion carried 5-0.

The exact numbers will be available at the next Board meeting.

JOINT ACTIVITY

Trustee Sheibley requested the acceptance of the resignation of Diane Brown from the Gowanda Recreation Commission, with regret. She served during the 1990's for 8 to 10 years and then again for the past 2 years. Trustee Sheibley asked that a letter be sent to Mrs. Brown.

Motion 177-10. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Certis to accept the resignation of Diane Brown from the Recreation Commission with regret. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Sheibley reported that the requested State funding will be cut by 1.1%. The Village requested \$2500 so this amounts to about \$27.

Trustee Sheibley reported that she attended the Cattaraugus County Municipal Officials dinner at South Dayton. The two election commissioners from the County were there. The new voting machines were discussed along with the cost to municipalities. She advised that Villages will soon be allowed to determine if they want to use paper ballots or the new machines. For each election, the County must provide ballots for 110% of the people who vote in the election.

FIRE

Trustee DeCarlo advised that Fire Chief Raiport indicated that two of the chiefs radios died. If they cannot be fixed, he would like to purchase new ones. Trustee DeCarlo indicated the cost is around \$650.

Motion 178-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee McKeever to allow the fire department to purchase two new chiefs radios at a cost not to exceed of \$700 each. Motrion carried 5-0.

Trustee DeCarlo reminded residents to check chimneys, furnaces, etc. due to the poor weather setting in.

TREASURER

Treasurer Schilling provided a copy of the bid results for the BAN. The borrowing will be at 1.2% through Chase Bank. The closing is tomorrow. The transfer will occur on Thursday.

Motion 179-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to authorize the expenditure of \$350 for Neighborhood Watch to pay for equipment. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson presented a no cost time extension from Industrial Power & Lighting to November 30, 2010.

Motion 180-10. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Certis to authorize a no cost time extension to November 30, 2010 for Industrial Power & Lighting. Motion carried 5-0.

The Village Hall renovations have begun. Some reconfiguration has been done for the handicapped entrance slope. There will be handrails on the sidewalk and the rest will be grass.

Work has started on the Pt. Peter gatehouse.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson reported there have been some issues with the sheet piling and rip rap on Torrance Place. He also reported there was a mistake in the

quantity estimate for the rip rap at the Village landfill. Wendel Duchscherer will provide more information for the next meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson advised that over 5,000 feet of sidewalk replacement took place. \$5,655.60 was paid out in grant monies and \$16,105.37 in reimbursement funds were paid. It was a very successful program. \$511 was left over to be carried to next year.

ADMINISTRATION

Village Clerk Mohawk presented the Annual Maintenance Agreement for the office copier in the amount of \$1,029.60.

Motion 181-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee McKeever to approve the Annual Maintenance Agreement for the office copier in the amount of \$1,029.60. Motion carried 5-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk read a letter from Southern Tier West:

“On behalf of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board, we would like to express our appreciation to you and your Board for your generous contribution to the 2010-2011 Southern Tier West Center for Local Government and Community Services annual membership.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with the local governments of the region and remain steadfast in our commitment to local government and local government issues. The Southern Tier West Center for Local Government and Community Services has matured greatly throughout the past decade with the ability to give you quality assistance and training in a variety of areas.”

She presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Village of Gowanda for supporting the Southern Tier West Center for Local Government Community Services as a 2010 CAP Member.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported that she spoke with Nick Crassi about the old siren system in the fire hall. He indicated it doesn't work but he would like to get it to the historical society rather than throw it away. Mayor Klancer indicated that anything left upstairs from the fire company needs to be removed.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported that the Village records project is completed. It should be returned soon. She was advised after speaking with Munters Corporation that the original documents will be returned but they will need to be kept at a separate spot from the copied and cleaned documents.

Village Clerk Mohawk requested authorization to hire a records clerk to work on the documents when they are returned. She and Treasurer Schilling interviewed several candidates. Mayor Klancer indicated the position would pay \$12 per hour, no benefits. This position is also FEMA-reimbursable.

Motion 182-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee McKeever to approve the hiring of a Records clerk at a cost of \$12 per hour with no benefits. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee DeCarlo asked how long it has been since Harson paid on their UDAG loan. Village Clerk Mohawk advised it has been since April. She will contact them one more time and then refer it to the attorney. Village Attorney Chadsey advised they are in default under the terms of the note.

ENVIRONMENT

Phil Palen advised that the tree planting is scheduled for next week, Wednesday through Friday. 22 trees will be planted.

Motion 183-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Village of Gowanda board meeting is November 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk
Village Clerk