

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

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. A moment of silence was observed for Cattaraugus County Sheriff Dennis John and the two firefighters from Buffalo, Captain McCarthy and Firefighter Croom.

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

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

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

Public Present: Nick Crassi, Disaster Coordinator, Carrie and Jim Fix (98 Torrance Place), Cindy Dishman, Larry Rubin, Esq.

Trustee Certis noted that in the minutes of the August 18, 2009 meeting, it was noted that he made a motion. He advised that he was not at that meeting. Village Clerk Mohawk will correct it.

Motion 117-09. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2009 Village Board meeting as corrected. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion118-09. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2009 Special Village Board meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee DeCarlo advised that 56% of the bills on the Abstract are related on the flood.

Motion119-09. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee McKeever to approve Abstract #4 dated September 8, 2009 on all funds as follows:

General Fund -	\$114,506.78
Water Fund -	\$ 66,667.97
Sewer Fund -	\$ 18,364.42
UDAG Fund -	\$ 1,186.53
Total	\$200,725.70

Motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Carrie Fix, 98 Torrance Place, complained about the public highway barn being built behind her house. The area is considered residential but the area is being used as a commercial area. The signs on the road indicate No Trucks. There is a great deal of truck traffic running in and out of the area near her house. Mayor Klancer indicated that the area where the public works building will be built is a commercial site. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated that most of the extra trucks are because of the flood construction. Mr. Hutchinson advised that he would encourage the public works employees to use the back entrance to the building.

**POLICE**

Village Clerk Mohawk reported that Officer-in-Charge Alessi did not have a report for this meeting.

Village Clerk Mohawk read a letter:

“Dear Mayor Klancer and Village Board,  
Please accept this letter as formal resignation. I want to thank you and Chief Alessi for the opportunity for working for this department.  
Jason Miller”

Motion 120-09. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to accept the resignation of Jason Miller from the Gowanda Police Department. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Sheibley reported that Officer-in-Charge Alessi asked her to thank the East Randolph Fire Department for pumping out the Village hall basement. They spent a couple of days doing it and blew out 2 pumps.

Mayor Klancer thanked all the fire companies for their assistance, including the Gowanda Fire Department.

### **JOINT ACTIVITY**

Trustee Sheibley requested the Village Board to rescind prior Motion 107-09 to hire soccer personnel. Based upon a telephone conversation with the Recreation Director, no soccer program will be held because the field was destroyed.

Motion 121-09. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Certis to rescind Motion 107-09 to hire soccer personnel for lack of a soccer program. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Sheibley reported that the Village received the paperwork from the Office of Family and Child Services for recreation funding.

### **FIRE**

Trustee DeCarlo thanked everyone who helped with the flood emergency. Chief Raiport advised that 114 fire companies showed up to help. The coordination from the Command Center was excellent. Trustee DeCarlo advised that the Village trucks were pulled out of service by the insurance company. There was no water for the hydrants so other pumpers were in town. Disaster Coordinator Nick Crassi appreciated all the people who helped and the coordination during the emergency. Mayor Klancer thanked all the volunteers, all the fire departments, the Village Fire department, the ambulance crew, and the police department. He thanked Water Superintendent Carl Sternisha for doing extra work to make the disaster somewhat less severe.

### **TREASURER**

Treasurer Schilling advised there are some bonding resolutions which need to be passed regarding borrowing to fund the disaster.

Mayor Klancer read the following:

“Revenue Anticipation Note Resolution of the Village of Gowanda, New York, adopted September 8, 2009, authorizing the issuance of Not to Exceed \$550,000 Revenue Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the receipt of certain revenues to be received during the fiscal year ending May 31, 2010

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Gowanda, in the Counties of Cattaraugus and Erie, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Revenue Anticipation Notes (herein called the “Notes”) of the Village of Gowanda, in the Counties of Cattaraugus and Erie, New York (herein called the “Village”), in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$550,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 25.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the “Law”).

Section 2. The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the receipt of FEMA grant funds for flood related projects in the amount of \$550,000. The proceeds of the Notes

shall be used only for the purpose of paying the expenses of the Village for said fiscal year payable from the revenues in anticipation of which they are issued.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- (a) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.
- (b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.
- (c) No revenue anticipation notes have been heretofore issued in anticipation of the revenues specified in Section 2 hereof.
- (d) The Notes are issued in anticipation of the collection of revenues other than real estate taxes or assessments.

Section 4. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the Village and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, and any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute arbitrage certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the Village by the manual signature of the Village Treasurer, and shall have the corporate seal of the Village impressed or imprinted thereon, which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the Village Clerk.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.”

Motion 122-09. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to adopt this Revenue Anticipation Note resolution as prepared by bond counsel. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Klancer read the Bond Anticipation Note resolution:

“Bond Resolution of the Village of Gowanda, New York, adopted September 8, 2009, authorizing certain capital improvements required due to flood damage; stating the total estimated maximum cost thereof is \$5,000,000; appropriating said amount therefore, authorizing the issuance of \$5,000,000 bonds of said Village to finance said appropriation, and authorizing any funds to be received from the United State of America or the State of New York to be expended towards the cost of said objects or purposes or redemption of the Village’s obligations issued therefore or to be budgeted as an offset to the taxes for the payment of the principal of and interest on said obligations.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Gowanda, in the Counties of Cattaraugus and Erie, New York, hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The Village of Gowanda, in the Counties of Cattaraugus and Erie, New York (herein called “Village”), is hereby authorized to construct certain capital improvements required due to catastrophic flood damage, consisting of reservoir improvements, highway improvements, Thatcher Brook erosion improvements, Village Municipal Building reconstruction, and DPW Building reconstruction. The total estimated maximum cost of said objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$5,000,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefore. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$5,000,000 bonds to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable. Any funds received or to be received from the United States of America or State of New York shall be applied towards the cost of said object or purpose or redemption of said bonds issued therefore or shall be budgeted as an offset to the taxes for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds.

Section 2. Bonds of the Village in the principal amount of \$5,000,000, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called “Law”) to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- (a) The period of probable usefulness of said objects or purposes, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a.91 of the Law, is fifteen (15) years; however, the bonds authorized pursuant to this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall mature no later than five (5) years from the date of original issuance of said bonds or notes.
- (b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.103-18 of the United States Treasury Department.
- (c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will not exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village without limitation of rate or amount. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publications of such resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately, and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in full, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in a newspaper published in Gowanda, New York, having a general circulation in the Village and hereby designated the official newspaper of said Village for such publication.”

Motion 123-09. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to adopt the foregoing resolution as prepared by bond counsel. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer Schilling reported that she met with Jeff Smith of Municipal Solutions regarding the financing and they are updating the Official Statement.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson presented a number of contracts that need formal board approval relative to the emergency work in the Village.

Motion 124-09. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve the contract with Siewert Equipment to replace the damaged and obsolete motor started for the well pump in the amount of \$3,951.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 125-09. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve the contract with Siewert Equipment for repair of two Weinman pumps with overhaul kits and installation of new energy efficient motors and control parts in the amount of \$23,688.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 126-09. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve the contract with Siewert Equipment for labor and material to install 2 75 HP VFD in Nema 1 Enclosure in the amount of \$34,766.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 127-09. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee McKeever to approve the contract with Siewert Equipment for a replacement motor starter in the amount of \$7,957.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 128-09. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve the contract with Siewert Equipment for a spare replacement pump for Weinman 3L4S duplex station in the amount of \$4,916.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 129-09. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve the contract with Moody Associates for 60 HP Vertical Hollow Shaft electric motor for Well #1 at a cost of \$5,600.00 for the motor; labor to load equipment and travel at \$165 per hour; on site labor \$200 per hour, \$225 per night out crew. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 130-09. Motion by Trustee McKeever, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve the contract with Moody Associates for labor to repair Well #2 in the amount of \$20,300.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 131-09. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve the contract with Wendel Duscherer to assess the damage to the Gowanda Village Hall due to the flood in the amount of \$8,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 132-09. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee McKeever to approve the contract with Wendel Duscherer to provide the Village with a set of electrical and HVAC design specifications and sketches to secure quotes from Electrical Contractors for pumphouse in the amount of \$7,500.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 133-09. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve the contract with Wendel Duscherer to assist the village in recovery of their flood damaged water system in the amount of \$8,400.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 134-09. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve the contract with Wendel Duscherer to provide the Village with a set of electrical and HVAC design specifications and sketches to secure quotes from electrical contractors for Well House and engineering for rehab and redevelopment of Well #2 in the amount of \$14,950.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 135-09. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve the contract with Sienna Environmental Technologies for mold and water damage assessment at 1 Industrial Place in the amount of \$1,620.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 136-09. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to approve the contract with Sienna Environmental Technologies for asbestos assessment at 1 Industrial Place in the amount of \$1,580.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 137-09. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee McKeever to approve the contract with J.D. Northrup Construction for construction services per an hourly rate schedule. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson presented a proposal from TVGA for groundwater monitoring at the Village landfill. The prices provided for the groundwater sampling is roughly what the Village pays for laboratory analysis. All of the groundwater monitoring and the report would be done. He indicated that the Village could use some help with this considering all of the issues going on.

Motion 138-09. Motion by Trustee McKeever, seconded by Trustee Certis to accept the proposal from TVGA for groundwater monitoring at the Village landfill in the amount of \$5,500.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson advised that TVGA submitted another proposal to do the semi-annual sampling at the pretreatment facility. It may be something to consider in the future since Mr. Hutchinson is the only employee who does this type of work.

On September 3, 2009, Village Clerk Mohawk took a telephone poll regarding soliciting emergency road repair bids for flood-damaged streets. The solicitation of these bids was authorized.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson advised that a unit price contract was offered for bid for emergency road repairs. The low bid was Olsen Paving for \$909,000. The contract may go up if more work is determined necessary. Emergency road repairs should be FEMA eligible. Storm drains on Johnson Street were going to be repaired this year so the repairs will not be FEMA eligible but the Village will use CHIPS funds. There is \$104,000 of CHIPS money available.

Motion 139-09. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to accept the low bid of Olsen Paving at the recommendation of the Public Works Superintendent. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson reported that the work is coming along on the Peter Cooper site. They removed over 400,000 tons of debris from the back area.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson reported that he received a request from one of the rafting companies to store rafts in the old eye doctor building. There are no walls in the building. It is a free-standing metal building. There was some discussion about insurance requirements. Does the building need to be inspected? It must be a code-compliant building in order to be used. Mayor Klancer indicated he does not think the Village should even consider renting it.

Motion 140-09. Motion by Trustee Decarlo, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to deny the request, especially considering the insurance factors, the repairs that need to be done to the building, and the fact that the Village will be tearing the building down. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson discussed the issue of giving flood-impacted homeowners some sort of abatement on their water bills. Some homes had their waterlines torn out of the wall. Some residents used much more water for cleanup. This has been done in the past. Mr. Hutchinson suggested using an average of their third quarter bills for the past three years. He suggested a water abatement application to verify flood impact for the residents. Trustee McKeever feels an application process would be fair so the Village could track the extra usage. The abatement will need to be documented flood-impacted usage. Mayor Klancer suggested the Village Board be given a copy of the application form.

Motion 141-09. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to offer the flood-impacted residents an abatement on their water bills for the third quarter. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson advised that it is necessary to go to bid quickly on the Pt. Peter reservoir dredging.

Motion 142-09. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee McKeever to allow Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson to go to bid for the Pt. Peter reservoir dredging. Motion carried 5-0.

Dredging will allow the Village to collect water from the springs when they are flowing and clear and store it in the reservoir so there will be backup water. The well #1 capacity is the only water supply at the moment.

## **PLANNING**

Village Clerk Mohawk read the Gowanda Planning Board report provided by Jack Torrance:

“Significant time was spent discussing the comments made at the joint meeting of the Planning Board and the Village Board.

A review of the revised draft of the Master Plan prepared by the Village Attorney did not include the updated graphs and data that had been supplied to the Village Clerk. The read/write CD of the revised Master Plan had not been received yet.

After discussion the Planning Board voted to recommend leaving all the references to historic homes and the house tour lists intact. The main reasons for this recommendation are based upon:

New York State position in support of federal historic preservation NYS Office of Legal Council Legal Memorandum LU08

New York State Historic Preservation position pamphlet from the NYS Department of State by James A. Coon “Legal Aspects of Municipal Historic Preservation” dated January 2008 particularly page three (3)

It was the opinion of the Planning Board that removal/deletion of the majority of the Historic Preservation section would require a new SEQR and

The final version still needs to be sent to, among other agencies, New York State Historic Preservation Organization and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as well as both Erie County Planning and Cattaraugus County Planning for their approval. Remember they have already received a draft of a Master Plan that included the updated Historic Preservation section which included the lists of buildings and tour routes.

With respect to the comment about inclusion of the Peter Cooper Site reference, a letter from the Mayor dated April 14, 2004 which included (5) copies of the Peter Cooper Reuse plan, requested the Planning Board to:

Update and inclusion of this information in the Village Master Plan; and review and recommend appropriate zoning for the Peter Cooper Site along with adjacent industrial properties.

The recommendation from the Planning Board at that time was to use “Planned Unit Development” land use tool.

The “Reuse Assessment and Conceptual Plan for the Peter Cooper Gowanda Superfund Site”, prepared by the University of Buffalo, was referenced in the Planning Board’s draft Master Plan.

The various facets of the 2007 draft revision of the Animal Control that had been submitted to the Village Board were discussed. Heather McKeever said she would like to take the draft and all associated facts that went into the development of the draft and compare it with recent budget actions/discussions to determine where the draft might need to be modified.

It was reported that the only comment received (from the Village Board) was a concern about listing Doctors and Dentists offices as a non-permitted use. It was felt that those specific cases could be handled by variance procedures, additions or deletions to the proposed draft clarifying Section 30.23 R-2 Districts regulation 3 as it pertains to “Customary Home Occupations” Therefore the Planning Board recommends that Village Board should proceed with the local law modifications procedures.

The first draft of a section of Village Code Zoning Code that applies to Landlords and Absentee Landlords and permits and reporting was distributed. This was based upon the comments submitted by each of the Planning Board members after their review of the various samples of Landlords and Absentee Landlord local laws that were distributed at the June meeting.

The Planning Board is to review the draft and return comments so that a final draft can be prepared for Planning Board approvals and subsequent submission to the Village Board for their approval.

A copy of the presentation by David T. Pullen, Esq. (with side notes by Jack Torrance) given at the Southern Tier West Conference, “Adoption and Processing of Local Laws by Local Governments”, was distributed to those that did not receive a copy. Mr. Pullen is retained by several small communities to assist with review and adoption of local laws. The next meeting of the Planning Board is set for September 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm with the primary tasks being Site Plan Review and Village code updates.

Since the August Planning Board meeting, a Site Plan Review request dated August 28, 2009 has been received from the Code Officer. The request is from the Gowanda Rehab & Nursing Center for a new parking lot.”

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Village Clerk Mohawk reported that Cattaraugus County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste & Compute Recycling disposal day on Saturday, October 3, 2009.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported that there will be an Erie County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day at Honeywell, 20 Peabody Street, in Buffalo on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Enter off Elk Street. Acceptable items for free, proper disposal are oil-based paints, pesticides, fertilizers, household and/or pool chemicals, solvents, gasoline, motor oil, antifreeze, lead acid and rechargeable batteries, propane tanks and cylinders, mercury, mercury thermometers, and mercury thermostats. Items that will not be accepted include latex paint, automobile tires, electronic waste, fluorescent bulbs, pharmaceutical waste, or commercial/industrial waste.

Village Clerk Mohawk read a letter from Susan Torrance:

“As you know, the Heritage Harvest Festival scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, including the Scarecrow contest and tours of Gowanda’s Pine Hill Cemetery, has been cancelled for this year due to the complications created by the August 10<sup>th</sup> Flood. Some of the financing for the Festival was provided by the Village and another portion came from a grant through the Cattaraugus County Council for the Arts. Two checks had been issued to me for the festival. One was for \$500.00 from the Village of Gowanda and the other was for \$950.00 from the Cattaraugus County Council for the Arts. The grant from the Arts Council was for Music in the Park and the Heritage Harvest Festival. A check for \$350.00 (from the grant check) was given to the Gowanda Area Chamber of Commerce and was used for the 2009 Music in the Park Concert Series. The remaining \$600.00 was designated for the Heritage Harvest Festival, which is now cancelled. Therefore, please find enclosed two checks totaling \$1100.00 which is the total of the unused funds for the Heritage Harvest Festival.”

Village Clerk Mohawk reported she deposited the funds back into the general fund for use next year.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported that several bags of flooded materials were sent to Document Reprocessors to be freeze-dried including many of the records from the police department. She is waiting to hear back from the processing company relative to a cost for this service. Village Clerk Mohawk reported that she applied for a \$20,000 emergency grant from the New York State Archives to help defray the cost of salvaging the records.

Trustee Sheibley spoke about the Flood Assessment Relief Act of 2007 to provide real property tax relief for victims of severe storms and flooding. It would compensate towns and villages for refunding real property taxes.

Disaster Coordinator Nick Crassi spoke about the 125 year anniversary celebration for the Gowanda Fire Department on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Motion 143-09. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 144-09. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to come out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

Motion 145-09. Motion by Trustee McKeever, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to offer Animal Control Officer Mary Dankert her regular salary, retroactive to June 1, 2009. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 146-09. Motion by Trustee McKeever, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Village of Gowanda Board meeting is October 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk  
Village Clerk