

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 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.

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

Trustee Nephew was previously excused from the meeting.

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

Media Present: Mary Pankow, Gowanda Pennysaver
Tim Latshaw, Observer

Motion 244-08. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2008 Villlage Board meeting as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion 245-08. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2009 Special Village Board meeting as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion 246-08. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve Abstract #8 dated January 13, 2009 on all funds as follows:

General Fund -	\$83,016.11
Water Fund -	\$23,411.90
Sewer Fund -	\$77,344.50
UDAG Fund -	13,867.85
Joint Activity -	\$ 1,545.34
Total	201,185.70

Motion carried 4-0.

BUILDING/BUSINESS PERMITS

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that Building Inspector Brecker requested permission to attend the second meeting of each month to present his report as he attends meetings at the Town of Brant as well and the meetings are the same nights. Mayor Klancer indicated that he advised Mr. Brecker that was fine.

JOINT ACTIVITY

Trustee Sheibley reported that the Recreation Commission recommends hiring Zach Anderson, Drew Carriero and Shane Miller as ice skating attendants on an “as needed” basis at \$7.50 per hour.

Motion 247-08. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to appoint Zach Anderson, Drew Carriero and Shane Miller as ice skating attendants on an “as needed” basis at \$7.30 per hour. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Sheibley acknowledged receipt of \$1,225.00 from the Town of Perrysburg for the youth recreation program. She asked that a letter be sent thanking them for the donation.

Trustee Sheibley requested authorization to send a letter to Governor Patterson in support of not reducing the youth funding by the proposed 25%. Perhaps a better option might be for the Governor to put a committee together to find ways to save money other than arbitrarily cutting youth funds.

Motion 248-08. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to authorize a letter to be sent to Governor Patterson in support of not reducing the youth funding by a proposed 25%. Motion carried 4-0.

FIRE

Trustee DeCarlo thanked all of the departments that helped with the recent structure fire.

Trustee DeCarlo advised that next week on January 21st the fire department will be holding their spaghetti dinner at the American Legion from 4:00 until 7:00, \$7.00 each.

Trustee DeCarlo asked residents to be conscious about shoveling their sidewalks and entrances/exits to make it easier to get out if necessary.

Trustee Certis asked if the aerial truck bid indicated a minimum. Village Clerk Mohawk advised that \$3,000 was listed.

TREASURER

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that the resolution regarding the 41-j resolution for allowance of unused sick leave credits was originally passed in 1999 but was never filed. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated this covers all employees. Trustee Sheibley advised it was an action taken as a result of a contractual agreement and it replaces a previous section. Mr. Hutchinson indicated it is supposed to be an incentive for not abusing sick time.

Treasurer Schilling advised that she attended a meeting of the Erie County Municipal Administrative Officers Association and was elected President for the next 2 years. Next

month they will have a representative from the Comptroller's Office meet with them to answer any questions.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson reported on some funding from the Transportation Safety Enhancement Program which funds transportation related issues. He would like to apply for funding for the Peter Cooper project and the Veterans Park. Mr. Hutchinson sent information to the New York State Department of Transportation outlining both projects to seek a determination of whether or not these projects would be eligible. Treasurer Schilling asked if there would be any Village matching with this project. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated there would be a 20% match for the grant. Village Attorney Chadsey indicated that the Peter Cooper project will involve a substantial amount of cash. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated that for the Veterans Memorial Park, CDBG funds are eligible matches. June 27 is the deadline for the application. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson advised he would like the application to be pre-screened before the deadline if possible. He indicated that any properties to be acquired need to be in conformance with federal requirements for property acquisitions. Village Attorney Chadsey indicated that some of these requirements may include easements, title searches, how much you pay for it, how you pay for it, etc. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson will provide Village Attorney Chadsey with the citation information so she can review it.

Motion 236-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Nephew to authorize Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson to proceed with the application process for the Transportation Safety Enhancement Program with regard to the Peter Cooper site and the Veterans Memorial Park. Motion carried 4-0.

Jack Torrance advised that he attended the Cattaraugus County Planning Board meeting. They are putting together a grant for signage for the Amish Country.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson reported that the Town of Collins requested the Village to waive lead agency status for the SEQR for the group home on Aldrich Street.

Motion 237-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Nephew to waive lead agency status to the Town of Collins for the SEQR for the demolition of the STEL house on Aldrich Street. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson requested authorization to bid chlorine and ferric chloride which is done every year. He asked Village Attorney Chadsey if it could be a two-year bid. She indicated that whatever contract can be negotiated with the vendor should be acceptable as long as it is good for the Village.

Motion 238-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to authorize Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson to solicit bids for chlorine gas and ferric chloride. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson presented some information on upcoming hearings on dam safety regulations. The Village has a dam.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated that he has been negotiating with Vac-Con regarding the new flusher truck. He has been disappointed with the performance of the vacuum unit. Vac-Con has agreed that the truck did not meet the specifications of what the Village was seeking. They have offered to upgrade to a 3-stage pump which would do soft digging, cleaning the grid chamber, cleaning the digester, etc. A 3-stage pump would deliver about 200 inches of vacuum which is more powerful. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated they had to rent a vacuum because they could not get under the side hatch. The cost of the pump would be \$2200. If the pump had been purchased when the truck was ordered, it would have cost \$7800. Mr. Hutchinson indicated that funds would come out of the repair line item.

Motion 239-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Nephew to authorize the purchase of the 3-stage pump for \$2200 rather than replace the same 2-stage pump. Motion carried 4-0.

The Village Board was presented with a petition from homeowners on Dawson Drive. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated that there are lots of springs on Dawson Drive and only one catch basin on the street. The homeowners would like an expanded storm drain system that would catch the runoff water. An estimated cost would be \$4-6,000. CHIPS money would be used for this project.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson presented a clean agreement for the Peter Cooper project. Village Attorney Chadsey indicated that the major difference between the two agreements is the last one put the risk of cost overruns entirely on the Village. Now the risk of cost overruns is split instead of putting it entirely on the Village. The Village is better able to control the risk.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson reported that the Village has three employees with the 40-hour Hazardous Waste training program. Trustee DeCarlo indicated that all employees with this training should maintain their certification.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated he met with the forester. He should have an inventory to the Village in the next month.

Trustee DeCarlo advised that Assemblyman Giglio introduced the bill in the Assembly to rename the bridge Gowanda Veterans Memorial Bridge.

ADMINISTRATION

Village Clerk Mohawk presented the Event Application for the Cabin Fever Walk for Sunday, April 6th. The insurance certificate was also filed along with the walk route and the time.

Motion 240-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the event application for the Cabin Fever Walk submitted by LOVE, Inc. for April 6, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported that the Village received \$75.00 from the Town of Collins for fine money.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported that next Thursday, March 20th, Adecco will be using the Board room for recruiting purposes.

ENVIRONMENT

Trustee Nephew presented a check for \$1,000 received from Cattaraugus County Arts Council for Music-in-the-Park and the Heritage Harvest Festival. She also presented a certificate of merit from Assemblyman Joseph Giglio's office in recognition of being a recipient of the 2008 Community Arts Grant.

Trustee Nephew reported that the Village received a letter from the Department of Environmental Conservation congratulating the Village for being a Tree City USA village for 6 years. She also presented a trophy.

Trustee Nephew spoke about the amendment for the tree budget for \$1500. Mr. Torrance indicated the Village will recover \$750 from the tree grant. This will purchase about 20 trees depending on the price. The tree committee looks to Turnbolls, Schichtels and Concord Nursery as they have in the past.

Treasurer Schilling advised the Board members that spending is close this year. Mayor Klancer had indicated that no unnecessary spending should occur.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson advised that a spring tree harvest could mean revenues for this year which could be used for tree functions.

Motion 241-07. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo for a \$1500 budget amendment. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Klancer reported on the meeting with the Chamber of Commerce regarding the wagon train. The Gowanda Moose will make the meals and has offered their grounds. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson will apply for a road closing of Aldrich Street for use of the property across the street at the sewer plant. Bathroom facilities will be available at the Moose and showers at the high school. There will be another meeting in Little Valley on April 1st. Fire Chief Raiport and Historian Phil Palen will be involved with a committee for further planning.

Motion 242-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to go into Executive Session. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion 243-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Nephew to come out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

Motion 244-07. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Nephew to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

The next Village of Gowanda Board meeting is March 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk
Village Clerk