

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 27, 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 Barb Nephew
Trustee John Certis
Trustee Dale DeCarlo
Trustee Carol Sheibley

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

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

Public Present: Nick Crassi

Motion 264-08. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2009 Village Board meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/FIRE

Mr. Crassi was present as President of the Gowanda Fire Company. He advised that in the best interest of the Village to leave the Hidi Fire truck where it is. Petitions had been presented to the Village Board at the work session. Mayor Klancer advised that he received a telephone call from Supervisor Mel LeBar who indicated that the Town of Persia felt the same.

Motion 265-08. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to leave the Hidi Fire truck where it is presently located. Motion carried 5-0.

One of the questions asked if Mr. Crassi is if there was room for the Hidi Fire truck at the new hall. He indicated there is.

Treasurer Schilling asked if the fire company would be taking the tin building which houses the trailer down to the new fire hall. Mr. Crassi indicated they would.

Mr. Crassi invited the Board members and the public to stop in and see the new fire hall.

Mr. Crassi advised that the fire alarm system costs \$20.00 per month and \$375.00 per year for certification. He asked if the Village Board would consider paying the monthly charge of \$20.00 and the fire company would pay the certification fee.

Motion 266-08. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to authorize the Village to pay the \$20.00 per month alarm monitoring fee. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Klancer advised that the Village needs to have a Disaster Coordinator. He recommended Nick Crassi for the interim.

Motion 267-08. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Nephew to appoint Nick Crassi as Disaster Coordinator for the interim. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Klancer asked Village Clerk Mohawk to send Mr. Crassi a letter of appointment.

Motion 268-08. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to accept the bid of \$3,333.27 from Mark Smith for the 1973 American LaFrance Aerial truck. Motion carried 5-0.

POLICE

Village Clerk Mohawk reported that Officer-in-Charge will submit his year-end report at the next Village Board meeting.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported that the Gowanda Police Department received a \$20,000 grant for license plate readers.

JOINT ACTIVITY

Trustee Sheibley reported that the ski program is going very well.

Trustee Sheibley, Trustee Certis and Treasurer Schilling received a memo from Recreation Director Benton indicating that he is decreasing his joint activity budget by 10% based upon the tough economic times. Trustee Sheibley commended Mr. Benton for his action.

Trustee DeCarlo asked if there is night lighting at St. John's Park. Trustee Sheibley indicated there is night skating. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson indicated there is both manual and automatic lighting there to help cut down on some of the vandalism.

Trustee Certis reminded the residents to call the ICE-Line to make sure the conditions are right and there is a counselor on duty.

TREASURER

Treasurer Schilling advised that the budget process has begun. The request sheets have been distributed to all the department heads.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson presented a proposal from Wendel Duchscherer regarding the Village Hall renovations. The Village Board determined that Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson should solicit another proposal for the work.

Motion 269-08. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to authorize Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson to get another quote for renovations to the Village Hall. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson advised that the Village was not selected for funding by CDBG for either project.

PLANNING

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that the Village is still on the 30-day waiting period for responses to the SEQR for the Master Plan revisions.

ADMINISTRATION

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that she is in receipt of the December Treasurers report.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that on February 5th and on February 19th in the afternoon the upstairs room will be used by the U.S. Census for recruiting and testing.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported that she received a telephone call from the Post Office indicating that homeowners need to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice. The Postmaster indicated that he will discontinue mail delivery to the problem residences if the sidewalks are not kept passable.

Village Clerk Mohawk advised that she is working on a grant application for an inactive records storage room. The deadline is Monday.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported that the Village received \$4,876.10 for mortgage tax payments, \$49,421.59 for real property tax payments, \$166,219.46 for sales tax payments and \$588.43 for miscellaneous payments from Cattaraugus County in 2008.

Village Clerk Mohawk asked Trustee Nephew if she sent a thank you note to Dr. Hu for her recent donation.

Treasurer Schilling indicated that the Village will need to begin accounting for that money differently. He needs to be deposited in the Trust and Agency fund.

Motion 270-08. Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to go into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 271-08. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to come out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 272-08. Motion by Trustee Nephew, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Village Board meeting will be held on Grievance Day, February 17, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk
Village Clerk