

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JUNE 8, 2010

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 Carol Sheibley
Trustee Heather McKeever
Trustee John Certis
Trustee Dale DeCarlo

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

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

Public Present: Robert Heichberger

As a follow up to a discussion in the previous work session, Mayor Klancer asked for a motion to allow the Village work crews to pick up leaves in the cemetery if they are raked to the public right-of-way like Village residents are asked to do.

Motion 61-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to allow the Village public works employees to pick up leaves in the cemetery if they are raked to the public right-of-way like Village residents are asked to do. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 62-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2010 Village Board meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Sheibley questioned Voucher 1005 about the 60% share that the Village is supposed to pay for the National Fuel bill at the Gowanda Fire Hall. She indicated that the voucher amount in Abstract #13 was for the entire amount.

Motion 63-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee McKeever to approve Abstract #13 for all funds as follows, as corrected:

General Fund	\$58,681.70
Water Fund	\$ 7,144.51
Sewer Fund	\$19,808.24
Capital Fund	\$ 92.07

Flood	\$67,331.70
Joint Activity	\$ 160.02
Total	153,218.24

Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Sheibley questioned Voucher 15 for Colden Enterprises on Abstract #1. She asked about any warranties for the equipment. Trustee DeCarlo advised they were labeled as “Code”.

Motion 64-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee McKeever to approve Abstract #1 on all funds as follows:

General Fund	\$61,091.01
Water Fund	\$17,323.52
Sewer Fund	\$ 5,491.82
Total	\$83,906.35

Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Village Clerk Mohawk presented information received from AFLAC regarding insurance options for employees which would be at no cost to the Village. Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson advised that several municipalities are offering it. It is an optional insurance paid by the employee. Mayor Klancer requested some time to review it and requested that someone come and talk in a work session. Treasurer Schilling suggested that perhaps P&A could incorporate this into the cafeteria plan for the employees.

BUSINESS/BUILDING PERMITS

Village Clerk Mohawk read a letter from the Gowanda Lions Club:

“Please be advised that our club would like to again hold our semi-annual carnation sale fund raising event in the Village. This event is scheduled for Thursday, June 10 and/or Friday, June 11. We will be selling the carnations in the same locations as usual – in the front and back of Jubilee, near Community Bank, and in front of the Post Office, Rite Aid, and HSBC Bank.”

Motion 65-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Gowanda Lions Club semi-annual carnation sale for Thursday, June 10 and/or Friday, June 11. Motion carried 5-0.

Village Clerk Mohawk provided the Board members with information from Erie County regarding requirements for hosting “Taste of the Town” events and the application process with the Erie County Health Department.

POLICE

Village Clerk Mohawk presented the May 2010 police report:

“153 reported calls, 57 arrests, 106 traffic tickets, 7 violent domestics and 6 motor vehicle accidents.

Our mobile plate readers warranty has expired. The North American Law Enforcement Systems Company has offered a 1 or 2 year extension warranty at \$875 a year or \$1,750 for 2 years. The system from the NYS Justice Department grant cost \$20,000. I am looking for direction to see if the Village wants to buy the warranty or look at other avenues to pay for the warranty.

We have completed firearms range and will start training for our 6 man response team this summer. This will be all volunteer training by our officers.

We would like to extend a thank you to the Gowanda Military Veterans and citizens who came out for the Memorial Day parade.

Requesting executive session regarding person(s) or personnel.

Mike Naples would like to purchase the 2 patrol vehicles that have been out of service for 2 years for \$600. We have put them out to bid 2 times with an offer of \$100 for the one patrol car. The vehicles will be sold as scrap.”

Mayor Klancer read a press release for the papers:

“To the residents of the Village of Gowanda,

Today our Police Department received news from the Erie County District Attorney’s Office regarding the East Hill shooting incident that happened September 26th, 2008. Former Officer Jason Miller staged the shooting that night by placing his bulletproof vest on a tree branch and firing a 22 caliber bullet into the chest area, then taking a piece of wood and striking his chest area.

Why Mr. Miller would do this, only he can answer that question.

Our Department is grateful to the community for the patience and understanding during this ordeal and a relief to know that someone is not out to shoot a cop.

The question has been asked if Jason Miller will be charged for this staged event. The answer will be determined by Mr. Frank Sedita III, District Attorney.

We would like to thank the Office of the Erie County District Attorney, New York State Troopers and the Erie and Cattaraugus County Sheriff’s Department for the assistance over the past 20 months.

We have learned a lot working with so many agencies during this ordeal. But I can tell first hand that the group of people who work for this Agency have done a remarkable job and I am proud of them for the dogged determination to find the truth.”

Village Clerk Mohawk reminded the Village Board members of the Gowanda Middle School 5th grade DARE graduation which will be held on Friday, June 11th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gowanda Central High School Auditorium.

Village Clerk Mohawk read another letter:

“To Whom it May Concern,

Please accept this as my letter of resignation effective immediately.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Dana Torres”

Mayor Klancer indicated he would prefer to purchase the 2-year warranty for the mobile plate readers. Trustee Certis suggested paying for 1 year and look for other avenues for next year. Trustee Sheibley suggested that the towns might be willing to assist since they benefit financially from these readers. Trustee DeCarlo suggested that since it is a \$20,000 piece of equipment, the Village should consider going with 2 years.

Motion 66-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee McKeever to purchase the 2-year warranty for the mobile plate readers at a cost of \$1,750. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 67-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to authorize the sale of the 2 patrol vehicles to Mike Naples for \$600. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 68-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to accept the resignation of Dana Torres, effective immediately. Motion carried 5-0.

JOINT ACTIVITY

Trustee Certis presented the list of applicants to be hired per the recommendation of the Gowanda Recreation Commission, as follows:

Lifeguards – Carin Pracht (\$10 an hour)

Playground Supervisor AM and Pool Supervisor PM – Theresa Tonello (\$13.50 an hour)

Playground Counselors

Aaron Benton

Ben Swanson

Full Time Playground Counselors at \$8 an hour

Hannah Alt

Dan Cooper

Lisa Coudrey

Part Time Playground Counselors at \$8 an hour

Carrie Poff

Danielle Stebbins

Caicey Shea

Part time Playground Counselors at \$7.50 an hour

Molly Inglut

Jill Swanson

Motion 69-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee McKeever to approve the hiring of the above-named summer recreation personnel as recommended by the Gowanda Recreation Commission. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Sheibley advised that an advertisement was placed to hire another lifeguard.

FIRE

Trustee DeCarlo advised he would be working with Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson to make sure any necessary maintenance is done on the fire hydrants.

TREASURER

Treasurer Schilling advised that the RAN payment of \$550,000 is due July 1st. The Village has FEMA funds to make the payment.

Treasurer Schilling advised she is preparing for the audit which takes place in early July.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson advised that he interviewed six candidates for summer employment. He recommended hiring Andrew Carriero, Diana Murray and Jessen Herkes.

Motion 70-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee McKeever to approve the hiring of Andrew Carriero, Diana Murray and Jessen Herkes as part-time summer public works employees on the recommendation of Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson. Motion carried 5-0.

The next question is the rate of pay for Andy Carriero. He was a part-time employee in recreation last year who is now working for public works. He received \$8 an hour last year and is a returning employee this year.

Motion 71-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee McKeever to pay Andy Carriero \$8 an hour as a returning employee.

Village Clerk Mohawk polled the Board members:

Mayor Klancer – yes

Trustee Certis – yes

Trustee DeCarlo – yes

Trustee McKeever – yes

Trustee Sheibley - yes

Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson reported that the sewer plant received \$281.30 from Energy Curtailment.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson advised of a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding Thatcher Brook. Highway Superintendent Coudrey and Village Engineer Burr will be present. It is basically for the Army Corps of Engineers to familiarize themselves with the project and begin their design work.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson stressed the importance of asset management and budgeting for replacement of assets.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson advised that the final FEMA projects to be completed include restoration of Landfill No. 2 creek bank, replacements of landfill materials within landfill cap, Village Hall storm drainage, and Point Peter Book Pump Station Siphoning. He requested authorization to advertise for bids on June 24th, open bids on July 8th, and award the bid on July 13th.

Motion 72-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Certis to accept the recommendation of Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson regarding the final projects to be completed and the advertise, open and award schedule as previously discussed. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 73-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo, to move forward with the floor plan design for the Municipal Building as previously discussed.

Mayor Klancer – yes

Trustee Certis – yes

Trustee DeCarlo – yes

Trustee McKeever – yes

Trustee Sheibley – no

Motion carried 4-1.

Trustee Sheibley asked about signage on the bridge indicating it was Cattaraugus Creek. Phil Palen also advised there is a Cattaraugus County/Town of Persia sign down at the Aldrich Street bridge.

Public Works Superintendent Hutchinson requested authorization to award the ferric chloride bid to PVS Technologies for \$491/ton.

Motion 74-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee McKeever to award the bid for ferric chloride to PVS Technologies for \$491/ton. Motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATION

Village Clerk Mohawk advised of an Erie County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day on Saturday, June 19th, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Erie County College, South Campus. Pesticides, fertilizers, household chemicals, paints, spray cans, oil, gasoline, kerosene, batteries, propane tanks and cylinders, etc.

Village Clerk Mohawk reported that the April Treasurer's report was filed.

Village Clerk Mohawk responded to a letter to the editor in the paper regarding reserving St. John's Park pavilion. She indicated that residents have always reserved the space at Chang-Hu Park and maybe it should be the same with St. John's Park. She indicated that

reserving the space always makes sure that the restrooms are open. There was some discussion about putting a sign up that the space is reserved. It was indicated that a first come, first serve basis is how it is determined for a particular date.

Motion 75-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 76-10. Motion by Trustee DeCarlo, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to come out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 77-10. Motion by Trustee Certis, seconded by Trustee DeCarlo to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Village of Gowanda board meeting is July 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen V. Mohawk
Village Clerk