

Village of Gowanda
Board Meeting minutes
January 13, 2026

The Village of Gowanda Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Mayor Nephew at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Mark Nephew, Trustee Peter Sisti, Trustee Paul Zimmermann, Trustee Wanda Koch
Trustee Carol Sheilbey

Employees: Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, WWTP Supervisor Andy Carriero, Highway
Supervisor Adam Reid, Water Supervisor Kirk Trumpore, OIC Ross Olszewski, Code Jason
Pickering & George Poff and Attorney Deb Chadsey *(via phone)*

Public Present: Jack Broyles

Agenda & Minutes

Motion 1-129-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the agenda for the January 13, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion 1-130-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2025 meeting and the January 6, 2026 public hearing. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Jack Broyles-The Village should not entertain the sale of the old ambulance building.

Correspondence

- WNY American Public Works Association Award-Point Peter Reservoir Improvement Project
- Feed More Farm Market Truck 2025 recap

Official Business

Mayor/Board of Trustees

Motion 1-131-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve support for the Hollywood Theater liquor license renewal for 2026. Motion carried.

The Village received a verbal request to use the old Gowanda Electronic building on Industrial for an active shooter training from the Cattaraugus County Sheriffs.

Motion 1-132-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the request for use of the vacant old Gowanda Electronics Building on Industrial Place for Cattaraugus County Sheriffs active shooter training on 1/20/26. Motion carried.

Code-Geroge Poff, Jason Pickering

The rental registry public hearing was on January 6th. There are concerns with inspections and the penalties for failure to register. NYS has a law already enacted that addresses the inspections of multi dwelling 3 units or more.

Code submitted 9 abandoned and vacant properties to the Erie County Zombie Initiative in the hopes they can assist the Village with these problem properties.

ZBA-Gerry Emborski

The Zoning board is planning a meeting to appoint the chairperson of the ZBA. Date-TBD

Legal-Deb Chadsey -Due to scheduling legal has been moved up the agenda.

With the location of the Thatcher Brook Diversion Channel being moved, the Village has been working on site access for ground testing for the properties on Industrial Place. The court has granted the Village access that is needed for the testing purposes.

Motion 1-133-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the OPWSS site access agreement for Thatcher Brook environmental testing. Motion carried.

Clerk-Danielle Wagner

The Village elections will be Wednesday March 18th from 12pm-9pm at the Village Hall.

Motion 1-134-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the Resolution Identifying the polling place and hours for the March 18, 2026 Village Elections. Motion carried.

Police-Ross Olszewski

The police received grant funds that were accepted back in June for police equipment.

Motion 1-135-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the purchase of L-Scan 500 Live scanner & equipment not to exceed \$16,100 with DCJS grant funding. Motion carried.

Joint Activity-Carol Sheibley

The Village was awarded some more funds from Cattaraugus County Youth Services.

Motion 1-136-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to accept the 2026 Youth Development Funding from Cattaraugus County at \$16,800 for period 10/1/25-9/30/26. Motion carried.

Treasurer-Traci Hopkins

The April board meeting needs to be rescheduled from April 14th to the week after April 21st.

The appraisal for the old ambulance building was completed on the 6th. The report will be completed soon

A Sysco delivery truck hit and damaged a light pole on Jamestown St. A claim was submitted.

Motion 1-137-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to accept the insurance proceeds of \$9,224.39 to replace the damaged street light pole. Motion carried.

Motion 1-138-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to authorize to move insurance proceeds to Community Development Fund to support street light replacement project. Motion carried.

NY Forward Update-looking at street lighting pole through the project. It will not start until 2027 but budget and cost estimates need to be done by August.

With the marketing and branding the Village can purchase some holiday light decorations. Looking at getting some snowflakes lights.

Thatcher Brook-with the site access being granted, testing will be taking place. Still waiting on the updated costs for moving the project.

Budget Amendment #3 for the Fire AFG grant funds for turnout gear was provided to the board.

Motion 1-139-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve budget amendment #3 fire AFG grant. Motion carried.

Budget Modification #4 general fund and water fund.

Motion 1-140-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve budget modification request #4 for General and Water. Motion carried.

Abstract bills to pay was provided to the board for approval.

Motion 1-141-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the abstract bills to pay for General \$117,243.07, Water \$12,457.70, Sewer \$6,821.70, Capital Projects \$1,573.20, and Community development Special Projects \$2,801.98. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 10, 2026 at 6pm with a 5:00 budget work session.

Adjourn

Motion 1-142-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Danielle Wagner
Clerk