

Village of Gowanda
Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 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 Sheibley

Employees: Clerk Danielle Wagner, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, Water Supervisor Kirk Trumpore, Code George Poff

Absent: Attorney Deb Chadsey, Highway Supervisor Adam Reid, WWTP Supervisor Andy Carriero, Code Jason Pickering, OIC Ross Olszewski

Public: Jack Broyles

Agenda & Minutes

6-1-Motion-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the agenda for the June 9, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

6-2-Motion-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Jack Broyles-Property assessment meeting with the Town of Persia.

Correspondence

- Erie County Community Development Block grant consortium renewal request.

Official Business

Mayor/Board of Trustees

Carol Sheibley prepared a 250-year celebration proclamation

Motion 6-3-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the 250 Year Celebration Proclamation July 12, 2026. Motion carried.

The Gowanda Chamber submitted a request for music in the park support.

Motion 6-4-Motion by Trustee Zimmerman, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the Gowanda Chamber music in the park support request for \$500.00. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement-George Poff

Building permits 57, complaints filed 3, notices sent 3, inspections 2, pending court cases 1.

Motion 6-5-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to authorize to seek quotes for mowing vacant properties including trimming of any shrubs, bushes and trees that are obstructing the public sidewalk or obstructing the view of oncoming traffic. Motion carried.

Sewer-Liaison Paul Zimmermann

There is a vacant position at the WWTP due to Andy Carrieros retirement.

Motion 6-6-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to authorize to post for a vacant position at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried.

The insurance proceeds to the compost roof came in.

Motion 6-7-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to accept the insurance proceeds of \$85,252.00 to repair the compost building roof. Motion carried.

Clerk-Danielle Wagner

Motion 6-8-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the Erie County Polling place location agreement. Motion carried.

Environmental

Motion 6-9-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to accept the tree donation of \$50 in memory of Jack Torrance to be moved to the tree reserve. Motion carried.

Joint Activity-Carol Sheibley

Motion 6-10-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to accept the \$100 donation from the Gernatt Foundation to replace the doors at St. Johns Park. Motion carried.

Motion 6-11-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to accept the \$300 donation from the from the American Legion to support the summer recreation program. Motion carried.

Motion 6-12-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to authorize to hire 1 head counselor at \$19 per hour for 20 hrs. per week and 6 counselors at \$16.50 per hour for 16 hrs. per week for the summer recreation program. Motion carried.

Treasurer-Traci Hopkins

Motion 6-13-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to authorize to transfer \$9,224.39 of insurance recoveries received for light pole replacement at Jamestown/Walnut St. retroactive to 5/31/26 to general fund repair reserve for the street lighting project. Motion carried.

The municipal hall had an electrical emergency on 5/24/26 that caused a small fire in the phase convertor in the HVAC. Repairs needed to be made to made to prevent further issues.

Motion 6-14-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to declare the electrical emergency on 5/24/26. Motion carried.

The Charter Franchise agreement is nearing renewal; a draft renewal was provided to the board for approval and a public hearing will need to be set. The draft includes a 15 year term, but the board desires to keep it at a 10-year term.

Motion 6-15-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the charter communications Franchise draft agreement pending the 10-year term. Motion carried.

Motion 6-16-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to set the Charter Franchise public hearing for July 14, 2026 at 5:45pm. Motion carried.

Motion 6-17-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve budget amendment #1 for the sewer fund to accept the insurance proceeds for the sewer roof damage. Motion carried.

Motion 6-18-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve budget mod #9 for 2025-2026 fiscal year for General fund, water fund and sewer fund. Motion carried.

Motion 6-19-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the abstract bills to pay for General \$291,317.27, Water \$17,368.35, Sewer \$61,823.44 and Capital Projects \$3,1500. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Motion 6-20-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to recess into executive session at 7:14pm for employee contract agreement. Motion carried.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:46pm.

Motion 6-21-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to accept the working sewer supervisor contract for Sam Lauer with language modifications as discussed. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion 6-22-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Danielle Wagner
Clerk