

Village of Gowanda
Board Meeting Minutes
May 12, 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 Zimemrmann, Trustee Wanda Koch, Trustee Carol Sheibley

Employees: Clerk Danielle Wager, Treasurer Traci Hopkins, WWTP Supervisor Andy Carrirero, Highway Supervisor Adam Reid, Water Supervisor Kirk Trumpore, OIC Ross Olszewski, Code George Poff, Jason Pickering

Public Present: Barbara Heitzenrater, Jim Jensen, Bob Timmel, Jack Broyles, Theresa Girome, Gene Majahrzak, Judith Timmel, Brad Mohawk

Agenda & Minutes

Motion 5-217-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the agenda for the May 12, 2026 board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion 5-218-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2026 board meeting. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Barb Heitzenrator-13 Caroline Rd. has had sewer issues due to Village tree roots. Would at least like the trees cut down.

Bob Timmerl-restoration company offering to help residents after the storm

Jack Broyles-does not agree with the multiple units dwelling getting charged a minimum for water.

Judith Timmel-Thatcher Brook update, some issues with it by her residence.

Correspondence

- Feed more WNY families market schedule

Official Business

Mayor/Board of Trustees

The American Legion would like to do the hometown hero banners.

Armes Building project update-there will be work session next month at 5:30.

Motion 5-219-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the Feed more WNY farm market program MOU Renewal 6/1/26-5/31/27. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement-*George Poff, Jason Pickering*

Complaints filed-1, Violations on Patrol 3, notices sent 3, inspection requested 1, building permit issued 9, business permits 2, pending court cases 1.

Motion 5-220-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the business permit for Blessed Roof LLC at 4 East Main St. Motion carried.

Motion 5-221-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the business permit for Balanced Ledger Bookkeeping at 140 Broadway. Motion carried.

Public Works

Highway-*Adam Reid*

Motion 5-222-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve to hire summer laborer Christopher Burger. Motion carried.

Motion 5-223-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to authorize to pay vacation to highway supervisor due to extenuating staffing situation. Motion carried.

Sewer-*Andy Carriero*

Motion 5-224-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the STC change order for Ferric tank Repair pending EFC approval and SEQRA review. Motion carried.

Motion 5-225-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the BECC Electric change order for the Ferric tank repair pending EFC approval and SEQRA review. Motion carried.

Water-*Kirk Trumpore*

Motion 5-226-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the leak forgiveness from 4/17/26. Motion carried.

Motion 5-227-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the leak forgiveness from 4/24/26. Motion carried.

Clerk-*Danielle Wagner*

Motion 5-228-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to appoint the clerk as the 2026-2027 tax collector. Motion carried.

Motion 5-229-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the 2026-2027 tax collector's warrant. Motion carried.

A resident from 25 Miller St has requested through the Village to receive a street light in front of their residence. There is an existing pole so there is no additional cost to the Village to have the light installed, it will just get added to the Villages Street light account.

Motion 5-230-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the NYSEG street light installation in front of 25 Miller St. Motion carried.

Motion 5-231-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the Walk for Life event application from Tri County Crisis Pregnancy Center on June 7, 2026 from 12-2pm. Motion carried.

Fire-Carol Sheibley

Motion 5-232-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to accept the fire ariel truck insurance claim payment received at \$4,196.58. Motion carried.

Motion 5-233-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to accept the assistance to firefighters grant confirmation of payment \$74,105.76. Motion carried.

Treasurer-Traci Hopkins

Motion 5-234-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to award the BOA Predevelopment and Marketing Consultant RFP to C & S Companies. Motion carried.

Motion 5-235-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to authorize the splash pad installation with Vortex as quoted at \$131,601.91. Motion carried.

Motion 5-236-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to authorize the transfer \$60,000 of general fund budget allocation to the general fund equipment reserve account. Motion carried.

Motion 5-237-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to authorize the transfer of \$10,000 of general fund budget allocations to the general fund repair reserve account. Motion carried.

Motion 5-238-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to authorize the transfer of \$5,000 of general fund budget allocations to general fund fire reserve account. Motion carried.

Motion 5-239-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to authorize the transfer of \$5,000 of general fund budget allocations to the general fund police reserve account. Motion carried.

Motion 5-240-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to authorize the transfer \$25,000 sewer fund budget allocations to the sewer fund equipment reserve account. Motion carried.

Motion 5-241-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to authorize the transfer of \$10,000 of water fund budget allocations to the water fund equipment reserve account. Motion carried.

Motion 5-242-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the budget amendment #6 for the general fund fire insurance funds. Motion carried.

Motion 5-243-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the abstract bills to pay for general fund \$84,238.82, water fund \$13,710.39, sewer fund \$46,123.70 and community development special projects \$12,037.50. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on June 9, 2026 at 6 PM.

Adjourn

Motion 5-244-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully,
Danielle Wagner
Clerk