

Village of Gowanda
Board meeting Minutes
August 11, 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, Highway Supervisor Adam Reid, WWTP Supervisor Sam Lauer, Code George Poff, Jason Pickering, OIC Ross Olzewski

Public Present: Jack Broyles, Theresa Girome, Johsua Trippi

Agenda & Minutes

Motion 8-47-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the agenda for the August 11, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion 8-48-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2026 meeting.

Official Business

Code-*George Poff, Jason Pickering*

Building Permits 35, business permits 2, complaints filed 3, notices sent 3, inspections 2, legal pending 2.

2 business permits were provided to the board for approval.

Motion 8-49-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the business permit for Hager's Flowers and Gifts. Motion carried.

Motion 8-50-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the business permit for Tri-County Heating and Cooling. Motion carried.

ZBA

Motion 8-51-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to appoint Johsua Trippi as Zoning Board Member for term ending 2028. Motion carried

Highway-*Adam Reid*

Erie County Water and Soil has been in touch regarding the flooding in a ditch that happens behind the houses on Buffalo St from the car wash down. There may be some funding available.

The board will need to have a discussion on the future of the brush dump pile on Plamer St. It is being abused-people dumping big garbage, people outside the Village using it with very large piles being dumped. The pile has grown too rapidly. This was meant for yard work brush/leaves and for Village residents only. The Villages spot is now full with no where else to put it.

Sewer-Sam Lauer

The WWTP has some equipment that is no longer needed and would like to have it declared as surplus. A Thomas model air/vac compressor, amtek hydra lite pressure instrument, Taco circulator pump, chlorine gas flow control valve, ampermetric titrator with 2 new probes, and hydro instrument T500 ton cylinder gas chlorine vacuum regulator.

Motion 8-52-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to declare the out of service equipment as surplus. Motion carried.

Water-Kirk Trumpore not in attendance

Motion 8-53-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the water hearing leak forgiveness on 7/22/26. Motion carried.

Motion 8-54-Motion made with regrets by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to accept the letter of resignation of Jake Hansen-Ivett effective 8/28/26. Motion carried.

Clerk-Danielle Wagner

Motion 8-55-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the Panther Prowl 5k event application on 9/20/26 @ 11am. Motion carried.

Police-Ross Olzsewski

Officer Sean Hotnich has been earning an extra \$1.00 per hour for taking on some admirative duties like working with DCJS and evidence inventory, he has been taking time off lately and will possibly retiring soon Christie Grant will take over that role. OIC Olzsewski would like that extra administrative pay to be an extra \$2.00 per hour which would be an update to the pay wage schedule.

Motion 8-56-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the police wage schedule update for extra duties. Motion carried.

OIC Olzsewski touched on the E-Bike complaints that have been coming in. NYS does have a law; the Village does not have a local law but with the increase of E-bikes and that people are not following the NYS law a local law would be explored. This would be ensure the safety of everyone.

Treasurer-Traci Hopkins

The electrical issues at the municipal building and the HVAC have been repaired.

Hail Storm damage update-the insurance estimator came out to identify issues that were caused by the hail storm. The insurance wants to give the Village \$412,000 but the damage that's been identified would cost a little over \$550,000. The roof also has asbestos which will need to be abated before any work gets done.

Motion 8-57-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the abstract bills to pay for General \$105,321.75, Water \$55,571.30, Sewer \$90,789.69 and Community development Special Projects \$13,116.32. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be September 8, 2026 at 6 PM.

Adjourn

Motion 8-58-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Danielle Wagner
Clerk