

Village of Gowanda
Board Meeting Minutes
September 8, 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, WWTP Supervisor Sam Lauer, Highway Supervisor Adam Reid, Water Supervisor Kirk Trumpore, Code George Poff, OIC Ross Olzweski

Absent: Attorney Deb Chadsey, Code Jason Pickering

Public Present: Sandra Farley, Jack Broyles, Gene Majeurzak, Brad Mohawk

Agenda and Minutes

Motion 9-61-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the agenda for the September 8, 2026 Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion-9-62-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the minutes from August 11, 2026 and the special meeting August 24, 2026. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Sandra Farley-someone is throwing garbage into the abandoned property at 91 Buffalo St. The house is falling down.

Jack Broyles-Palmer St brush pile-what are the hours.

Brad Mohawk-Panther Prowl 5K on September 20, 2026.

Correspondence

- Letter from Barbara Heitzenrater regarding Caroline Rd sewer issue.
- ZBA Minutes from 8/27/26

Official Business

Code Enforcement-George Poff

Building permits 25, Inspections 5, Complaints filed 3, Violation notice sent 3, pending court cases 1.

91 Buffalo St is an abandoned vacant house that is falling apart. Someone has been throwing their garbage into the house. The Village has started the condemnation process. An owner has been located but is now

married so the process has to start over which is lengthy. The Village will try and get the garbage cleaned up in the meantime.

ZBA

A public hearing has been set for the variance request at 100 N Chapel St. for rezoning on 9/27/26 \$ 4pm in the Village Hall Board room.

Public Works

Highway-Adam Reid

The Palmer St brush pile area has become a big problem for the Village with contractors using it for excessive dumping as well as the garbage. The brush pile is meant for Village residents use only and for small yard waste. The Village is exploring the idea of putting a gated fence, cameras and having set hours it will be open. Right now, the fence will get installed with the hours TBD.

Motion 9-63-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the Highway Dept to purchase and install a gate and fence. Motion carried.

Sewer-Sam Lauer

Motion 9-64-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the recommendation to hire Benjamin Latimore as a Waste Water Laborer effective September 14, 2026. Motion carried. Trustee Zimmermann recused himself from voting due to conflict.

Water-Kirk Trumpore

Motion 9-65-Motion with regrets by Trustee Sisti, seconded Trustee Koch to accept the retirement letter of resignation from Kirk Trumpore effective 9/30/26. Motion carried.

Motion 9-66-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Koch to appoint Sam Lauer as Chief Water Operator and supervisor effective October 1, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion 9-67-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch approve the meter reading download stipend to Danielle Wagner per quarter at \$250 starting September from the Water Fund. Motion carried.

Clerk-Danielle Wagner

Motion 9-68-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the Neighborhood Watch event application Halloween Haunted Park at Creekside Park on 10/31/26 6pm-9pm. Motion carried.

Legal

Motion 9-69-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve Petere Cooper EPA Regulatory fees invoice October 1, 2021-June 30, 224 at \$14,007.04. Motion carried.

Treasurer-Traci Hopkins

Motion 9-70-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti for water system improvement debt issued in December of 2016 transferred to 15-year bond. Motion carried.

Motion 9-71-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann for fire truck equipment debt issued in July of 2022 transferred to 5-year bond. Motion carried.

A bid for the basketball court resurfacing project will go out with the hopes it will be completed in Spring.

Motion 9-72-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the bid advertisement for St Johns basketball court resurfacing. Motion carried.

Motion 9-73-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the abstract bills to pay for General Fund \$38,880.52, Water Fund \$10,069.17, Sewer Fund \$9,034.99, Capital Projects \$12,602.96 and Community Development Special Projects \$16,603.09. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be October 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Executive Session

Motion 9-74-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sisti to adjourn into executive session at 7:08 PM for the purpose of employment agreement. Motion carried.

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Motion 9-75-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the employment agreement for Sam Lauer as Chief Water Operator and Sewer Operator and Supervisor effective 10/1/26 pending licensing. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion 9-76-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Danielle Wagner
Clerk