

Village of Gowanda
Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 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 Andy Carriero, OIC Ross Olszewski, Code George Poff, Jason Pickering

Absent: Highway Supervisor Adam Reid, Water Supervisor Kirk Trumpore, Attorney Deb Chadsey

Public Present: GARC-Sean Chirstopher, Rob Gaylord, Mike Hutchinson

Agenda & Minutes

Motion 2-143-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the agenda for the February 10, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion 2-144-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Participation

No public comment

Correspondence

- CDBG St Johns Park improvements-splash pad awarded at \$150,000.
- CDBG Hollywood Theater stage improvements letter-not funded
- ZBA minutes from 1/29/26 meeting

Official Business

Treasurer

Motion 2-145-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the 2026-2027 Budget draft 1. Motion carried.

Motion 2-146-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the Peter Cooper 2026 budget transfer of \$3,286.55 to the OM & M Trust for anticipated operating expenses. Motion carried.

Motion 2-147-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to approve the Fire Protection contract renewal 2027-2029 Town of Persia District 1 & District 2. Motion carried.

Motion 2-148-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Fire Protection contract renewal 2027-2029 Town of Collins. Motion carried.

Big Trash request for quotes went out to five companies. Only one was received back to the Village from MRC with spring pick up on May 18, 2026.

Motion 2-149-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Big Trash pick-up proposal with MRC at \$17,990. Motion carried.

The NY Forward Small Project Fund will provide grants for building improvements, business equipment, and public art, There's a very restrictive program guidelines, with funding available to property owners within the NY Forward Boundary with priority given to previous applicants. Applicants will have a 25% match. All details will be worked through once a consultant is identified to assist the Village in project management and grant administration.

To get things started a contract for NY Forward small project fund with Home and Community Renewal was provided to the board for approval.

Motion 2-150-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the NY Forward Small Project Fund contract authorization with Home and Community Renewal (HCR) for \$655,00. Motion carried.

The abstract bills to pay was provided to the board for approval.

Motion 2-151-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the abstract bills to pay for General \$ 20,796.09, Water \$ 2,809.73, Sewer \$ 15,456.13, and Capital Projects \$ 30,011.00. Motion carried.

Mayor/Board of Trustees

The Village received the appraisal of 10 Mill St old ambulance building. It is appraised at \$115,000. The board needs to have a plan for the police and water vehicles before it can consider selling the building or a plan for the building if the decision is not to sell.

Motion 2-152-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to accept Wanda Koch NYS Retirement Resignation effective February 27, 2026 for retirement purposes. Motion carried.

Motion 2-153-Motion by Trustee Sheibley, seconded by Sisti to approve to rehire Wanda Koch as a retiree for NYS Retirement proposes effective March 2, 2026. Motion carried.

GARC is applying for NY Play Grant to enhance or build a new playground at Gateway Park. There is a 20% match for whatever total you apply for. GARC is seeking support from the Village Board to move forward.

Motion 2-154-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the request to support GARC playground structure grant application NY Plays RFA. Motion carried.

Gowanda Free Library submitted a request to increase the Villages annual financial contribution. The library is asking for an additional \$1500.00. More discussion will take place next month as the increase seems to be high. The board would like to see a history of increase given to the library over the past several years.

Code-George Poff, Jason Pickering

Building permits 3, business permits 0, complaints filed 0, violations on patrol 3, notices sent 3, inspections 3, pending court cases 1.

The rental property registration law has penalties that will be assessed when an owner fails to register with the Village of Gowanda. Those are not less than \$100 or more than \$1000 per day and would be set by a judge if it were to go to court. The Village would not set those penalties.

Motion 2-155-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the Rental Property Registry Local Law 1 of 2026. Motion carried.

Water-Carol Sheibley

Water had 2 water hearings for leak forgiveness.

Motion 2-156-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the water hearing leak forgiveness on January 29th. Motion carried.

Motion 2-157-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Sheibley to approve the water hearing leak forgiveness on February 3rd. Motion carried.

Police-Ross Olszewski

Motion 2-158-Motion by Trustee Zimmermann, seconded by Trustee Sisti to approve the Erie County BOCES ride along intern student from April 27-June 5. Motion carried.

Motion 2-159-Motion by Trustee Sisti, seconded by Trustee Koch to approve to hire Brian Kohler as part time police officer. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be March 10, 2026 at 6PM.

Adjourn

Motion 2-160-Motion by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Zimmermann to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Danielle Wagner
Clerk