

# GOWANDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes – regular meeting – Board of Directors

December 13, 2017 – 4:00 P.M. – 15 South Water Street

**Call to Order:** President Nick Crassi called the meeting to order at 4:08 P.M.

**Directors Present:** Nick Crassi, Mary Stelley, Becky Grudzien, Carol Sheibley, Gary Patterson, Ned Divine; Irene Jimerson-excused

**Members:** Mel Shaw

**Guests:** Megan Pankow Walker, Brandon Rivera

**Approval of Minutes:** 11/8/2017- Carol Sheibley, Ned Divine 2<sup>nd</sup> - carried

**Secretary:** Correspondence-\$2.00 monthly statement fee to Community Bank effective January 2018 – contact bank to request monthly fee waived.

**Treasurer's Report:** Assets \$18,729.05 as of 11/30/17. Becky Grudzien motioned, Gary Patterson 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Officer report:**

**President:** Recap Xmas in Gowanda, all positive feedback, Suggestion to have more tree lights next year, also, need more street signs of events at night. Letters will be sent to those who donated to the event. Open discussion of ideas and what we can do better in 2018. Ex. Judge Sheet for parade floats. Made mention to Megan Pankow Walker thanking her for her assistance on advertising.

**Budget:** Nick Crassi motioned, Gary Patterson 2<sup>nd</sup> – approved.

**Music at American Legion Series:** Gary Patterson to contact Uncle Bens, Paul Zittel, Crash Cadillac, Barnstormers or Wildcard for July 2018.

**2018 Spirit of Gowanda Dinner:** Tentative location/dates: Gowanda American Legion, April 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>, pending availability. Nominations forms available online and at surrounding town hall locations - Jan 31, 2018 to return ballots.

**Election of board/officers:** Robert Dingman, Ned Divine, and Mary Stelley were elected to three-year terms ending 12/31/2020. Shannon Smuda and Melinda Spire elected to two-year terms ending 12/31/2019.

Ned Divine made motion, Gary Patterson 2<sup>nd</sup> to elect Nicholas Crassi president, Irene Jimerson Vice President, Becky Grudzien secretary and Mary Stelley treasurer for 2018 – carried.  
Mary Stelley motioned, Gary Patterson 2<sup>nd</sup> to destroy ballots – carried.

## **New business:**

Discussion re Zoar Valley Fest to come back, tentative date first weekend in May, more to come.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:22pm.

**Next meeting:** Regular scheduled meeting January 10, 2018 @ 15 South Water Street, Gowanda – 6pm.

**Becky Grudzien** Secretary