

Town of Gouverneur
Regular Board Meeting
July 14th, 2026 6:00pm

The Town of Gouverneur Regular Town Board Meeting for the month of July was held on July 14th, 2026 at the Town of Gouverneur Office Building, 1227 US Highway 11 Gouverneur at 6:00pm.

Attending:

David Spilman Jr
Jay Bowhall
Lory Whitton
Curran Wade

William Infield
Marion Bowhall
Diane Kelley
Michael Wainwright

Rachel Hunter
Ronald McDougall

1. Meeting called to order 6:00pm by Supervisor Spilman, pledge of allegiance recited by all.
2. Minute approval for June regular meeting, - Motion by Lory Whitton
2nd by Jay Bowhall Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
3. Public Participation
 - a. Legislature report- Report supplied.
 - b. Shared Services, Fuel Depot- none
 - c. Village Recreation- Report supplied- Missoula Children's Theatre
 - d. Fire Department- No report, Spilman publicly thanks them for their help during the last storm, clearing trees from road ways, etc.
 - e. Rescue Squad- None
 - f. Any other public participation- None
4. Old Business
 - a. Community center- Spilman gives update
 - b. Housing grant- 9 Applicants- 6 inspections completed, scopes of work in process. Hoping to go out to bid next month.
 - c. Building update- Waiting on National grid to set new pole
Fairbanks and NTC have been contacted for proposals for sidewalks.
 - d. Any other old business- none
5. Committee Reports- none
6. Highway Department
 - a. Report- Wainwright present and oral/written report supplied.
 - b. Motion to authorize Spilman to sign NYMIR Certifications of master disconnects:
Motion by Jay Bowhall 2nd motion William Infield
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

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7. Dog Control Officer- none
8. Code Enforcement-
 - a. Rick Wood absent and report supplied
16 new permits to TOG. 0 new violations and 1 new Town Complaint that is being addressed.
9. Assessor
 - a. Sherry absence, no report.
10. New Business
 - a. Justice reports- 147 cases, \$8,587.00 fines and fees collected.
 - b. Supervisor Communications-
 - i. Spilman going to FEMA Flood Mitigation meeting in Canton on 7/22.
 - ii. Insurance carrier is requested a 17.97% premium change to the state.
 - c. Motion to set Public Hearing for August 11th 2026 at 5:45 to hear public comments on Abandonment of the Little Brant Road- Jay Bowhall
2nd motion: Curran Wade Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - d. Grant writer- no update
 - e. FEMA Sewer station- FEMA rejected our claim, tells us to resubmit to our insurance agent.
 - f. Historian- Received \$500.00 from the County to help with 250th anniversary celebration expenses Motion to donate to Gouverneur Museum & Historian Joseph Laurenza to reimburse for expenses occurred- Jay Bowhall
2nd motion- Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - g. Motion to refund grant for the JCAP due one of the items being on sale- Jay Bowhall
2nd motion- William Infield
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - h. Fence quotes- Quotes received for the neighbor's property 6' wooden stockade fence
Alpine Fence- \$7,456.00 North Country Fence- \$7,093.42
Motion to award North Country Fence- Jay Bowhall
2nd motion- William Infield
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - i. Side walk quotes- see 4C
11. Public Participation
 - a. Ron McDougall gives Village of Gouverneur update.

Motion to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation- William Infield
2nd motion- Jay Bowhall 6:54pm

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Motion to close executive session- William Infield

2nd Motion Jay Bowhall 7:24pm

Ayes:5 Nays: 0

Motion to reconvene regular session- Jay Bowhall 2nd motion- Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to accept Martha Lynn Gould's \$11,000.00 in consideration of full lien release
for Chili Dogz Micro Enterprise loan- William Infield

2nd motion- Lory Whitton

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to sign Lien release- Jay Bowhall

2nd motion- William Infield

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

12. Motion to pay the bills- Curran Wade 2nd motion- Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

13. Motion to allow Town Clerk to accept Gouverneur Central School District tax payments
for \$2,900.00 billed to the school

Motion- Lory Whitton 2nd motion- Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to move July economic development meeting from 24th to 31st at noon- Jay
Bowhall

2nd motion- William Infield

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to adjourn meeting- Curran Wade 2nd motion- Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Meeting closed 7:31pm