

Town of Gouverneur

Regular Board Meeting

October 10th, 2023 6:00pm

The Town of Gouverneur regular board meeting was held at the Town Office building 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur, NY 13642 at 6:00pm.

Attending:

David Spilman Jr
Jay Bowhall
William Infield
Curran Wade
Lory Whitton
Marion Bowhall
Rachel Hunter

Ronald McDougall
Diane Kelley
Sherry Gerry
Phyllis Shaw
Michael Wainwright
Richard Wood
Dan Moyer

1. Meeting called to order

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Spilman 6:00pm

Pledge of allegiance recited by all.

2. Motion to approve minutes: Lory Whitton 2nd motion: Curran Wade Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. **County Legislature Report** – no report supplied.
- b. **Shared Services, Fuel Depot.** -none
- c. **Village recreation-Casey Canell.** – no report supplied
- d. **Fire Department-report.** – no representative
- e. **Rescue Squad-report.** – none
- f. **Any other public participation** – none

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Community Center.** – Spilman gives update.
- b. **School Shared Service.** – none
- c. **Complete Streets.** -none
- d. **Housing Grant.** – no update
- e. **LSLRP program-** Contractor going around digging up to identifying pipe services.
- f. **CSX Feasibility-** no update
- g. **Other business from Board Member:** none

5. Committee Reports- none

6. Highway department- Perrigo absent, Michael Wainwright present and supplied report.

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- a. Report supplied and read aloud by Wainwright.
 - b. Resignation letter- Letter read aloud from Superintendent David Perrigo resigning from the position.
Motion to accept David Perrigo's resignation effective immediately- with regret:
Motion by: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: William Infield
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - c. Motion to appoint Michael Wainwright as Superintendent effective immediately:
Motion by: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Lory Whitton
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - d. Motion to advertise for vacant highway position: William Infield
2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Applications to be returned to Town Clerk's office on October 26th, 2023 at 4:00pm for consideration.
7. **Dog Control Office-** Moyer present, oral report supplied.
- a. **Notice:** Moyer gives notice of accommodation of the Pound for being a No Kill Shelter in 2022. Moyer gives thanks to F4PP & Clover and also to Gracious Friends Animal Sanctuary for continuous support in adopting dogs out.
 - b. **Ventilation system-** Quote received from Empire Northeast for installation of a fresh air system as part of the new requirements from the NYS Ag & Markets- quote received is \$37,500.00
Tabled- no discussion.
8. **Code Enforcement Office-** Rick Wood present, report update
9. **Assessors**
- a. Phyllis and Sherry present with oral report
 - b. Received notice Gouverneur's equalization rate has decreased to 81%
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
- a. **Justice Reports.** – \$4,697 collected and 106 new cases
 - i. **Court Clerk Applications:** Court Clerk Andrews going out on maternity leave- looking to fill vacancy temporarily.
 - ii. Motion to advertise for temporary full-time clerk for the court, approximately 3 months. – Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
To return to the clerk's office for October 26th at 4:00pm
 - iii. Discussion of dropping to one judge:
2022 total cases- 1,457 with two judges
2023 to date: 1,143 cases
Some discussion, no actions taken.
 - b. **Supervisor Communication**
 - i. National Grid- scheduled outage last week with no issues.

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c. Highway contract-

A negotiated contract with the Highway Employees is a 2 year contract, a raise to \$25.00 an hour-

Motion to authorize Spilman to sign- Willaim Infield 2nd motion- Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

d. Tax Cap Override:

Motion to override the 2% tax cap: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

e. Preliminary Budget:

Motion to accept tentative budget and make it preliminary: Jay Bowhall

2nd motion: William Infield

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to set public hearing for Preliminary Budget – November 8th at 5:30pm

Motion by: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Lory Whitton

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

11. Public Participation

a. McDougall – gives village update

b. M. Wainwright would like 1 more 10 hour week for the highway with board approval-

Motion to approve by Lory Whitton 2nd motion- William Infield

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

12. Motion to pay the bills as presented: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to adjourn: Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Meeting closed 7:04pm