

Town of Gouverneur
Regular Board Meeting
May 12th, 2026 6:00pm

The Town of Gouverneur Regular Town Board Meeting for the month of May was held on May 12th, 2026 at the Town of Gouverneur Office Building, 1227 US Highway 11 Gouverneur at 6:00pm.

Attending:

David Spilman Jr	Michael Wainwright	Scott Hudson
Jay Bowhall	Rachel Hunter	Jay & Heater Miller
Lory Whitton	Richard Wood	Fred Rosch
Curran Wade	Daniel Moyer	Kristi Nindl-Leblanc
Marion Bowhall	Sherry Geer	Carol Lovenguth
Diane Kelley	Thomas Haynes- GFD	Ron McDougall

1. Meeting called to order 6:02pm by Supervisor Spilman, pledge of allegiance recited by all.
2. Minute approval for April regular meeting, April Economic Development Meeting -
Motion by Jay Bowhall 2nd by Lory Whitton Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
3. Public Participation
 - a. Legislature report- Smithers absent, report supplied.
 - b. Shared Services, Fuel Depot- none
 - c. Village Recreation- None
 - d. Fire Department- Thomas Haynes present, report supplied. No change in officers after April Election. Fireworks celebration 7/2, dusk.
 - e. Rescue Squad- None
 - f. Any other public participation-
Heather Miller, Jay Miller, Carol Lovenguth, Kristi Nindl-Lelbanc lead discussion of complaints of neighboring property- 272 CR 11, Gouverneur.
There is discussion between Code Enforcement, board members, and community members.
4. Old Business
 - a. Community center- Spilman gives update
 - b. Housing grant- Contract back, 10 applications received, 7 sent on to DANC, 3 awaiting submittal.
 - c. Building update- Gas, water and sewer are installed. Running on temporary power.
 - d. Any other old business- none

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5. Committee Reports- none
6. Highway Department
 - a. Report- Wainwright present and oral/written report supplied.
 - b. Motion to spend highway funds- Jay Bowhall 2nd motion- Curran Wade
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
 - c. Summer Help- Motion to hire one man for 35 hours a week effective June 22, for summer help.
Motion to hire seasonal help at 35 hours a week, with a 6 month probationary period- Lory Whitton 2nd motion- Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
7. Dog Control Officer- Moyer present; oral report & update on pound improvements.
8. Code Enforcement- Rick Wood present and report supplied
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9. Assessor
 - a. Sherry present, updates Grievance Day is 5/26 from 4-8pm.
10. New Business
 - a. Justice reports- 214 cases, \$4,604 fines and fees collected.
 - b. Supervisor Communications- Town of Rossie is looking for a new judge. District 4 appointed Stanley H Young Jr to step in in the time being. There has been discussion of consolidating Rossie and Town of Gouverneur court, it will be a lengthy process.
 - c. Abandoned roads- no update
 - d. Water Intermunicipal agreement- no update
 - e. Water Law Fees- tabled.
 - f. Motion to approve summer hours for Town offices- Effective May 15- August 28th, Fridays closing at Noon.
Motion by Curran Wade 2nd motion- Lory Whitton
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
 - g. Microenterprise collateral change- Naamon Lowry, discussion, no decisions made.
 - h. Motion to send out RFP for sidewalk- Jay Bowhall
2nd motion- Lory Whitton Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
 - i. BAN Renewal- completed by Spilman & Clerk Bowhall at Leader's office as required.
 - j. Phones troubled, not working. Steel Potter with NNY Computers to fix.
 - k. CFA Grants- NNY Foundation to help with the handicapped accessibility.
Motion to spend up to \$5,000.00 to submit grants with Peggy Mousaw-

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Motion by- Lory Whitton 2nd motion- Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

1. Any other new business- McDougall gives Village update.

11. Motion to pay the bills- Jay Bowhall 2nd motion- Lory Whitton
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Motion to move to executive session to discuss pending litigation- Lory Whitton
2nd motion- Jay Bowhall Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 7:49pm

Motion to end executive session and resume regular meeting: Jay Bowhall
2nd motion- Jay Bowhall Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 8:08pm

Motion to close meeting: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion Lory Whitton
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Meeting closed 8:09pm