

Town of Gouverneur
Regular Board Meeting
August 12th, 2025 – 6:00pm

The Town of Gouverneur Regular Board Meeting for August was held on August 8th, 2025 at 6:00pm on the Town of Gouverneur Office Building, 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur.

Attending:

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

Diane Kelley
Phyllis Shaw
Michael Wainwright
Harry Smithers
Sherry Geer
Ronald McDougall

1. Meeting opened at 6:02pm by Supervisor Spilman.
2. Minutes of the July regular and July Economic development meeting approval-
Motion to approve as presented- Jay Bowhall 2nd motion- Lory Whitton
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
3. Public Participation
 - a. County Legislature report- Harry Smithers present
Extended State of Emergency extended to September 5, 2025- Burn ban expected to be extended another 5 days.
Legislature Public Hearing September 15th in regards to real property tax exemption for SLC for fire fighters, Town of Gouverneur has this exemption already on the books.
 - b. Shared services, Fuel Depot. – No Update.
 - c. Village Recreation Report- not present
 - d. Fire Department – no report, no representative
 - e. Rescue squad- no report
 - f. Public Participation-
 - i. none
4. Old Business
 - a. Community Center- David Spilman gives update
 - b. Housing grant- all projects complete, Signoffs left, a month ahead of schedule.
 - c. Sewer repairs- No update
 - d. Other old business- none
5. Committee Reports- none

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6. Highway department

- a. Wainwright present with oral & written report supplied
Discussion of salt purchase.

Motion to purchase 750 tons of salt, 650 for Town sand mix and 100 for reserve to be held at the State barn in Fowler.

Motion by Jay Bowhall 2nd: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

- b. FEMA no updates, still working on it.
- c. New Truck- we are moving up in the assembly line. Expected to be here by end of 2025.

7. Dog Control- no reports. NYS AG & Market inspection, passed.

8. Code enforcement- Rick Wood absent.

9. Assessment- Sherry Geer present – oral report.

- a. Phyllis Shaw requests Magnetic decals and flashy pink vest.

10. New Business

- a. Justice reports- 164 new cases
- b. Supervisor communications- communication from Bruce Green at the county about Firefighters exemption, we are already set for it.
- c. Supervisor Spilman gives out a Pro-Housing Community resolution for review to the board members for discussion at the next meeting.
- d. Nuclear power resolution recently passed by SLC Legislature given to board members given to review for discussion at next meeting.
- e. none

11. Public Participation- Ronald McDougall gives village update.

12. Motion to pay the bills- Lory Whitton 2nd motion - Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to adjourn- Curran Wade 2nd motion – William Infield

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned 7:05pm