

Town of Gouverneur
January 13, 2026, 6:00 pm
Regular Town Board Meeting

The January regular board meeting was held on January 13, 2026 at the Town of Gouverneur offices at 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur.

Attendees:

David Spilman Jr
Jay Bowhall
William Infield
Lory Whitton
Marion Bowhall
Diane Kelley
Rachel Hunter
Sherry Geer

Michael Wainwright
Troy Besaw
Richard Wood
Thomas Haynes- GFD
Daniel Horton

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.
2. Approval of December minutes as represented- motion by Lory Whitton
2nd motion- William Infield Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
3. Public Participation
 - a. County legislature report- Smithers absent.
 - b. Shared Services, Fuel Depot- no report
 - c. Village recreation- no report
 - d. Fire Department- Chief Thomas Haynes present.
Oral report supplied.
 - e. Rescue Squad- no report
 - f. Any other public participation-
Daniel Horton discusses the new real property exemption for 100% disabled veterans. Discussion with Sherry of the changes already made to the bill and discussion of requirements of eligible veterans.
4. Old Business
 - a. Community Center- Spilman gives oral update
 - b. Housing Grant- Awarded a 4th grant, \$400,000.00.
Waiting for applications from DANC.
 - c. Building update-
Con Tech not complete. Building workshop scheduled for 5:30pm 1/19/2026.
 - d. Other old business from Town Board Member- none
5. Committee Report- none

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6. Highway Department
 - a. Mike Wainwright present and report supplied
Suggests declaring the JEEP surplus and detailed discussion of the water law and trailer parks.
Motion to purchase 1,500 more yards of sand- Jay Bowhall
2nd motion- William Infield
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
 - b. Discussion of new truck- quoted at \$162,964.00 for cab and chasis.
No quote from Viking yet for box and plow.
Tabled.
 - c. Used Hot Box- Motion to bid up to \$18,500 for used HOT BOX to the county-
Jay Bowhall 2nd motion Lory Whitton
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

7. Dog Control – no report

8. Code Enforcement – report supplied

9. Assessors-
 - a. Sherry present and oral report. Remind March 1 is renewal/exemption date.
Motion to advertise a list of possible exemptions with short description in the tribune- Jay Bowhall 2nd motion- Lory Whitton
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

10. New Business
 - a. Justice reports- \$4,950.00 collected in fines and surcharges. 173 new cases.
 - b. Supervisor communications- Patchen update. No justified claim letter from our Insurance Company.
 - c. Fire & Rescue Contracts- at attorney's office. Fire needed to be signed by 2/26 for grant application for Fire Department.
 - d. Seasonal & Abandon Roads- Discussion about Little Brant Road. In Attorneys hands.
 - e. Water Intermunicipal Agreement- Also at attorney's office.
 - f. Water Law Updates- discussed to review the law and discuss at February meeting.
 - g. Motion to schedule a court audit – Motion to set audit 2/10/2026
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11. Public participation- none

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

Motion to close meeting- Lory Whitton 2nd motion- Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Meeting Closed at 7:37pm