

Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Gouverneur
February 10th, 2026 6:00pm

The Town of Gouverneur council met for their Regular Town Board meeting on February 10th, 2026 at 1227 US Highway 11, Gouverneur NY at 6:00pm.

Attendees:

David Spilman Jr
Jay Bowhall
William Infield
Lory Whitton
Curran Wade
Richard Wood
Sherry Geer

Michael Wainwright
Marion Bowhall
Rachel Hunter
Ronald McDougall
Diane Kelley
Harry Smithers

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00pm, pledge of allegiance and moments of silence for Nort Taylor and Randy Durham, all participated.
2. Minute approval- Approval of January Organizational and Regular monthly-
Motion by Lory Whitton 2nd motion- Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays:0
3. Public Participation
 - a. County legislature report- Smithers present & oral report supplied. Office of the aging of the received 3.4 million. Smithers intends to run for re-election this year. Discussion of changes in SLCSWDA.
 - b. Shared Services, Fuel Depot- GCS Business manager Dale Munn hoping fuel depot beginning in 2027.
 - c. Village recreation- no report
 - d. Fire Department- no representative. Spilman went to the annual banquet on February 7th. Board discussion of contract.
 - e. Rescue Squad- contract at Leader's.
Spilman states he had a discussion with Ann Smith of Rochester Regional, the GVRS sale went through on 1/29/2026.
 - f. Any other public participation- none
4. Old Business
 - a. Community Center- Spilman gives oral update
 - b. Housing Grant- no update, no contract yet.
 - c. Building update-
building workshop postponed.
 - d. Other old business from Town Board Member- none

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5. Committee Report- none
6. Highway Department- Mike Wainwright present
 - a. report supplied
 - b. Winter Maintenance Contract- negotiated between Town Supervisors and the county. We plow and sand 12.94 miles of county roads.
26-27 \$79,581.00
27-28 \$82,816.00
28-29 \$86,051.00
Motion to sign agreement- Jay Bowhall 2nd motion- William Infield
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
7. Dog Control – no report
8. Code Enforcement – Rick Wood present and report supplied.
2 new permits – 1 in the township.
9. Assessors-
 - a. Sherry present and oral report. Remind March 1 is renewal/exemption date.
10. New Business
 - a. Justice reports- reports not here
 - b. Supervisor communications- none
 - c. Gouverneur Rescue Squad & Fire Department Contracts- at Leader's
 - d. Seasonal & Abandoned Roads- at Leader's office
 - e. Water Intermunicipal Agreement- at Leader's office
 - f. Water Law Updates- discussion, workshop to be set.
 - g. Court audit- tabled until March 10th.
 - h. Dog Pound Agreement-
Motion to approve: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion William Infield
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - i. Investment policy- was tabled from January meeting due to lack of quorum.
Motion to approve Investment Policy- Lory Whitton 2nd motion William
Infield
Ayes: 3 (Curran Wade, Lory Whitton, William Infield) Nays 0
Abstentions: 2 (Jay Bowhall, David Spilman Jr)
 - j. Local Efficiency Grant- With the Village
 - i. Chlorination building technical upgrades, waste pumping stations, new back up generator, new 6" pump. Grant was \$4,000.00
Town will split cost with the Village. Motion to approve LGE Joint Application- Lory Whitton 2nd motion- William Infield

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Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

11. Public participation- Ron McDougall gives Village update. Discussion of North Star Health Alliance

12. Motion to pay the bills- Curran Wade 2nd motion- Lory Whitton
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to close meeting- Lory Whitton 2nd motion- Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Meeting Closed at 7:37pm