

Regular Town Board Meeting

June 11, 2019

6:00pm

Attending Persons:

Supervisor David Spilman Jr
Dep. Sup. Eldon Conklin
Councilman Jay Bowhall
Councilman Jaimee McQuade
Councilman Curran Wade
Town Clerk Marion Bowhall
Bookkeeper Diane Kelley

Casey Canel
Rachel Hunter
Robert Ritchie
Troy Besaw
Ronald McDougal
Michael McQuade
Mark Deavers

1. Supervisor Spilman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance – all participated.
2. Meeting minutes -
Councilman Conklin notes 2 corrections to be made:
Page 2 – Tractor and mower change to Loader to be paid off this year.
Page 3- GDAC should be GADC.
Motion to accept meeting minutes with corrections: Eldon Conklin
2nd motion: Curran Wade Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
3. Public Participation
 - a. Leader Absent- Report faxed
Highlight: Sales tax change bill is not in front of the legislature, but Leader will fight for it to remain the same as it is now. Although the Towns and Villages do not have much of a bargaining chip with the county in regard to sales tax appropriation, the City of Ogdensburg does.
 - b. No report
 - c. Casey Canel- Present
Attendance is up. Currently planning summer rec- swimming trips, movie trips etc.
Councilperson McQuade asks how many years Missoula has been coming to Gouverneur. Response- 11 years and annually about 60 kids participate.
 - d. No report
 - e. Mark Deavers present- oral report.
795 calls in 2019 so far.
627 – were 911 calls, 185 in the town and 304 in the Village, 168 Hospital to Hospital transports.
2 “Of the Year” Providers in our squad. Dan Whitton Basic Support Provider of the Year and Kelly Morgan was Advanced Support Provider of the Year.
EMT Class should be ending in 2 weeks and after that we are hopeful for an additional 6 EMTs to join Gouverneur Rescue Squad.
 - f. No report
4. Old Business
 - a. Community Center Report
 - i. 2,000 meals on wheels in May

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- ii. Hosted UPK and K Registration, National Honor society assembly, Tri-M music honor society, started free senior citizens floor & chair exercises, line dancing classes.
Wade wonders what the maximum capacity is in that building- response is 165 in main room, 20 in lounge room seating, maximum standing room is 200.
 - iii. On July 12 the County wide senior citizens' picnic
 - b. None
 - c. Housing Grant update- none
 - d. Complete Street Resolution-
Dave reads invite to training at community center on June 26th. Survey to be completed by 2 Clarkson Professors and interns- no charge to Village and Town of Gouverneur, but it's valued ~\$25,000 covered under a grant.
Motion to authorize David Spilman to sign a letter of intent w St. Lawrence Health Initiative: Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - e. Shared Service- none
Shared Service agreement- need to get ours out to the municipalities we work with, specifically – Dekalb, Fowler, Edwards, Macomb, Depeyster, Hammond.
 - f. Atlantic Testing- testing the well out here, sent report to DEC and we should have letter of satisfaction from DEC soon.
 - g. None
 - h. Other business-
Spilman states that Bernier Carr Associates and Town of Gouverneur met yesterday asking for an extension on grant. Schedule right now for water line project is to bid in the fall, pricing, construction in the spring of 2020.
Spilman picked up paperwork on grant for feasibility for water tower. BCA giving price on grant application paperwork. Eldon Conklin mentions it would be a good idea to do a joint application with the Village of Gouverneur.
5. None
6. Highway Superintendent- Ed Cardinell Absent- report given.
Welch Road Bridge- was red flagged by state DOT due to posts and guardrails. Is now fixed and repaired.
Shane Blair is back to work this month.
7. DCO- Absent, report given.
3 dogs in the pound this month.
Mrs. Baldino's complaint- 4th serious complaint on the same dog and owner. Moyer has written unlicensed dog and barking dog tickets.
8. CEO/Assessor – present and report given.
 - a. 6 permits in the Town of Gouverneur
 - b. Blevins moving this week to the old bowling alley building. There was conversations this week of the new renovation of their old building.

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- c. May was the end of the tax fiscal year.
Grievance 5 people during the specific times, 9 mailed in requests, 4 people attended the meeting. 4 out of the 9 mailed were expected, Dollar General, 2 housing units, Rite Aid.
McDonalds renovation is done this week.
Finalized the 95% equalization rate- no change.

Motion to go into Executive Session- Personal matters- Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 6:38pm

Supervisor Spilman requests Michael McQuade to come into executive session.

Motion to close Executive session: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion Jaimee McQuade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 6:52pm

Eldon Conklin states that no decisions were made, informational session only.

Motion to reopen regular meeting Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Motion reopened 6:52 pm

9. New Business

- a. Justice Report
143 New Cases - \$10,454 brought in by the judges. 1 DU
- b. Chief of Police Laurina Greenhill has sent a letter requesting the Town of Gouverneur to provide a manual for the DVR system installed by John Wetmore. Spilman states he will be looking for a manual and speak with Mr Wetmore
- c. Supervisor Communication-
 - i. May 23rd a letter was sent from Empire State Mines in Fowler, that the notice of mass layoffs dated February 26th has been rescinded.
 - ii. DANC monthly water report-
East Side Water 438,535 AVF- 14,147 daily
West Side Water 769,278 AVF- 24,815 daily
 - iii. Town of Canton Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley sent the Town of Gouverneur a letter discussing the importance of the sales tax and severity of losing any sales tax revenue.
- d. Prison Resolution- read out loud by Spilman
Motion to approve Spilman to sign resolution and Town Clerk to send to noted persons:
Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade
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- e. New chairs- the lobby here needs new chairs. Example presented: ~\$120
Motion to authorize Town Clerk Marion Bowhall to purchase 5 more chairs for the lobby area: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - f. New business:
Annual Harassment training completed June 3, 2019.
No changes in the manual.
10. Public Participation
Ronald McDougall – Thursday at the community center held the Mayor’s Association.
11. Motion to pay the bills: Eldon Conklin 2nd Jaimee McQuade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Next board meeting is July 9th at 6:00 at the Town of Gouverneur Office building, 1227 USH 11, Gouverneur, New York.

The next economic development meeting if needed will be June 28th, 2019 at noon at the same address.

Motion to Close meeting: Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Meeting closed 7:12pm