

Town of Gouverneur
Regular Board Meeting
July 11th, 2023 6:00pm

The Town of Gouverneur regular board meeting was held at the Town Office building 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur, NY 13642 at 6:00pm.

Attending:

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

Diane Kelley
Sherry Gerry
Phyllis Shaw
Richard Wood
Troy Besaw
David Perrigo
Edward Cardinell

1. Meeting called to order

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Spilman 6:00pm

2. Motion to approve minutes May meeting minutes

Motion by Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Lory Whitton

Ayes: 5 Nays:0

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. **County Legislature Report** – report supplied
- b. **Shared Services, Fuel Depot.** -none
- c. **Village recreation-Casey Canell.** – Report supplied
- d. **Fire Department-report.** – none
- e. **Rescue Squad-report.** – none
- f. **Any other public participation** – McDougall gives village update

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Community Center.** – Spilman gives reports, blood drive and Youth Summer Rec Group every week Monday- Thursday
- b. **School Shared Service.** – none
- c. **Complete Streets.** -none
- d. **Housing Grant.** – Rick Wood gives update, still on track to be complete at the end of the month. We are accepting surveys for the next grant application.
- e. **LSLRP program-** no update
- f. **CSX Feasibility-** no update, waiting for study results
- g. **Volunteer Fire Department Tax Exemption-**
Motion to pass Local Law #1 of 2023- Volunteer Fire Department Tax Exemption as written- Lory Whitton 2nd motion- Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

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h. Other new business- none

5. Committee Reports- none

6. Highway department- Perrigo present.

a. Report supplied- Perrigo attended the Highway Superintendent Training in Ithaca.

b. Speed reduction on the Scotch Settlement Road & Hermon Road

Motion to have Spilman draft a letter to the Superintendent of St Lawrence County Highway Department requesting a speed study on Scotch Settlement Road and Hermon Road

Motion by: William Infield 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

c. Snow and Ice Agreement with County-

3-year agreement as a Tier 1-

2023-2024 \$5,450.00

2024-2025 \$5,700.00

2025-2026 \$5,900.00

Per mile of our ~13 miles of County owned roads that Town of Gouverneur Plows.

Motion to sign agreement contract with the County- Jay Bowhall

2nd motion: William Infield

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

d. Motion to submit a loan application to the USDA for grant to new truck that is already on order: Curran Wade 2nd motion- Lory Whitton

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

e. Summer youth employment program through the County- Motion to approve a summer employee through the county: William Infield

2nd motion: Lory Whitton

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

7. Dog Control Office- no report

8. Code Enforcement Office- Rick Wood present and report supplied

a. Report supplied- 20 new permits/ 8 in the Town of Gouverneur

b. Building in sections for Stewarts- footers poured; projected up and running in 8 weeks.

c. No new town citizen complaints

d. Phase 3 bids starting next week- on target for end of July.

9. Assessors

a. Phyllis and Sherry present with oral report

Discussion over Town's reduced equalization rate- down to 81% from 86% in 2022 and 93% in 2021.

10. NEW BUSINESS

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- a. Justice Reports. – \$3,239 collected and 95 new cases

- b. Supervisor Communication. –
 - i. A letter from PSC concerning new area codes for our area. Usually means we are running out of numbers. No action, no discussion.
 - ii. NYMIR letter from concerning master disconnect switches on our plow trucks. All of our heavy equipment already has master disconnect switches on them.

- c. NYMIR breast feeding policy- Motion to pass policy as presented for Town of Gouverneur- Lory Whitton 2nd motion Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

- d. Motion to appoint Town of Gouverneur Supervisor Certifying Officers for Housing Grant- Motion by Jay Bowhall 2nd motion- Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

- e. LSLRP Grant agreement with the Village of Gouverneur- discussion of agreement wording. **Tabled.**

- f. Microenterprise- Omar Reaves application has been through the Town committee and DANC review-
Motion to approve microenterprise loan with terms of 5 years and 4%-
Motion by Curran Wade 2nd motion: William Infield
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

- g. Community Bank called us for a meeting with their investment team.
offering to match the same rate that CLASS gives us now. Discussion and no action table. **Tabled.**

11. Public Participation

- a. Troy Besaw gives update on Sherriff Race, only 1 candidate now.

12. Motion to pay the bills as presented: Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to advertise for Housing Grant public hearing for Noon on July 28th- Lory Whitton
Second Motion- Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to adjourn: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Meeting closed.