

Gouv-town-pdfThe Town of Gouverneur Regular Board Meeting for September was held on September 9th, 2025 at 6:00pm on the Town of Gouverneur Office Building, 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur.

Diane Kelley
Phyllis Shaw
Michael Wainwright
Sherry Geer
Ronald McDougall
Troy Besaw

1. Meeting opened at 6:02pm by Supervisor Spilman.
A moment of silence was held in remembers of September 11th.
2. Minutes of the August regular meeting approval-
Motion to approve as presented- Lory Whitton
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
2nd motion- Curran Wade
3. Public Participation
 - a. County Legislature report- none
 - 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- none
4. Old Business
 - a. Community Center- David Spilman gives update
 - b. Housing grant- all projects complete, next grant submits Friday, September 12.
 - c. Other old business- none
5. Committee Reports- none
6. Highway department
 - a. Wainwright present with oral & written report supplied
Town of Gouverneur will flush hydrants 9/18 & 9/19.
 - b. FEMA no updates, still working on it.
 - c. Used truck- no update.
7. Dog Control- no reports.

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8. Code enforcement- Rick Wood absent with 2 months update- 22 new permits.
9. Assessment- Sherry Geer & Phyllis Shaw – oral report.
10. New Business
 - a. Justice reports- 114 new cases \$5,582.00 collected in fines and fees.
 - b. Supervisor communications- Our auditor we've contracted with in the past no longer does municipal audits. Actively searching for a new auditor.
 - c. Motion to send letter of intent to HCR regarding Pro-Housing Community – Jay Bowhall
2nd motion- William Infield
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - d. Nuclear power resolution – Motion to pass resolution- Jay Bowhall
2nd motion- Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - e. Motion to appoint Sherry Geer to assessor- term to run 1/1/2026- 6-year appointment.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstention- David Spilman Jr
 - f. Motion to appoint Diane Cotter to Board of Assessment Review- 5-year term, October 1, 2025- September 30, 2030.
Motion- Curran Wade 2nd motion- Lory Whitton
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - g. Motion to approve proclamation declaring September 17th-23rd 2025 as Constitution Week
Motion by Lory Whitton 2nd motion- Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - h. Harassment policy update- tabled until October meeting
 - i. BCA Contract- Sewer Pumping Engineer report-
FEMA is requiring an engineered report to replace our ruined sewer pumping station during the last flood;
Motion to approve and enter into BCA contract to engineer such report for up to \$7,500.00 – William Infield 2nd motion- Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
The cost of this contract will be included in our reimbursement request from FEMA.
 - j. Budget workshops set for September 16th, 2025 at 9:00 am at the Town Offices.
Motion to advertise Budget Workshops- Lory Whitton 2nd motion- Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - k. None

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11. Public Participation- Ronald McDougall gives village update.

12. Motion to pay the bills- Jay Bowhall 2nd motion – Lory Whitton
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to open executive session to discuss personnel issue, with no other decisions made after the session-

- Lory Whitton 2nd motion- William Infield
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 6:56pm

Motion to end executive session- Jay Bowhall 2nd motion Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 7:29pm

Motion to re-open regular session: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion- Lory Whitton
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 7:29pm

Motion to adjourn- Curran Wade 2nd motion – Lory Whitton
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm