Town of Gouverneur
Regular Board Meeting
August 11th, 2026 6:00pm

The Town of Gouverneur Regular Town Board Meeting for the month of August was held on August 11th, 2026 at the Town of Gouverneur Office Building, 1227 US Highway 11 Gouverneur at 6:00pm.

Attending:

David Spilman Jr	Diane Kelley	Harry Smithers
Jay Bowhall	Richard Wood	Nan Clay
Lory Whitton	Michael Wainwright	Rodney Rooker
Curran Wade	Rachel Hunter	
William Infield	Ronald McDougall	
Marion Bowhall	Sherry Geer	

1. Meeting called to order 6:00pm by Supervisor Spilman, pledge of allegiance recited by all.

2. Minute approval for June regular meeting, - Motion by Lory Whitton
   2nd by Jay Bowhall Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

3. Public Participation
   a. Legislature report- Harry Smithers present, oral report supplied.
   b. Shared Services, Fuel Depot- none
   c. Village Recreation- No Report
   d. Fire Department- No report
   e. Rescue Squad- None
   f. Any other public participation-
      i. Nan Clay purchasing land at the T of Dane Road and Little Bow Road, wondering if the Town could put a driveway sign there. Wainwright answers, already ordered.
      Discussion of paving plan for 2027- Dane is tentatively on the list.

4. Old Business
   a. Community center- Spilman gives update
   b. Housing grant- No new updates. Still waiting for DANC.
   c. Building update- Vern Fuller (ENI) states less than a week for permanent power pole to be installed.
      Fence being installed this Thursday- 8/13.
   d. Any other old business- none

5. Committee Reports- none

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6. Highway Department
    a. Report- Wainwright present and oral/written report supplied.
    b. Ross Valve replacement necessary cost to town is $12,417.00
    c. Motion to approve 750 tons of salt purchase- Jay Bowhall
    2nd motion William Infield Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
    Motion to purchase up to 6.000 yards of sand – Jay Bowhall
    2nd motion- Lory Whitton Ayes:5 Nays: 0
7. Dog Control Officer- none

8. Code Enforcement-
    a. Rick Wood – report supplied

9. Assessor
    a. Sherry present, there are still questions on the 100% disabled tax exemption, possibility for municipalities to opt out.
    New veterans' exemption coming soon- active duty during combat zone.

10. New Business
    a. Justice reports- 169 cases, $6,783.00 fines and fees collected.
    b. Supervisor Communications-
        i. Letter from BIORGIN, requesting a letter of support from the Town for their capital project improvements.
    c. Motion adopt Resolution 08112026-01 Little Brant Abandonment-
    motion by William Infield 2nd motion- Lory Whitton
    Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
    d. FEMA Sewer station- FEMA rejected our claim, tells us to resubmit to our insurance agent, which we did. Denied again.
    Board agreement to wait for grants.
    e. Fencing to start Thursday
    f. Sidewalk quotes-
    Fairbanks Custom Construction $16,864.00
    NTC- $26,400.00
    Constance Construction $9,500.00
    Discussion regarding the wide variation in pricing. Decision to confirm with Constance Construction if he is still good with his pricing at $9,500.00

11. Public Participation
    a. Ron McDougall gives Village of Gouverneur update.

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

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Motion to adjourn meeting- Curran Wade 2nd motion- Lory Whitton
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Meeting closed 7:03 pm