

Town of Gouverneur
January 14, 2025
Regular Board Meeting

The January regular board meeting was held on January 14, 2025 at the Town of Gouverneur offices at 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur.

Attendees:

David Spilman Jr
Jay Bowhall
William Infield
Lory Whitton
Curran Wade
Marion Bowhall
Diane Kelley
Rachel Hunter

Sherry Geer
Michael Wainwright
Dan Moyer
Troy Besaw
Harry Smithers
Ronald McDougall

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all, followed by a moment of silence for the passing of President Jimmy Carter.
2. Approval of December minutes as represented- motion by William Infield
2nd motion- Curran Wade Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
3. Public Participation
 - a. County legislature report- Harry Smithers present and oral report supplied.
 - b. Shared Services, Fuel Depot- no report
 - c. Village recreation- no report
 - d. Fire Department- no report
 - e. Rescue Squad- no report
 - f. Any other public participation- none
4. Old Business
 - a. Community Center- Spilman gives oral update
 - b. Housing Grant- 60% billed out
 - c. Any other old business from Town Board Member- none
5. Committee Report- none
6. Highway Department
 - a. Mike Wainwright present and report supplied
 - b. FEMA Meetings being held every few weeks.
 - c. April estimated delivery date of our trucks. Vikings said if Truck #2 shows they'll do both trucks at the same time.

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- d. Exhaust fumes in the highway building- our heaters are approximately 30 years old. GM Hewitt bid to supply the quotes for the materials ~\$16,000.00 and ENI to install the heaters ~\$13,000.00
Motion to approve quotes supplied for heating for garage – Jay Bowhall
2nd motion- William Infield Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
7. Dog Control – Moyer present and oral report supplied about pound improvements.
HVAC just finished up.
8. Code Enforcement – report supplied
9. Assessors-
 - a. Sherry present and report supplied. Remind March 1 is renewal/exemption date.
 - b. Letter of resignation- Phyllis resigns due to retirement as of 2/1/2025.
Motion to accept with regret- Lory Whitton 2nd motion- Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
10. New Business
 - a. Justice reports- \$3,440.00 collected in fines and surcharges. 160 new cases. New Justice started this month and is seemingly going well.
 - b. Supervisor communications- none
 - c. Employee Health Insurance- Tabled- Spilman to discuss with legal after much discussion.
 - d. New Building Public Hearing- Motion to set public hearing on January 24, 2025, at 12:00pm immediately before the Economic Development meeting.
Motion by Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - e. Motion to rescind Tax Cap Local Law #2 of 2024- Jay Bowhall
2nd motion: Lory Whitton Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - f. Motion to use Building repair funds to purchase heaters- Jay Bowhall
2nd motion- William Infield Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - g. Sewer Amendment- 2024 to account for new pumpstation \$25,000.00
Motion to approve Amendment- William Infield 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
 - h. Motion to approve Hold Harmless Agreement with St Lawrence County-
Motion by: Lory Whitton 2nd motion- Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to send Hold Harmless Agreements & request one from municipalities we work with- Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Lory Whitton
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

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i. Any other new business- none

11. Public participation

- a. McDougall gives Village of Gouverneur update.
Community watch program at 6:00pm at the Community Center.

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

Economic Development & Public Hearing January 24, 2025 at 12:00PM

Motion to close meeting- Curran Wade 2nd motion- Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Meeting Closed at 6:56pm