

Town of Gouverneur
Regular Town Board Meeting
January 10th 2023

The Town of Gouverneur's Organizational meeting was held on January 10th, 2023 at 6:0pm at the Town of Gouverneur Office Building 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur, NY 13642

Attending persons:

In Person:

Dave Spilman JR

Lory Whitton

Jay Bowhall

Curran Wade

Marion Bowhall

Diane Kelley

Jason Whitton

Rachel Hunter

Richard Wood

Sherry Geer

Robert Ritchie

Stanley Young

Troy Besaw

David Perrigo

Daniel Moyer

Mark Deavers

Via Teleconference:

Ronald McDougall

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Justice Stanley Young swears in new Councilmember Lory Whitton.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order- 6:00pm

Pledge of allegiance

2. MINUTE APPROVAL-

Minute approval- Motion by Jay Bowhall 2nd motion Curran Wade

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Supervisor Spilman publicly thanks Robert Ritchie for filling Eldon's seat for the remainder of 2022 and helping the Town Council out.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(A) County Legislature Report.- none

(B) Shared Services, Fuel Depot. – none

(C) Village recreation-Casey Canell. – report supplied

(D) Fire Department-report. - none

(E) Rescue Squad-report. -Deavers present and discusses increased call volume.

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2,253 responses in 2022. Prior pandemic (2019) only 1,639 calls.

(F) Any other public participation- none

4. OLD BUSINESS

(A) Community Center. – Spilman provides report of 7 days a week activities.

(B) School Shared Service. - none

(C) Complete Streets. - none

(D) Housing Grant. – Phase II under way, all will be signed by the end of January.
Finished 2019 grant monitoring end of December.

(E) LSLRP Program.- inspections still being taken and completed.

(F) CSX Lease.- returned to CSX for a revision about paying the taxes.

(G) Any other Old Business from any Town Board member. - none

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

6. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

(A) Superintendent Report- Perrigo present, report supplied.

(B) FEMA Storm assistance- submitted for November \$16,234.00
December- \$28,263.00

(C) Motion to approve hold harmless and shared services agreement with
St Lawrence County- Jay Bowhall 2nd motion- Curran Wade
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

(D) Radio Communication- Discussion of radios in the truck and county system. This is a safety concern due to cell phone coverage disruption and not being able to get a hold of drivers. – No decisions.

(E) New trucks- Currently we have one new truck on order with a production date of October 2023 and 2024 delivery. Discussion only. Tabled until February meeting.

7. DCO – Moyer present, oral report given.

(A) 3 Gouverneur dogs in the pound.

(B) Dog Pound Agreement – no changes from 2022.

Motion to approve \$4,850.00 agreement- Jay Bowhall 2nd motion Lory Whitton
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

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

(A.) 5 new written complaints. 1 condemnation in the village

(B.) Housing grant- hoping to add 2-3 more for Phase III.

9. Assessor- Sherry Geer & Phyllis Shaw present and oral report given.

Renewals and applications for exemptions due March 1.

Discussion over the Senior Citizens exemption fee. To get a reduce on your County tax bill you need to make less than \$17,699.00 and to get a reduction on the Town tax you need to

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make less than \$12,000.00 it is a sliding fee scale.

Spilman requests hard numbers on impact if the Town were to increase their senior citizens exemption ceiling to a higher limit such as \$15,000.00

Assessors will be attending the Tug Hill Town association conference in April.

10. New Business

A. Justice reports- 67 new cases. Honorable Stanley Young present and lots of discussion of court security.

B. Court audit- motion to audit court records for 2022- Jay Bowhall
2nd motion- Lory Whitton Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

C. None

D. ARPA Funds- we have approximately \$250,000.00 remaining. Board members to think about uses for it for next meeting.

E. Workplace violence policy- discussion of expanding our policy to make it less vague.
Tabled until next meeting.

F. None

11. Public Participation- Mcdougall gives village update.

12. Motion to pay the bills- Curran Wade 2nd motion Lory Whitton
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Motion to adjourn meeting – Curran Wade 2nd motion: Lory Whitton
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Meeting closed.