

Regular Town Board Meeting
November 9th, 2021 6:00pm

The Regular Town Board of Gouverneur November meeting was held on November 9th at 6:00pm at The Town of Gouverneur office building.

Attending:

Dave Spilman JR
Eldon Conklin
Jay Bowhall
David Perrigo
Ronald McDougall

Rachel Hunter
Marion Bowhall
Michael McQuade
Harry Smithers
Diane Kelley

Troy Besaw
Scott Gillian
Curran Wade
William Strong

Via Teleconference:
Jaimee McQuade

1. **Meeting called to order** by Supervisor Spilman at 6:00pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited and all participated.
2. **Minutes:** Motion to approve October Regular meeting, the October Economic meeting, Public Hearing November 4 and Special board meeting, minutes, Motion made by Eldon Conklin
2nd motion by Curran Wade Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
3. **Public Participation**
 - a. **County Legislature** Harry Smithers present – and oral report given. Still working on the budget, similar thus far to 21-22 budget. Sales tax continues to be positive numbers. There is discussion of removing sales tax from Fuel oil and gasoline sales however the numbers have not been figured to see how much revenue will be lost in a result from removing the sales tax. Smithers to be in disapproval unless town wishes to support the removal.
Still interviewing for Commissioner of DSS.
 - b. **Shares Services, Fuel Depot** None
 - c. **Village Recreation**-None
 - d. **Fire Department**- None
 - e. **Rescue Squad**-None
 - f. **Public Participation**-
 - i. Mr. William Strong would like to know when Little Bow will be paved again. Lots of potholes and deterioration. Mr. Strong believes his section has not been paved in 25 years.
David Perrigo states that it is his plan to pave that section next year depending on CHIPS and PAVENY funds. We have begun to replace culverts and sluices there in preparation for next years paving.
Strong requests potholes to be filled in the meantime. Perrigo states they will be there quickly to address the potholes.
 - ii. Scott Gillan – here to present thanks to the town board and to the highway department for their speed in addressing the issues he recently brought to the town for the Weldon Road.
 - iii. Rachel Hunter- Gouverneur Tribune Press- the Governor’s executive order requires that town’s meeting be on the website and available 14 days after the meeting. How does the Town plan to address?
Spilman states that the town is working on this issue and working, we will send our drafts

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to the website within 14 days.

4. Old Business

- a. **Community Center**, Spilman states a tentative booster shot clinic scheduled for November 19th.
- b. **Shared services**, none
- c. **Complete streets**- none
- d. **Any other old business from any Town Board Member**
 - i. Spilman states that we received notice of WGS (pooler street housing) offer to settle. We will not be considering settlement until we see the appraisal from their contracted appraiser.

5. Committee reports- none.

6. Highway Department

- a. Perrigo present and report supplied- Little Bow Road preparation for paving 2022, Several hours spent on yearly truck maintenance.

7. DCO Report- report supplied. November 6th - two dogs picked up and no redemption yet.

8. CEO/Assessor Report

- a. McQuade present and report supplied. 6 new permits for Town and Village permits.

9. New Business

- a. Justice reports- 81 new cases. \$6,496.00 in revenue
- b. Supervisor communications
 - i. NYS Household water assistance- a COVID relief plan initiated by the state that the Town can apply for payment of back water bills for moderate to low-income housing. No discussion currently until we get more information.
 - ii. Chamber of Commerce Christmas festival- December 4th starting at 2:00pm.
- c. Motion to approve the 2022 Town of Gouverneur Budget-
Motion made by: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
- d. McFadden Deir- Insurance premium quoted for ~\$30,305.62
Motion to approve: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
- e. Accept resignation of Michael McQuade from Code Enforcement position
Motion to accept with regret: Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstention: Jamiee McQuade
- f. Motion to advertise for Code Enforcement position:
Motion by: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Resumes to be returned by November 23rd 4:00pm.
- g. Offices will be closed November 11 for Veterans Day, November 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving.
- h. Christmas parade is December 4 at 5:00pm

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10. Public Participation

None

11. Motion to pay the bills: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to close the November regular session meeting: Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Meeting closed 6:39pm