

Town Of Gouverneur
Regular Town Board Meeting
August 13, 2019, 6:00pm

The regular town board meeting was held on August 13th, 2019 at the Town of Gouverneur Office Building

Attending Persons:

David L Spilman Jr
Eldon Conklin
Jay Bowhall
Jaimee McQuade
Curran Wade
Marion Bowhall

Rachel Hunter
Diane Kelley
Michael McQuade
Ron McDougall
Troy Besaw
Tommy Conklin

1. Supervisor Spilman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and lead the pledge of allegiance, all participated.
2. Motion to approve July minutes: Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
3. Public Participation
 - a. Leader Absent, report sent and read aloud by Spilman.
 - b. None
 - c. Casey Canel- absent and report given.
Missoula Children's theatre was held on August 10th, was a great show. Spilman commented.
 - d. Conklin Present and brought the new contract proposal for the next three years.
 - i. In 2019 there have been 198 fire calls and Gouverneur responded to 100% of those calls. New registered FF1 fire fighter- Brandon Washburn.
 - ii. 2019 Fundraisers included a firewood raffle that is seasoned 1 year, 4 cord of wood cut, split, and delivered, 4th of July fireworks, a fishing derby, Johnny Washburn's ride, and coin safety card drive
 - iii. Grants received DOT \$5,000 for miscellaneous gear
Patti Ritchie's office \$5,000 for miscellaneous equipment
DEC \$3,000
Will be hearing from the 2018 Federal Firefighter Assistance grant by September 30, 2019 if they are the recipient of a \$250,000.00 grant. With this grant they will purchase 28 air packs and 2 bottles per pack, 1 mask per pack, cascade system.

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- iv. Fire chief Conklin also requests the consideration of an amendment to our local code for new commercial construction that a “Knox” box is installed and that fire department, police department, and rescue squad have keys. The keys are currently audited weekly for those that do have lock box keys. Those properties are 24 Mill Street, Fowler BOCES, Pine Grove, Gouverneur Library, Kilkarney Courts, and the Community Center.
 - v. Cancer bill information- no new registrations so unless the insurance carrier themselves increase price the quoted amount should be the same. Not to be included in the contract, is a separate line item.
 - e. None
 - f. None
4. Old Business
- a. Community Center running 7 days a week through July and August.
 - i. 2nd Tuesday of every month the senior citizens luncheon, about 50 persons.
 - ii. Blankenbush to be in attendance for a town hall type meeting in September, Elise Stefanik will be in October.
 - b. None
 - c. Housing Grant- there will be a press release with pertinent information sent out today.
Motion to approve press release as written: Eldon Conklin
2nd motion: Jay Bowhall Ayes 5/ Nays 0
 - d. None
 - e. None
 - f. Eldon Conklin states we finally got approval to draw down on our \$100,000.00 grant for the excavator. As soon as the funds are released will contact Patti Ritchie for a photo op.
5. None
6. Ed Cardinal absent with report given.
- a. All bills for the CHIPS reimbursement submitted.
 - b. Paving is all done for 2019
 - c. Doing the shoulders now with help from several municipalities such as Edwards, Hermon, Hammond, Dekalb- shared service at it’s best.
 - d. Little Bow Road residents have requested a speed limit reduction. It is quite the process to go through the first step is to get a traffic counter on the road. Spilman to continue discussion with County.
 - e. Water main break 3:30 last night and was back on by 7. Many thanks to the Village of Gouverneur DPW for all their help.
 - f. Letter from St. Lawrence County Office of the Aging, a thank you to the highway department for the help moving the walk in cooler.

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7. Dan Moyer absent- report however no dogs in the pound.
8. McQuade present and report supplied.
 - a. Vacant properties on Van Buren road, sold to new owners.
 - b. Blevins car wash plans have been received and foundation has begun.
 - c. Tax foreclosure list- 4 homes in the village and 1 commercial property on the list will not be taken by the county as they are “unsalvageable.”
There is much discussion over this.
9. New Business
 - a. Justice reports- \$9,721.00
137 new cases and an alarmingly large number of DUIs- 12.
 - b. Supervisor communications:
 - i. Letter from Chamber of Commerce about a annual calendar of events.
 - ii. SLC North Country Events, Inc.
 - iii. St Lawrence Meadows owner, thanking the Town of Gouverneur for their assistance and consideration for taking the cost of the unused sewer lines, if capped, off the bill.
 - iv. DANC report-
376,213 gallons on the East Side for a daily flow of 12,136 gallons
827,114 gallons on the West Side for a daily flow of 27,570 gallons.
 - c. Truck Bidding has ended.
1 truck- \$14,100 2nd truck- \$15,000
Roller- \$3,650.00
Motion to accept roller bid for \$3,650 and to reject the truck bids and repost:
Jaimee McQuade 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes 5/ Nays 0
Auction to end September 9, 2019.
 - d. Dollar General Appraisal
Motion to approve Brad Love for \$1,500.00 to appraise Dollar General location
Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes 5 Nays 0
 - e. none
 - f. Any new business:
 - i. Ron McDougall states mosquito 2nd round spraying will be soon.
McDougall is expecting a big push back on the county about the properties not taken for tax auction.
10. Public Participation
Conklin states the water project update that the core sampling is done and we should hear back soon on those. Supposed to be ready to bid out in September and

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start construction in the spring.

Tommy Conklin asks if there is going to be new hydrants. Eldon Conklin requests Tommy to send specifications of which hydrants the GFD would like to see installed.

11. Motion to pay the bills: Jaimee McQuade 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Next meeting will be September 10th, 6:00pm

Economic development meeting if needed will be August 23rd 2019 at noon at the Town Office Building.

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

Meeting closed at 7:12pm