

# TOWN OF GOUVERNEUR

MARCH 14, 2023

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

The regular town board meeting was held at the Town Office building, 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur at 6:00pm.

Attendees:

David Spilman Jr  
Lory Whitton  
Jay Bowhall  
Curran Wade  
Phyllis Shaw  
Sherry Geer  
Richard Wood  
Diane Kelley  
Marion Bowhall  
Harry Smithers  
Rachel Hunter  
Troy Besaw  
Sean O'Brien

David Perrigo  
Ronald McDougall

**(1) Call to order 6:00 PM.**

(A) Pledge of Allegiance

**(2) Approval of the minutes** of February 14<sup>th</sup>, regular board meeting and February 24<sup>th</sup> Economic Development meeting.

Motion: Jay Bowhall            2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Lorry Whitton

Ayes: 4    Nays: 0

**(3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(A) County Legislature Report.

Harry Smithers present and oral report supplied. Discussion on fireman's exemption, and submitted a letter of opposition to NYS Withholding Medicaid payments to Counties. April is Fair Housing month, and Sexual Harassment Awareness month.

(B) Shared Services, Fuel Depot. -none

(C) Village recreation-Casey Canell. - none

(D) Fire Department-report. - none

(E) Rescue Squad-report. - none

(F) Any other public participation. – Sean O'Brien speaks. Running for St Lawrence County Sheriff.

**(4) OLD BUSINESS**

(A) Community Center. – Blood drive on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

(B) School Shared Service. - none

(C) Complete Streets. -none

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(D) Housing Grant. – Rick Wood gives update. Phase II waiting for the weather to break for 2 homes. Phase III going to bid Early April.

(E) LSLRP Program. - No update.

(F) CSX Lease.

Discussion of moving company to do a feasibility study to see if moving the building is possible.

(G) Workplace Violence Policy

Discussion over new policy and wording for what “pocket knives” we will allow. Board decision to exclude pocket knives in consideration for weapons as every highway individual uses and carries a pocket knife for work purposed.

Motion to approve work place violence with the wording above: Jay Bowhall

2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

### (5) COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

### (6) HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

(A) Superintendent Report.

Perrigo present, oral report supplied.

(B) Radio Communications- discussion, decision to wait to onboard to county system

(C) Overhead doors- Motion to approve purchase of openers/closers and eyes for \$6,144.00- Lory Whitton      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

### (7) DOG CONTROL OFFICER – none

### (8) CODE ENFORCEMENT

(A) Report. – Wood present and report supplied.

### (9) ASSESSMENT

(A) Geer and Shaw present, oral report of tasks completed.

### (10) NEW BUSINESS

(A) Justice Reports.

102 new cases. \$4,415.00collected.

(B) Supervisor Communication.

Many letters requesting us to send a letter in opposition to Medicaid withholding.

(C) ARP Funds.

Work shop to be March 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

(D) LL#1 of 2023- tabled until County makes their decision.

(E) NYS Shared Service Agreement-

Motion to sign NYS Shared service agreement- Jay Bowhall

2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Lory Whitton      Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

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(F) Motion to authorize Spilman to draft a letter opposing Medicaid Withholding

Motion: Curran Wade      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

(G) Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Motion to pass resolution as presented: Jay Bowhall

2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

(H) 2<sup>nd</sup> notice fees: Motion to charge a \$2.00 second notice fees for unpaid tax bills:

Motion Jay Bowhall      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Lory Whitton

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

(I) Motion to approve paying an extra \$20,000 to principal of 2019 truck loan:

Motion: Jay Bowhall      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Lory Whitton

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

(J) Any other New Business from any Town Board Member.

Letter of Resignation for Councilmember Jaimee McQuade

Motion to accept resignation with regret: Curran Wade

2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jay Bowhall

### (11) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

McDougall gives Village update.

### (12) Paying of the bills.

Motion to pay the bills: Curran Wade      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

Next Regular Town Board Meeting will be April 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Office.

Economic Development Meeting, will be March 24, if needed.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Curran Wade      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Lory Whitton

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

Meeting closed. 7:25pm