

Town of Gouverneur  
Regular Board Meeting  
December 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 6:00pm

The December regular town board meeting of The Town of Gouverneur was held at the Town of Gouverneur office building, 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur NY 13642 at 6:00pm immediately following the Public Hearing.

In Person Attendees:

David Spilman JR  
Eldon Conklin  
Jay Bowhall  
Jaimee McQuade  
Curran Wade  
David Perrigo  
Diane Kelley  
Mark Deavers  
Edward Cardinal  
Michael McQuade  
Jamie Storie  
Marion Bowhall

Via Teleconference:

Rachel Hunter  
Ron McDougall

1. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Spilman at 6:00pm
2. Minute approval- Jaimee McQuade was omitted from the November 10<sup>th</sup> minutes.  
Motion to adopt minutes with above correction- Jaimee McQuade      2<sup>nd</sup> motion Jay Bowhall  
Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0
3. A. Legislature report given- COVID update- St Lawrence County to purchase rapid test machine and tests to lease to St Lawrence Health Alliance.  
B. none  
C. none  
D. None  
E. Deavers present with oral report given. Rescue Squad contracts dropped off for signature and approval of by the Town.  
    Deavers is instructing a EMT Class with about 30 students. Class is virtual and Deavers states it is especially challenging. We have purchased use ambulance from Baldwinsville area and should be on the road next week or shortly after.  
F. Historians report given for the year. COVID-19 has not stopped the requests for his services and requests were average compared to other years.  
G. McDougall states that the Village of Gouverneur has completed the Christmas décor for the village with the help of Town of Gouverneur highway department and thanks for the manpower. Village of Gouverneur annual meeting was held. Hired DPW worker

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COVID update- the OCA has closed court proceedings. Offices can operate, just no court proceedings.

1,240 Cases to date. In the past 7 days 259 cases in St Lawrence County alone. 7 in the Town of Gouverneur. 19 deaths in the county, the majority in Ogdensburg nursing home. Governor will now be updating on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at approximately 11:00.

4.
  - a. Spilman updates on community center. They are still holding a monthly blood drive from 12:30-5:30
  - b. None
  - c. None
  - d. Owner engineer agreement with BCA- Route 11 Diner parcel contaminated cost \$7,000.  
Motion to approve Eldon Conklin      2<sup>nd</sup> motion Curran Wade  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
  - e. Harassment policy  
Motion to adopt new/updated harassment policy. This will be a yearly thing as times and society changes.  
Motion to adopt new policy:    Jaimee McQuade      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
  - f. Old business: none
5. None
6. Highway Report
  - a. Ed Cardinal present, report read out loud and supplied
  - b. Highway contract-  
motion to approve highway contract for 1/1/21- 12/31/21  
Motion to approve Curran Wade      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jaimee McQuade  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0  
Note: This is only a 1-year contract.
7. DCO- report supplied and read out loud.
8. CEO- report supplied  
8 permits issued      1 Town of Gouverneur/ 7 Village of Gouverneur  
2 being new houses, one on Stevens Road, one on Route 11.
9.
  - a. Justice reports
    - i. 112 new cases- \$6,746.00 taken in
    - ii. OCA closed courts- clerks/offices can operate however closed to the public.

Spilman would like to compliment Village of Gouverneur employees at the top of the stairs, turned away a person for COVID reasons.
  - b. None
  - c. Appointment of new Deputy Clerk-  
Motion to appoint Jamie Storie to Deputy Town Clerk - Curran Wade

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2<sup>nd</sup> motion- Eldon Conklin

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

d. Pay Applications-

East Side- 99% completion – substantial completion issued

Pay Application- \$23,992.54

Motion to approve- Eldon Conklin      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0

West Side- 95% completion- No tarring, no hydrants, punch list remain.

Pay application is \$112,298.92

Motion to pay: Jay Bowhall      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jaimee McQuade

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0

Working with Marcy to at the USDA- \$200,000 contingencies monies we must use. We are building a list of the things to buy to use it up. We suggested a Bobcat with a snowplow attachment to maintain hydrants that are 26-55ft off the road. Marcy says we need more justification for that purchase.

We must use the money, or the money goes back off the grant money, not the loan part.

Motion to move to executive session – Curran Wade      2<sup>nd</sup> motion Jaimee McQuade

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0

Spilman invites Edwards Cardinal & David Perrigo

Motion to close executive Session- Jaimee McQuade      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 5:      Nays: 0

Motion to reconvene- Eldon Conklin      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5:      Nays: 0

e. Motion to appoint David Perrigo as Deputy Highway Superintendent – Jaimee McQuade

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

Effect 1/1/21 Deputy highway superintendent until April – Ed's anticipated retirement as highway superintendent.

Perrigo will be salaried as 1/1/2021.

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0

10. None

11. Motion to pay the bills- Jaimee McQuade      2<sup>nd</sup> motion Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 5:      Nays: 0

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Motion to close regular meeting- Curran Wade                      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jay Bowhall  
Ayes: 5:                      Nays: 0

The year end meeting will be held December 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm

Meeting closed at 7:08pm