

American Rescue Plan Fund Money Public Workshop
August 23rd, 2021 5:00pm

The Town of Gouverneur Town Council met on August 23rd 2021 at 5:00pm for a public workshop to discuss expenditures and areas of necessity for the funds appropriated to the Town of Gouverneur from the American Recovery Act funds. \$167,845.64 this year.

Spilman suggests payroll recovery and infrastructure. The payroll recovery from March of 2019 is almost \$100,000.00 However there is a blurb in the guidelines that states that the recovery costs can only be used from March 3 of 2021.

Bookkeeper Diane Kelley suggests we use it to re-hire in the highway department as we are down a man.

Diane shows the councilmembers what section shows what is ineligible usage.

McQuade wants to know if we can invest in our air purification.
Conklin agrees, Under the “capital improvements in response to COVID 19 in public buildings”

There is much discussion, consensus is to explore

- Town board HVAC
- Payroll Recovery
- Handicap accessibility
- Parking lot and new entry/exits

There is much discussion over ADA compliance, and the lack of, on the Town of Gouverneur building.

Diane Kelley suggests that we complete the October report as the hiring of our new persons and see how that goes over, kind of a trial run.

There is much discussion over DMV and their customer flow, and the entrance and exits and if the county would be willing to appropriate some of their funds to help the flow since much of our foot traffic is related to DMV.

Spilman is to reach out to Empire Northeast for HVAC estimation and NTC for the entrance/exit estimate.

No final decisions of appropriations were made at this meeting.

Meeting closed at 6:11pm