

Town of Gouverneur
Regular Town Board Meeting
July 14th 2020 at 6:00pm

The regular town board meeting was held on July 14th at 6:00pm at the Town of Gouverneur office building, 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur, with board members in person and open via teleconference for public.

Attending persons:

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

Teleconference attendees:
Ron McDougall
Rachel Hunter
Karen Bage- SLC Health Initiative
Ryan Martin- Liberty Utilities
Erik Backus- Clarkson University

Marion Bowhall

1. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Spilman at 6:00pm
Pledge of allegiance recited, led by Supervisor Spilman.
2. Motion to approve meeting minutes Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
3. Public Participation:
 - a. County Legislature report -none
 - b. Shared Services fuel depot- none
 - c. Village Rec- None
 - d. Fire Dept. None
 - e. Rescue Squad- none
 - F. other Public Participation
Ryan Martin with Liberty Utilities, Liberty is open to exploring the possibility to grow East & West in the town of Gouverneur since we are digging already.
As of Friday, July 10, they had sent out mailers to all residents & commercial properties in the proposed expansion area. These mailers must be returned to show interest. Soon, there will be people going door to door, COVID procedure allowing, to see the interest. The interest in gaining new customers will drive the decision to expand.
4. Old Business
 - a. Community Center- will be the hub for family food give away with Neighborhood Center & Cornell Cooperative, August 6th starting at 10am. Expecting to feed about 400 families. The Pavilion was used for the Treyanna Summerville memorial Saturday.
 - b. School shared service- no report
 - c. Housing grant- next 4 applicants have been selected and we can do 3 or 4 more after this round. Still accepting applications.
 - d. Fire alarm system- Starting first week of September.
Supervisor Spilman met with the NYMIR insurance agent on Friday. No real updates.

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- e. Complete Streets- Erik Backus & Karen Bage
Karen provides the board with a background of complete streets.
Erik discusses the policies in the attached resolution.
Spilman requests information of what municipalities around us have completed the complete streets. Erik responds with several throughout NYS to include- Potsdam, Ogdensburg, Massena, and farther down state.
Spilman inquires if we can use this data and upload it to the GIS DANC mapping.

Conklin states he is unsure how we as a municipality would come up with the personnel to fulfill the requirements asked of us on the resolution.

Erik responds with that it is all prioritizing and things can be done at our own pace.

Eldon asks how long wed have to get these requirements in place and maintain.

Erik responds with approximately 2 years.

There is much discussion.

Karen Bage says that – NYS has a Complete Streets Policy of their own and they must take note of any town policies and incorporate them in any road designs, alterations, construction.

It also opens up opportunities to grants if Complete Streets Policy is in place.

RESOLUTION NOT PASSED.

- f. Any old business from board member- none.

5. Committee Reports- none

6. Highway report

- a. Superintendent report- supplied
- b. Rent roller- normally we would borrow, through shared services, Deklab’s roller to do paving preparation, however the county has their roller right now and have no timeline of return.
Tracy Road Equipment rental rate is \$3,500/month and we can pick it up in Watertown.
Tracy Road Equipment will do a 2 week rental rate if we only need for 2 weeks.
Eldon Conklin wants the board aware that we can use this rental cost in to the reimbursement figures for CHIPS.

Motion to approve Highway Supervisor up to \$3,500.00 for a roller rental- Jay Bowhall

2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

- c. Local Law #2-

Motion to adopt Local Law #2- Weight Limit on Daily Road- Eldon Conklin

2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

No Discussion.

- d. CHIPS Paving Bill:

Motion to authorize Bookkeeper Diane Kelley to pay any bills related to paving prior to

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the next board meeting - Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays:0

Clarification: The bills need to be cleared from our bank by August 13th to be included in reimbursement funds.

7. DCO – written report supplied- 1 dog in the pound this month.
8. CEO/Assessor Report –
Report supplied. For June issued 23 building permits to.
2 solar developments looking to come to town.
3 sites on the Daily road with the potential for 5 mega watt.
1 site on Rock Island with another 5 mega watt potentials.
9. New Business:
 - a. Court Reports- 163 New cases
Judges have been doing remote arraignments and have been very busy.
Courts are opening August 3, our first court will be August 6.
We must discuss how the process will work and how to maintain social distancing, limit capacity, etc.
 - b. Supervisor Communications:
 - i. Letter from Fort Drum on the environmental effects of training- there are minimum to no negative effects on the environment. Letter indicate ramped up trainings on Fort Drum.
 - ii. DANC Water report-
East Side- 344,566 gallons – ADF 11,486 gallons
West Side- 959,741 gallons- ADF 31,991 gallons, this is up 100,000 gallons from last month.
 - c. Solar Pilot- Eldon and Dave participated in a teleconference with SLC IDA, Hermon-Dekalb school district attorney and superintendent, GCSD Superintendent Lauren French to negotiate a pilot with solar developments. This pilot would include a reimbursement of a agreed upon dollar amount per megawatt for development- a 20 year pilot.
DMNI offering \$4,000/watt/development.
HD attorney has found that the average is \$5-10,000/watt.
SLC IDA is going to get more clarification on the \$4,000 offer. How they came up with it? Is it fair?
There is a 2% escalator clause in the PILOT, every year.
GCSD could get 50-60% of the PILOT.
It is important to note that this PILOT does not take the place of Land Taxes. The land owner must still pay their land taxes yearly.
 - d. Cold Storage- Stark Excavation (waterline contractor) would like to use our cold storage building for storage of waterline materials.
 - i. Do we want to rent it? We are currently not using it, Stark requests a 4 month rental agreement. Our equipment would sit outside until November or December.
 - ii. What dollar amount would the board like to see for the rental if we rent?
Discussion including security, current usage, power/heating, liability.

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Motion to rent the cold storage building to Stark Excavation for \$450/month for 4 months, contingent upon receipt of liability insurance certificate is made by Eldon Conklin

2nd motion Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

- e. Public Hearing date for CCA Green Energy Contract.

Motion to set public hearing and advertise for 5:45pm August 11th, 2020: Jay Bowhall

2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

- f. Waterline project update: Easement back for the trailer park.

D'Agostino the only holding property on the East side of town.

West Side- we are holding on 1 property owner and will continue with legal process.

We did have a water break on the west side of town on the Quarry Road at about 3:30pm- Ideal situation, all went as planned. Fixed by 6:00pm.

Ed called Spilman at 11:30pm – our storm water was over the limit in pump station at the NESCO pump station. Cardinell found it to be broken, fixed and began to work again.

Pump stations will need to be updated in the next couple of years.

For sale sign at our building on Main Street (Ablan's Business center) has received no inquires.

Motion to list with a realtor- Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

10. Public Participation

Ronald McDougall states that Gouverneur is still case free. But must excuse himself from the meeting early as he had another call to be on.

11. Motion to pay the bills: Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The next meetings will be at the following times:

Economic Development if needed: July 24th

Public Hearing for CCA Energy: August 11th at 5:45pm

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