

# Town of Gouverneur

## Regular Board Meeting

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 6:00pm

The Town of Gouverneur regular board meeting was held at the Town Office building 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur, NY 13642 at 6:00pm.

### Attending:

David Spilman Jr  
Jay Bowhall  
William Infield  
Curran Wade  
Lory Whitton  
Marion Bowhall  
Rachel Hunter

Ronald McDougall  
Diane Kelley  
Sherry Gerry  
Phyllis Shaw  
Michael Wainwright  
Richard Wood  
Dan Moyer

### 1. Meeting called to order

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Spilman 6:00pm

Pledge of allegiance recited by all.

2. **Motion to approve minutes:** Lory Whitton 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. **County Legislature Report** – no report supplied.
- b. **Shared Services, Fuel Depot.** -none
- c. **Village recreation-Casey Canell.** – no report supplied
- d. **Fire Department-report.** – no representative
- e. **Rescue Squad-report.** – none
- f. **Any other public participation** – none

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Community Center.** – Spilman gives update.
- b. **School Shared Service.** – none
- c. **Complete Streets.** -none
- d. **Housing Grant.** – no update
- e. **LSLRP program-** Contractor going around digging up to identifying pipe services.
- f. **CSX Feasibility-** no update
- g. **Other business from Board Member:** none

### 5. Committee Reports- none

6. **Highway department-** Perrigo absent, Michael Wainwright present and supplied report.

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- a. Report supplied and read aloud by Wainwright.
  - b. Resignation letter- Letter read aloud from Superintendent David Perrigo resigning from the position.  
Motion to accept David Perrigo's resignation effective immediately- with regret:  
Motion by: Jay Bowhall 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: William Infield  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
  - c. Motion to appoint Michael Wainwright as Superintendent effective immediately:  
Motion by: Jay Bowhall 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Lory Whitton  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
  - d. Motion to advertise for vacant highway position: William Infield  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0  
Applications to be returned to Town Clerk's office on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:00pm for consideration.
7. **Dog Control Office-** Moyer present, oral report supplied.
- a. **Notice:** Moyer gives notice of accommodation of the Pound for being a No Kill Shelter in 2022. Moyer gives thanks to F4PP & Clover and also to Gracious Friends Animal Sanctuary for continuous support in adopting dogs out.
  - b. **Ventilation system-** Quote received from Empire Northeast for installation of a fresh air system as part of the new requirements from the NYS Ag & Markets- quote received is \$37,500.00  
Tabled- no discussion.
8. **Code Enforcement Office-** Rick Wood present, report update
9. **Assessors**
- a. Phyllis and Sherry present with oral report
  - b. Received notice Gouverneur's equalization rate has decreased to 81%
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
- a. **Justice Reports.** – \$4,697 collected and 106 new cases
    - i. **Court Clerk Applications:** Court Clerk Andrews going out on maternity leave- looking to fill vacancy temporarily.
    - ii. Motion to advertise for temporary full-time clerk for the court, approximately 3 months. – Jay Bowhall 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0  
To return to the clerk's office for October 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm
    - iii. Discussion of dropping to one judge:  
2022 total cases- 1,457 with two judges  
2023 to date: 1,143 cases  
Some discussion, no actions taken.
  - b. **Supervisor Communication**
    - i. National Grid- scheduled outage last week with no issues.

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**c. Highway contract-**

A negotiated contract with the Highway Employees is a 2 year contract, a raise to \$25.00 an hour-

Motion to authorize Spilman to sign- Willaim Infield 2<sup>nd</sup> motion- Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**d. Tax Cap Override:**

Motion to override the 2% tax cap: Jay Bowhall 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**e. Preliminary Budget:**

Motion to accept tentative budget and make it preliminary: Jay Bowhall

2<sup>nd</sup> motion: William Infield

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to set public hearing for Preliminary Budget – November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**11. Public Participation**

**a.** McDougall – gives village update

**b.** M. Wainwright would like 1 more 10 hour week for the highway with board approval-

Motion to approve by Lory Whitton 2<sup>nd</sup> motion- William Infield

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**12. Motion to pay the bills** as presented: Jay Bowhall 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**Meeting closed 7:04pm**