

Town of Gouverneur
Regular Board Meeting
August 10, 2021 6:00pm

The regular town board meeting was held on August 10th, 2021 at 6:00pm

Attendees:

David Spilman Jr
Eldon Conklin
Jay Bowhall
Jaimee McQuade
Curran Wade
Diane Kelley
Troy Besaw
Marion Bowhall
Rachel Hunter
Dan Moyer
Harry Smithers
David Perrigo
Ron McDougall

1. **Call To Order** by Spilman at 6:00pm

2. **Approval of Minutes for July 13th Regular Town Board-**

Motion to approve July 13th minutes as presented- Curran Wade

2nd motion Jaimee McQuade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

3. **Public Participation**

A. **County Legislature-** Smithers present- Read report supplied.

Conklin requests more support from the County for Meals on Wheels- more help on covering the bills required for operating the program has the county has shut down three other locations since Gouverneur's has opened.

B. **None**

C. **Village Recreation Center-** report supplied. Approximately serving 50 kids – 4 days a week. Senior Citizens' gatherings on Fridays.

D. **Fire Department** None

E. **Rescue Squad-** None

F. **Public Participation** None

4. **Old Business**

A. Community center

Monthly blood drives

Class of 1955 & 1956 – 80 attendees.

B. **Shared Services-** No updates

C. **Complete Streets-** None

D. **Water line amendments-**

Close out payment amendments- on the West Side for \$82.68 and the East Side for -\$5,807.07

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Motion to approve amendments Eldon Conklin 2nd motion Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Water Line Contingency money:

West Side:

\$71,175.13 from administrative to contingency

\$-5,295.95 from contingency to construction

East Side

\$75,118.41 from administrative to contingency

\$3,236.00 from construction to contingency

Motion to approve East Side Amendment: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to approve West Side Amendment: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Form E's changing from what we thought in March for contingency money is now ~\$172,161.00 on the East Side, and ~\$161,015.00 on the West Side.

E. Old Business – none

5. Committee Reports- none

6. Highway Department- Perrigo present and report supplied.

A. Report read aloud – normal highway duties reported.

B. Item's found in highway department deemed unnecessary and Perrigo would like to declare surplus.

- shoulder machine- unfixable- could be used for parts
- Oil drum holders
- trailer fenders
- 22 hydrants
- 7 parking lot lights
- 3pt post hole digger
- tables
- 6 bundles of shingles
- sewer flusher hose
- 5 gallon greaser
- 36" metal exterior door
- Copier
- MIG welder
- 6 boxes of tiles

Motion to declare the above items surplus: Jaimee McQuade 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

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Motion to advertise in Tribune for bids for the above items: Jaimee McQuade 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

7. Dog Control Officer: Moyer present and report supplied.

5 dogs impounded- 3 redeemed, 2 relinquished to Friends for Pound Paws.

8. CEO Report/Assessment – report supplied

9. New Business

A. Justice reports- \$8,524.00

B. Supervisor Communications- none

C. Court resignation- a letter from Court Clerk Chelsea Boprey. Resigning effect August 9th, 2021.

Motion to accept the resignation: Jaimee McQuade 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstention: Eldon Conklin

Spilman states that Conklin & himself have met with Judge Young and Judge Dann and all agree that Taylor Andrew's would be a suitable appointment for the position. Taylor had applied for Chelsea's maternity leave and was not accepting of the position because it was only part time. Now that the full time is available, she is willing to accept position.

- T. Andrews would receive probation for the position for 90 days, \$13.00/ hour

- after 90 days \$14.00/hour. Starting immediately.

- There will be two equal clerks – not head/deputy clerk

Motion to appoint Taylor Andrews as Court Clerk- Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

D. Workplace Violence Prevention Statement

Motion to adopt Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Statement: Curran Wade

2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Designated Contact Person for policy violations: Diane Kelley

All employees will be trained by December 31, 2021

E. Housing Grant- we were not awarded the grant. We had missed point grade by 4 points.

To have DANC reapply for the CDBG grant in the fall- \$1,600.00

Motion to authorize DANC to reapply for up to \$1,600.00: Eldon Conklin

2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

F. COVID Relief Fund Workshop Date:

\$167,000.00 recovery plan money- Town has already received.

Town of Gouverneur to hold a public workshop to discuss the best uses for this money.

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COVID meeting to be Monday – August 23rd at 5:00pm.
This meeting is OPEN to the PUBLIC.

G. Any other New Business from any Town Board Member

Eldon Conklin – prospective cleaning lady no longer available to cleaning due to schedule change at the school.

Spilman presents the board with the following information:

IT Representative- getting a quote for getting court to hook up to the TOG building and getting Diane’s computer protected due to increased occurrence of small municipality hacks.

Surveyor has stakes out for the surveying to be done of the acreage behind salt barn. He has discovered we have a third entrance on the Johnstown Rd. He has completed 80% of the survey. Report & Final paperwork should be available next week.

Fuller Ins. Co – associated with NYMIR – wants to know if he can quote our business. There is no objection from any town board member.

10. Public Participation-

Ron McDougall- is back on COVID updates. 24 new cases yesterday – 1 of them in Gouverneur.

The Village DPW is milling tomorrow in preparation for paving.

McDougall states he agrees with Cuomo’s resignation announced today. The next Governor, #57- will be a woman.

11. Motion to pay the bills

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to close the August meeting: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Eldon Conklin

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Meeting Closed. 7:07pm