

Regular Town Board Meeting
April 12, 2019 6:00pm

The Town of Gouverneur regular town board meeting for the month of April was held on April 12, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Town of Gouverneur Office Building, 1227 US Highway 11, Gouverneur NY 13642.

Attending persons:

David Spilman Jr
Eldon Conklin
Jay Bowhall
Jaimee McQuade
Curran Wade
Troy Besaw
Ronald McDougall
Scott Hudson

George Harder
Rachel Hunter
Michael McQuade
Neman Lowry
Diane Kelley
Ed Cardinell
Casey Canell

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Supervisor Spilman led the pledge of allegiance, all participated.
2. Motion to approve the March Regular meeting minutes, and the March Economic Development meeting minutes made by Eldon Conklin 2nd motion Curran Wade
Ayes 5 Nays 0 - Minutes approved.
3.
 - a. Legislature report- report provided, Leader absent
 - b. None
 - c. Village rec report- Canell present and report given. Participation numbers almost doubled. Spilman states it really shows the need for the program in the area.
 - d. None
 - e. None
 - f. Public participation:
Neman Lowry, of Edith Street, would like to discuss two issues.
1- Family Dollar's inlet floods into their yard from their retention pond- which is supposed to slow release into the ground because when built the sewer system could not accept the extra rain water.

2- Fencing. Family Dollar and Northern Collision fences are broken and damaged. Not only an eye sore for homeowners but also, with out the fencing in

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tact- the garbage from both companies ends up in Lowry's yard.

McQuade states he has contacted IR Reality out of Tennessee before of the issue and has not gotten much response.

Lowry offers pictures and more information about a tree that was lost due to saturation of ground from retention pond's failure.

Spilman asks McQuade for suggestions- McQuade responds with asking Family Dollar realty company to tie into the catch basin which is between Main Street and Rowley Street. Would be a costly fix.

McQuade offers to write a letter to IR Realty again and approach Geer (Northern Collision) to fix fence.

Curran Wade asks about health concerns due to the standing water? Mike says there is no health concern, water does not stand long enough.

4. Old Business

- a. Community Center- busy as usual. Community Movie to be held Saturday- Peter Rabbit
- b. No update
- c. Housing Grant resolution as read aloud (2)

Motion to submit housing application again and to adopt April as Fair housing month as suggested by the county as read. - Jay Bowhall 2nd motion:
Curran Wade

Ayes 5 Nays 0

- d. Update on Jumbo's building. Agreement has been reached with Porter- deposit has changed hands. Closing with in a week or two with attorneys and Porter.
- e. None.

5. Committee Reports- none

6. Highway Department-

- a. Report given- Ed present.
- b. Trucks are here—waiting on closing- April 16th fully insured. Ready to go.
- c. Motion to accept trucks as delivered, and authorize final payment made by Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

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- d. Loan Resolution:
Motion to accept loan and continue to finance \$320,000 – and a grant of \$75,000 – total \$395,000.00 and motion to authorize Supervisor Spilman to sign was made by
Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Deputy Supervisor Conklin asks for clarification if we can pay off early **without** penalty _ Spilman says yes, there is no penalty. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
- e. Motion to authorize Spilman to sign NYSDOT Shared Service agreement for 4 year option- Eldon Conklin 2nd motion- Jaimee McQuade
Ayes 5 Nays 0

Barrett Paving has the county contract for paving. Discussion for Ed to reach out for pricing for 2 miles of paving, complete bid- trucking and paving.

7. DCO- No report, absent.
8. CEO Report- McQuade present- report given.
- a. Training in Lake Placid about energy code and the ever-changing building codes and new energy code in regards to air tight homes.
 - b. 2019 Tax Foreclosure list includes 20 village properties and 9 with in the town
9. New Business
- a. Justice Reports- about \$17,000 taken in in fines and surcharges
Improvement renovations completed by Highway department.
Changing office hours to mirror that of the village 8am-4pm- safety precaution as no one will be on the floor after the Village clerks' hours are through for the day.
 - b. Supervisor Communication-
DANC Report- 421,400 gallons used on the East Side, Average Daily Flow of 13,594
733,684 gallons used on the West Side, Average Daily Flow of 23,667
 - c. Sensus water meter contract is up for renewal. New price is \$2,000.00. Originally, we bought in 2007 for \$1,200 and it has gone up every year since.
If we don't buy contract- service tech support is \$250.00 an hour. Diane has never had to call. Spilman suggests we do not renew service contract- Eldon Conklin agrees. No objections or comments from the remaining board members.

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- d. Declare surplus items- Court furniture that was replaced by grant to include, 2 desks, storage cabinet, tables, must have one bid for all, 2 used plow trucks, Misc. sewer pumps and piping's, and aluminum boat.
There is discussion about the sewer piping's and pumps. Ed should sell for scrap. Highway plow trucks minimum bid- \$35,000 each. Aluminum 14' boat minimum bid-\$500.00
Motion to declare the above things surplus and authorize Ed to sell scrap metal- Curran Wade 2nd motion Jaimee McQuade
Ayes 5 Nays 0.
- e. Complete Streets- Karen Bage went to the village board meeting to discuss the possible grants for completing sidewalks.
- f. Solar development update- Public Hearing last night on 4 sites was well attended and interesting Spilman states.
There are 4 possible sites owned by 2 separate individuals- they will develop 20 megs of power and will cost about \$20 million to build.
- g. Other new business:
 - i. Town of Gouverneur sent a letter of intent to apply for a \$500,000 grant for water project.
 - ii. Curran asks about the signs on each end of town that Mr. Laurenza sent a letter about before. Spilman says we cant do anything until we decide how to repair all signs, because all signs need repair.
 - iii. McDougall- no updates.
 - iv. Spilman states that the hydroelectric study with Fowler and Village Public hearing is tomorrow at 6:00
 - v. Hopefully lift the boil water advisory tomorrow, April 10th.
 - vi. Census job fair will be held in May at the community center.

10. Public Participation- none

11. Paying the bills- Motion to pay the bills: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes 5Nays 0

The next regular town board meeting will be May 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Town Office Building, 1227 US Highway 11- Gouverneur NY. Economic Development meeting will be held April 26th, 2019 at 12:00 noon at the Town office Building

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Motion to close the April 9th meeting: Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Meeting closed. 6:58pm