

Town of Gouverneur  
Regular Board Meeting  
July 12<sup>th</sup> 2022, 6:00pm

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

**Attendees:**

Dave Spilman Jr  
Jay Bowhall  
Curran Wade  
Marion Bowhall  
David Perrigo  
Troy Besaw  
Thomas Conklin  
Rachel Hunter

Sherry Geer  
Robert Ritchie  
Ed Cardinal  
Richard Wood  
Ron McDougall

**Teleconference:**  
Jaimee McQuade

1. Meeting called to order 6:02pm and pledge of allegiance recited by all.
2. Approval of June board meetings – Motion by Curran Wade      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jay Bowhall  
Ayes: 4                      Nays: 0
3. Public Participation
  - a. Legislature report- none
  - b. Shared services- one
  - c. Village rec- report supplied by Casey Canell
  - d. Gouverneur Fire- Conklin present. Just under 50 members. 3 persons finishing basic firefighter and moving on to next course.  
To date ~225 calls.  
Fireworks rescheduled to Labor Day.  
  
David Perrigo would like to extend gratitude to GVFD on wind/rainstorms and the help that they provide clearing trees and directing traffic.
  - e. Rescue squad- none
  - f. Any public participation- none
4. Old Business
  - a. Community center- Blood drives, senior citizens luncheon today with 50+ in attendance.
  - b. Shared service- none
  - c. Complete streets- none
  - d. Housing grant-selecting homes for Phase II – going out to bid in August
  - e. LSLRP Program- none
  - f. Public participation- none
5. Committee reports- none
6. Highway department-
  - a. Perrigo present and report supplied.

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- b. Part time interviews – we had 6 interviews  
Motion to hire part time employee contingent upon acceptance to offer:  
Curran Wade 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jay Bowhall  
Ayes: 4      Nays: 0
- c. Paving pushed out to July 25<sup>th</sup> – dependent upon weather.
- d. Mower surplus- Auction international highest bid \$1,625.00  
motion to accept bid: Curran Wade 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jay Bowhall  
Ayes: 4      Nays: 0
- 7. Dog Control- no report
- 8. Code & Assessor
  - a. Code- Report supplied. 20 new permits  
Thomas Conklin of GVFD wants to thank Rick Wood for being so accommodating and working with the fire department when needed.
  - b. Assessor- Data entry going well. Should save some money to the tax payers having the Assessor's office input data that in the past, has been done and charged back to the town & taxpayers.
- 9. New Business:
  - a. Justice reports- none
  - b. Supervisor communications-
    - i. NYMIR Representative would like a certificate of insurance from GVRS and GVFD & reviewed the highway daily log books and pre-trip inspections. A yearly review of our policies with our insurance company.
    - ii. Supervisor's meeting held via ZOOM discusses the highway plowing contract with the county. We currently plow 13 miles for the County at ~\$5,150.00/mile. Spilman suggestion to the committee was a 5% increase and a different fuel clause.
    - iii. Discussion of grant writer options. No final decisions or agreements.
  - c. Motion to appoint Robert Ritchie to the board seat vacated by the passing of Eldon Conklin, term ending 12/31/2022 – motion by Jay Bowhall  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Curran Wade  
Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

With out a 5<sup>th</sup> member of the board, we would not have a quorum to pass the budget as 2 of our members cannot vote due to conflicts of interest.

Town Clerk Marion Bowhall administers oath of office to Robert Ritchie.

- d. Motion to appoint Jay Bowhall as Deputy Supervisor – Jaimee McQuade  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade  
Ayes: 4      Nays: 0      Abstention: 1- Jay Bowhall
- e. Solar Law- motion to set public hearing on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm immediately before the August regular town board meeting for our Local Solar Law.

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Motion by Robert Ritchie, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jaimee McQuade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

- f. Blended power- NY Power Authority offers .07/kilowatt proposal for 1-2-3 year agreements. 3 year program is 51% green energy. Currently with pay 6.5 cents/kilo.

Tabled.

- g. PILOT agreement on the Welch Road received and sent to county.

- h. Sample culvert and drive way policy- the TOG currently does install driveways for new builds as an insurance policy for us, that they are dug deep enough- with enough sluice pipe installed. We have no current policy in place. TABLED.

10. Public Participation-

- a. Ron McDougall gives village update.

- b. Spilman states that the Republican Village Caucus will be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am at the Community Center. All village republicans encouraged to attend.

- c. David Perrigo would like to offer his opinion and discuss the residency requirement for the Highway Employees in regards to the anticipated fulltime position.

Robert Ritchie questions which distance is he thinking? Perrigo suggests school district. – Discussion by no decisions made.

- d. Zoning meeting in regards to Verizon cell tower coming on Little Bow Road July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

11. Motion to pay the bills- Jay Bowhall 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to close meeting: Curran Wade 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Meeting closed 7:08pm