

Town of Gouverneur
Regular Board Meeting
June 13th, 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
Lory Whitton
William Infield
Curran Wade
Marion Bowhall
Rachel Hunter
Ronald McDougall
Diane Kelley
Sherry Gerry
Phyllis Shaw
Harry Smithers
David Perrigo

1. Meeting called to order

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Spilman 5:59pm

2. Motion to approve minutes May meeting minutes

Motion by Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays:0

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. **County Legislature Report** – report supplied, Smithers present.
- b. **Shared Services, Fuel Depot.** -none
- c. **Village recreation**-Casey Canell. – Report supplied
- d. **Fire Department-report.** – none
- e. **Rescue Squad-report.** – none
- f. **Any other public participation** – Smithers states that a bill has been in place now to protect Class A and Class C Streams in the state; just an update for those who own properties on local streams.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Community Center.** – Spilman gives reports.
- b. **School Shared Service.** – none
- c. **Complete Streets.** -none
- d. **Housing Grant.** – Rick Wood gives update last two houses are being completed. We are applying for another round of funding of this grant.
- e. **LSLRP program-** no update

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- f. **CSX Feasibility**- no update, waiting for study results
- g. **Volunteer Fire Department Tax Exemption**- of the departments 46 members, 35 will qualify, 15 exempt members will qualify as 2+ years of active membership.
- h. **Other new business**- none

5. **Committee Reports**- none

6. **Highway department**- Perrigo present.

- a. Report supplied- big even of the May was paving 4.4 miles
- b. **Speed reduction** on the Scotch Settlement Road
Motion to have Spilman draft a letter to the Superintendent of St Lawrence County Highway Department requesting a speed study on Scotch Settlement Road
Motion by: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

7. **Dog Control Office**- no report

8. **Code Enforcement Office**- Rick Wood present and report supplied

- a. Report supplied- 16 new permits 6 in the Town
1 new complaint

9. **Assessors**

- a. Phyllis and Sherry present with oral report
Grievance day- 3 in person, 2 for a grievance- 1 requesting clarification
Our equalization rate is now 81%.
- b. Dorothy Vorce Resignation- Motion to accept, with regret, Dorothy Vorce resignation from the Board of Assessment Review effective May 23rd, 2023-
Motion by: Curran Wade 2nd motion- Lory Whitton
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Justice Reports. – \$2,980.00 139 new cases
- b. Supervisor Communication. – none to mention
- c. ARPA Funds
Motion to appropriate \$8,000.00 to Eldon B Conklin Community Center and \$8,000.00 to Riverview Park of our ARPA funds:
Motion by: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: William Infield
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
- d. Motion to set and advertise public hearing on July 11 at 5:45pm: Jay Bowhall
2nd motion- Curran Wade Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
- e. Motion to advertise housing grant survey: Lory Whitton
2nd motion: Jay Bowhall Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
- f. Motion to allow Spilman to draft a letter of support for BOCES Adult Education program: William Infield 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

11. **Public Participation**

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- a. Ron Mcdougall gives village update. Demolition of 3 properties in the village making the village appear nicer. Village meeting changed to 5:30pm June 14th.
12. Motion to pay the bills as presented: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: William Infield
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Next meeting will be July 11th at 6:00pm

Motion to adjourn- Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall

Meeting closed. 7:03pm