

Town of Gouverneur
Regular Board Meeting
May 11th, 2021 6:00pm

The regular town board meeting was held on May 11th, 2021 at 6:00pm in person and via teleconference.

Attending persons:
David L Spilman Jr
Eldon Conklin
Jay Bowhall
Curran Wade
Diane Kelley
David Perrigo

Teleconference Attendees:
Rachel Hunter
Michael McQuade
Jaimee McQuade
Ronald McDougall

1. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Spilman at 6:00pm
2. Approval of April 13 and April 23th Economic development meeting
Motion by: Curran Wade 2nd motion: Eldon Conklin
Roll call:

Eldon Conklin Yes
Curran Wade Yes
Jay Bowhall Yes

Jaimee McQuade Yes
David Spilman Yes

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

3. Public Participation
 - a. Legislature report- supplied and read aloud by Spilman.
 - b. None
 - c. None
 - d. None
 - e. None
 - f. Jody Wenzel- the County Risk Manager for the St Lawrence County discussing the self-insured claims and insurance department.
Discussion of the process for the inspections coming from the county and the grading process of the severity of the issues to be addressed. Inspections will be

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looking for OSHA and other violations that we can be fined for in the future.

4. Old Business

- a. Community center- Ed Cardinals surprise retirement party.
- b. None –
- c. None
- d. IT Services- waiting for NCC system quote. Continue to allow people to give quotes.
E. Conklin states that it doesn't seem fair to keep bringing people in as we quoted it for several weeks.
Eldon suggests we write a letter to Manley to request a meeting for an explanation of the lack of completion for the phone systems.

Motion to send a letter to our current IT person for a meeting and hold of appointing an IT person until he is resolved: Eldon Conklin
2nd motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

- e. ZOOM- none
- f. Solar pilot- Informative- we approved a \$3,850/mgwt for the last solar project and the SLC IDA board at \$5,000.00.
- g. Waterline- This week is the deadline for clean up. We should meet with Sam this week on Thursday for a final walk-thru. We've mulched and seeded the users lawns.
Conklin asks for
- h. DMV reopening fully May 17th. Their doors open at 8am.
Some discussion over reimbursement from the county for our persons keeping crowd control, as we do not have the type of crowds that the DMV draws.
Spilman to discuss that with Deputy Administrator Soper, maybe can be put against the County's American Relief plan funds.

5. Committee Reports- none

6. Highway department:

- a. Perrigo present- report given and orally given.
- b. Last months meeting
- c. Grinding & Paving quotes

Grinding:

Midland- \$18,500.00 - Monday

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Suitekote- \$19,500.00 -Maybe July

A little higher than last year, but we are moving machines twice.

Motion to approve grinding quotation from Midland- and get it done ASAP- Eldon Conklin

2nd motion- Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Paving quotations:

3 miles quotation- \$278,623.51 everything included.

If we can do some of our trucking, if we got it all, the price would be ~\$238,000.00

2 miles quotation- \$189,708.00 everything included.

Town Barn parking lot paving:

\$28,626.00 from water line part to the road

\$46,791.00 from the building to the road.

Total bid for 3 miles and Town parking lot paving: \$325,414.51

CHIPS returning ~\$326,000.00

Motion to authorize \$325,414.51 for paving roads and Town Barn Parking lot- Jay Bowhall

2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

- d. Perrigo would like to replace signs on the freshly paved roads as we pave them.
\$1,500.00 to re-sign roads that we are paving and crucial signs that are missing or damaged on the roads.

 - e. Ditch bank mower- our mower is 12 years old. We spend just as much time working on this as much as we mow.
~\$11,500.00 from a place in Potsdam.

 - There is much discussion and no decision made yet to purchase.
 - f. Speed reduction- Van Buren Road- NYS has determined that 45 MPH is appropriate.
7. Dog Control-
- a. Report supplied.
 - b. Housing grant- last project still in the works. Have not heard from the application for a second grant for the housing rehabilitation.

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8. Code/ Assessor
 - a. Justice Reports- not supplied.

9. New Business
 - a. Justice reports-

 - b. Supervisor Communications- Letter from another town supervisor requesting information on the appointed superintendent and the positives or negatives or the situation.

 - c. DANC Lease- Original lease signed in 2003 for 10 years, never renewed. We are looking to renew it now. Negotiations are in the works to possibly waive the \$100 DANC internet pipe line for several town occupied parts of the town (sewer treatment plant, town offices, court, etc.) for use of our building for their generator.

 - d. Developer interested in 40-50 acres of land of the 100 acres the Town owns off Owl Road.
Developer also wants rights to the access roads the Town owns.
Assessor McQuade and a local realtor state that land as this is going for about \$1,500.00/acre. This acreage is accessible to municipal water/sewer, 3 phase powers.
There is much discussion.
Motion to authorize negotiations on 40-50 acres of land by Eldon Conklin
2nd motion- Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

 - e. Infrastructure grants- American Rescue Plan- part of these funds can be used for infrastructure grants- Spilman reached out to Gregor for cost of an engineering study for a new sewer line.
Inspection by Danc- 13,040.00
BCA complete study for \$16,000.00
Total: \$29,040.00 out of a \$30,000 grant- Town responsible for \$7,200.00

Motion to apply for the grant for \$500 to fund the above: Jaimee McQuade
2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
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 - f. Town Summer Hours-
Tabled until Economic Development meeting.

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g. New Business:

Spilman discusses American Recovery money, up until now we have had no real direction. Now it is all under advisement of US Treasury. 151-page document was sent to the Town. We will have to take some time to read the regulations.

Expended over a 2-year period. We must spend all of our allotment, or we must send it back.

Conklin states the regulations look pretty wide open for the use of it the funds.

Spilman- reached out to the Association of Towns of the legality of selling Marijuana in the townships. Some Towns are opting out of allowing the retail of the Marijuana. There is some discussion, but no actions or decisions taken.

10. Public Participation-

Ron McDougall- COVID 14 in SLC today. Total 7,291. Gouverneur has 9 active – 636 total.

11. Motion to pay the bills – Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to close the meeting: Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Meeting closed 7:41pm