

TOWN OF GOUVERNEUR

FEBRUARY 14, 2023
TOWN BOARD MEETING

The regular town board meeting was held at the Town Office building, 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur at 6:00pm.

Attendees:

David Spilman Jr
Lory Whitton
Jay Bowhall
Curran Wade
Phyllis Shaw
Sherry Geer
Richard Wood
Diane Kelley
Marion Bowhall
Harry Smithers
Rachel Hunter

Teleconference:

Ronald McDougall

(1) Call to order 6:00 PM.

(A) Pledge of Allegiance & moment of silence for Ronald Durham.

(2) Approval of the minutes of the January 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, the January 10, 2023, Organizational Meeting and January 27, 2023, Economic Development Meeting.

Motion to approve: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Lory Whitton

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

(3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(A) County Legislature Report.

Harry Smithers present and oral report supplied. 5.4 million dollars more to the Town/Villages in the next budget of sales tax. The county has successfully been working with the village to demolish blighted properties- 67 Prospect and 48 Grove Street.

(B) Shared Services, Fuel Depot. -none

(C) Village recreation-Casey Canell. - none

(D) Fire Department-report. - none

(E) Rescue Squad-report. - none

(F) Any other public participation. -none

(4) OLD BUSINESS

(A) Community Center. – Spilman did a presentation to the Gouverneur Senior Citizens club in regards to the railroad station.

(B) School Shared Service. - none

(C) Complete Streets. -none

(D) Housing Grant.

Phase II construction has begun. Letter of final exit counseling for the 2019 housing grant completed.

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(E) LSLRP Program. -

Department of Health has come up with a new mandate that all water hook ups need to be checked for lead pipes and the water inside the hook ups need to be tests. Spilman suggests we use our LSRP funds to pay for this.

(F) CSX Lease.

tabled, no discussion.

(G) Workplace Violence Policy

tabled, no discussion.

(H) Rescue Squad Contract.

Motion to approve contract- Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

(I) Any other Old Business from any Town Board member. – none

(5) COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

(6) HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

(A) Superintendent Report.

Perrigo absent, no report supplied.

(B) New Plow Truck.

New plow truck costs approximately \$244,000.00 and an approximate delivery date of 2025. Motion to order plow truck: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

(C) Radio Communication Proposal.

Discussion over cellular dead spots, our radio vendor now is not faithful with support or service. Our LED lights on the trucks interfere with the radio reception.

Discussion over new radios- 11 radios for trucks (\$8,200) and a shop radio (\$1,700) total \$9,900.00 plus a \$425.00 monthly fee and a 1 year contract.

Discussion only, no decisions made.

(D) New Loader.

Discussion of a new loader. A new loader is \$190,000.00 approximately- ours is a 2015 with 3,000 hours. Trade in value for our current is \$65,000.00. Discussion only, no decisions.

(E) Shop Doors. Discussion of purchases over head door openers and new safety eyes. The eyes are mandatory. Purchase of both \$3,500.00

(F) St Lawrence County Plow Contract.

Discussion over the next plowing contract with the county. Mr. Smithers and Mr. Spliman discuss what has been offered to the county for the Supervisors association.

(7) DOG CONTROL OFFICER – Dan Moyer

(A) Report. – none, Moyer not present.

(B) Spilman states reinspection's- passed.

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(8) CODE ENFORCEMENT

(A) Report. – Wood present and report supplied.

(9) ASSESSMENT

(A) Report. Geer and Shaw present, oral report of tasks completed.

(B) Senior Exemption Notice. – discussion of newly available senior citizen exemption and what it will cost the town.

(10) NEW BUSINESS

(A) Justice Reports.

94 new cases. \$5,082 collected. New bailiff started last month.

(B) Supervisor Communication.

none

(C) ARP Funds.

Need to be committed by 12/31/24 and spent by 12/31/26. Discussion over the allowable uses. No decisions.

(D) Workplace Violence Policy. – tabled, no decisions.

(E) ENI Service Contract. - ENI presents a furnace inspection contract. Spring and fall inspections and replace filters of both furnaces. Discussion, tabled. No decisions reached.

(F) Declare Surplus.

Motion to declare surplus the following items:

- 2012 F 250 regular cab long box truck
- Printer
- Copy machine
- truck tool box
- Milwaukee hammer drill
- Window
- small table
- corded DeWalt Sawzall
- two DeWalt bags with three corded drills in them
- roll of roofing felt paper
- outdoor light fixture
- about three squares of shingles
- air 5-gallon grease gun
- Hobart mig welder missing parts
- trailer fender
- three oil drum holders

Motion by: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: LW

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

(G) Tax Exemption Public Hearing

Motion to hold public hearing for Volunteer Firefighter tax exemption on March 14th, 5:30pm- Curran Wade 2nd motion- Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

(H) Planning & Zoning Board Members.

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Motion to appoint Jay Emrich to Planning board vacant seat: Jay Bowhall

2nd motion: Curran Wade Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Motion to appoint Rick Strate to Zoning board vacant seat: Curran Wade

2nd motion: Jay Bowhall Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

- (I) Any other New Business from any Town Board Member.
Jay Bowhall and Dave Spilman announce they have been approached by Historian Joe Laurenza for donations towards the village bandstand and there is much discussion about the legality of donations from the Town to such a fund. No decisions made.

(11) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

McDougall gives Village update.

(12) Paying of the bills.

Motion to pay the bills: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Next Regular Town Board Meeting will be March 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Office.

Economic Development Meeting, February 24, 2023, at the Town Office at noon, if needed.

Public Hearing for Tax Exemption of Volunteer Firefighters is March 14th, 5:30pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Curran Wade

2nd motion: Lory Whitton

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Meeting closed. 7:11pm