

Town of Gouverneur
Regular Board Meeting
March 8th, 2022

The Regular Town Board meeting was held at the Town Offices 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur. The meeting was closed to the public siting a rise in COVID 19 cases, the meeting was open via teleconference and in person.

Attending persons:

In person:

Dave Spilman Jr
Curran Wade
Jay Bowhall
Rick Wood
Sherry Geer
Phylis Shaw
Diane Kelley
Rachel Hunter
Marion Bowhall
David Perrigo
Harry Smithers
Ron McDougall

Via Teleconference:

Eldon Conklin

(1) Meeting called to order at 6:01pm
Pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

(2) Motion to approve minutes from February meeting minutes:
Motion by: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

(3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- (A) County Legislature Report. – Harry present with oral report supplied. Sales tax up again for the last quarter. Tax auction to be contracted with auctionsinternational.com again. 23 Vacant positions filled and lots of discussion of uses for the ARP money. Harry is up for re-election.
- (B) Shared Services, Fuel Depot.- no report
- (C) Village recreation. – report received and reviewed by board members.
- (D) Fire Department. – no report but Spilman notes a quick response to the fire reported at Dunn Paper plant.
- (E) Rescue Squad- no report
- (F) Any other public participation- none.

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(4) OLD BUSINESS

- (A) Community Center – Spilman gives report of slow reopening. A lot of training sessions beginning to be scheduled.
- (B) Shared service - No update
- (C) Complete streets- No update
- (D) Housing Rehab Grant- selected our first 5 houses. Out to bid soon.

(5) COMMITTEE REPORTS- No reports

(6) HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- (A) Perrigo present, report supplied
- (B) The town of Gouverneur needs to discuss replacing one of our older trucks. There is an approximate 2 year waiting list and vendors can not give us a price estimate with such a lot wait.
Motion to order a new truck chassis – Jay Bowhall 2nd motion- Curran Wade
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

(7) DOG CONTROL OFFICER – Dan Moyer

- (A) Not present- no report.

(8) CODE ENFORCEMENT & ASSESSMENT- Robert Wood/ Sherry Geer

- (A) Report- Wood present, report supplied. Actively partaking in training classes. Week 3 begins next week.
- (B) Rescission of assessors’ appointments – Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstention: David Spilman Jr
Motion to appoint Sherry Geer as sole assessor– Eldon Conklin 2nd motion- Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstention: David Spilman Jr
Motion to appoint Phyliss Shaw as Data Collector: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
- (C) Swearing in assessor, Supervisor Spilman issues oath of office to Geer and Shaw.
- (D) Geer updates board on assessor office. Catching up on exemptions dropped off.
Discussion of office hours for assessors.
Assessor hours will be: beginning March 19th
First and Third Wednesday – 6-8pm
Third Saturday – 9a-1p
- (E) Permit schedule- Currently charging \$3,200 / mgwt fee.
Letter to Fosler Construction after an audit of building permits, finding a gross miscalculation.
Motion to approve correspondence to Fosler Construction: Curran Wade
2nd motion- Jay Bowhall
Ayes:4 Nays: 0

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(9) NEW BUSINESS

(A) Justice Reports.

i. 82 new cases

(B) Supervisor communication.

i. VFW 74th annual dinner- honoree this year – Bill Randall – March 12th, 2022

(C) 2nd notice fees: Motion to approve a \$2 second notice fee for tax letters- Curran Wade

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

(D) Solar Law- no actions

(E) New water meters- came today

(F) NYS Program to pay back water or utilities. No action- just FYI

(G) Congratulations to Carter Bear – 3rd time state champion- only person in NYS to ever do so.

Girls Basketball team plays in state playoffs this evening.

Local Business man would like to know if there are any ARP money set aside for businesses.. No discussion.

(10) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

Mcdougall- Covid UP date. Discussion of the above mentioned local events.

(11) Motion to pay the bills- Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

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

Ayes: 4 Nays:0

Meeting closed.