

Town of Gouverneur
Regular Town Board Meeting
November 12th 2019 6:00pm

Attending persons:

David L Spilman Jr	Diane Kelley
Eldon Conklin	Ron McDougall
Jay Bowhall	Ed Cardinell
Curran Wade	Troy Besaw
Marion Bowhall	Mark Deavers
Rachel Hunter	Clover Forsythe
Jaimee McQuade	Lynn Patton
Michael McQuade	Casey Canel

Motion to reconvene public hearing from November 7th 2019: Eldon Conklin
2nd motion: Jay Bowhall Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

There will be an increase in the budget 1.16% resulting in no raise in taxes.
No public questions, comments, concerns- none from any board member either.

Motion to close November 7th public hearing: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

1. David Spilman calls the regular town board meeting to order at 6:00pm.
Pledge of allegiance is recited and a moment of silence for Lacey Jones & Ron Taylor.

2. Approval of the October 8th board meeting minutes: Eldon Conklin
2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

3. A. Leader absent, report given. Approval of the county budget with no increase to county taxes.

 B. No report

 C. Casey Canel present, report given. Attending 2,168.

 D. Fire Department- no report, absent.

 E. Rescue Squad, Mark Deavers present gives oral report.

 1,574 calls responded to.

 1244 – 911 Calls

 346 – Town of Gouverneur

 541 – Village of Gouverneur

 89 – Town of Fowler

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1st of the year there will be a new contract with Morristown and Hammond, temporary contract for EMT.

They held a 2 day class at the community center for training. 31 people from the area came, it was a mid- upper- level training class.

F. no public participation.

4. A. Senior citizens luncheon- thanksgiving dinner this week.
In October, 1897 meals out of the center for meals on wheels.

B. none

C. 5 Applications chosen, only 4 met application requirements.

Met with the 4 individuals, went over the scope of work and lead survey in each home that was required. Work to begin first of the year. 6 more applications and letters were sent home for the second round of applicants.

D. Lead Servicing replacement, after 1 year we haven't found any on municipal water. Still looking before we need to send the money back.

E. Going to select a plan administrator, only 1 RFP returned from "Good Energy".
Meeting December 2nd.

F. N old business

5. None

6. Highway- Ed Cardinal present and report given.

A. report given.

B. we have the signs for Little Bow Road, we need to install them. "Will probably not solve the speeding issue, but it is a start." Spilman states.

C. Water main break between the Herm-Town Road and the Elk's lodge. We were able to bypass so we did not need to shut off any water supply or do a boil water advisory.

7. DCO Report

Report given. Only one boxer, surrendered to Friends 4 Pound Paws.

8. CEO Report

McQuade present, report supplied.

8 Permits issued for the town. Blevin's car wash is almost done, grand opening to be soon.

Dollar General assessment lawsuit dropped.

Village Planning board Thursday at 6:30pm to discuss Stewart's expansions, exit on to Depot St., moving signage and adding 2 more pumps.

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9. A Justice Reports- 122 new cases.
4 of them being DUI, \$8,974.50 taken in on fees and fines. Justice Young re-elected.
- B. DANC- East Side water report- 251,779 gallons- Average Daily Flow of 8,393
West Side water report- 781, 636 gallons- Average Daily Flow of 26,055
- NYS Ag & Market letter for solar array on Little Bow Road reflects no major impacts on proposed action. Approved solar array.
- C. Motion to appoint Robert Ritchie to Jeff Stowell's unexpired term to December 31, 2019. Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays:0
- D. Truck #50 to Auction International site and to run November 25- December 9th.
- E. Property clean up Resolution- Motion to relevy \$924.89 to tax map number 173.002-3-1.1 for garbage removal on to the 2020 Town of Gouverneur Tax Roll for said tax map number- Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Jamiee McQuade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Roll Call Vote:
Spilman- Yes
Bowhall- Yes
Wade- Yes
McQuade- Yes
Conklin- Yes
- Motion to relevy water rent totaling \$27,622.90 (\$7,867.98 East Side and \$19,754.92 West Side) Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Roll Call:
Roll Call Vote:
Spilman- Yes
Bowhall- Yes
Wade- Yes
McQuade- Yes
Conklin- Yes

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Motion to relevy the unpaid sewer rents (\$9,233.95)and special sewer assessment (\$1,260.00) totaling \$10,493.95 Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jamiee McQuade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Roll Call Vote:

Spilman- Yes

Bowhall- Yes

Wade- Yes

McQuade- Yes

Conklin- Yes

F. Motion to approve budget as presented: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 2- McQuade & Bowhall

G. Motion to approve Dave Spilman to sign West Side Water loan resolutions for \$863,000.00: Jamiee McQuade 2nd motion: Eldon Conklin

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to approve Dave Spilman to sign East Side Water loan resolution for \$467,000.00
Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

H. Team Blevins, LLC has approached Town of Gouverneur to purchase 8 acres of land behind their new building 1151 USH 11, Gouverneur (old Bowling Alley building). There will be much discussion at another time, discussion tabled.

I. Town of Gouverneur offices will be closed November 28-29 for Thanksgiving.

J. Eldon Conklin states that because of the article in the Tribune Press about the need for a translator we have been contacted by a local gentleman from Trout Lake who is interested and capable.

Curran Wade asks what they are going to do with the dirt from the Northern Federal Credit Union on Trinity Avenue- discussed that the dirt is on Dominic Pistolessi's property and it is up to him what he does with it.

10. Public Participation:

Ron McDougal discussed the water main break mentioned above and another great combined effort of the Village and Town highway/department of works employees. Also discusses Meals on Wheels complaints on the supply chain of food from both employees of MOW program and customers.

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Combined Town and Village of Gouverneur Christmas party will be December 14th, 5:00 appetizers, 6:00 dinner.

Eldon Conklin mentions the sales tax resolution that was supplied to him today, there is much discussion over the possible sales tax decrease from the county.

David Spilman discusses Gouverneur High School Football Team against Stillwater this Friday night. 2 more games until the championship.

Gouverneur Cross Country also sent 2 girls and 1 boy to States in Plattsburg. And extends congratulations to reelected officials.

Clover Forsythe and Lynn Patton discuss a plan for the building they rent for the Friends 4 Pounds Paws operation that is owned by the town. They would like to add on to it as a temporary structure as it is not owned by F4PP. Town board agrees that a permanent addition is warranted. The addition should be a 14'28 building to house 2 cat rooms, an isolation room, and an office. Spilman instructed Clover and Lynn to get prices for the structure to be permanently affixed to the current building.

11. Motion to pay the bills: Jamiee McQuade 2nd motion- Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion to close the meeting: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Meeting closed 7:06pm