

Town of Gouverneur
Regular Town Board Meeting
November 10th. 2020 6:00pm

The regular town board meeting was held on November 10th, 2020 at the Town of Gouverneur Office Building. The meeting was held in person by board members and teleconference

Attending Persons

In person:

David L Spilman Jr
Eldon Conklin
Curran Wade
Marion Bowhall
Jaimee McQuade

Diane Kelley
Michael McQuade

Via Teleconference:

Jay Bowhall
Rachel Hunter

1. Supervisor Spilman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and lead the pledge of allegiance, all participated.
2. Approval of October meetings minutes
Motion made by Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
3. Public Participation
 - a. Legislature report-- Harry absent- 1-page report supplied.
Resolution to support 1 senator per county, giving us a greater, more equal voice in the State senate.
Grant acceptance for Opioid treatment facility.
 - b. None
 - c. None
 - d. None
 - e. None
 - f. None
4. Old Business
 - a. Community Center-
Meals on wheels continues to operate.
Foster children supervised visits hosted 3 days a week.
 - b. None
 - c. None
 - d. None
5. Committee Reports- None

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6. Highway Department
 - a. Report supplied
 - b. Highway superintendent interviews- full board to interview beginning Saturday November 21st at 9: am.
 - c. Highway contract- reviewed new contract terms with highway, there is much conversation.
Motion to accept contract terms: Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade
Ayes: 4 Nays: 1
7. DCO- no report
8. CEO- McQuade present and report supplied
 - a. Report supplied; 22 permits issued in October. This is an unusually high number for this season.
 - b. Grant- 3 more applications sent it. These will be the last ones to apply
9. New Business
 - a. Justice reports- \$13,189.50
138 New Cases
 - b. Supervisor communications:
 - i. DANC- pricing for chlorination stations and an audit of manhole system from 2019.
Of 74 Manholes, 74 found.
3 had debris blocking sewage drainage, 10 holes covered with 10” or more of gravel, dirt, etc. 1 manhole cover was offset.
 - c. Budget Approval- motion to adopt 2021 budget as written: Eldon Conklin
2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 2- McQuade & Bowhall
 - d. Relevy
 - i. Sewer district relevy- \$1,260.00 ad velorum
\$8,756.00 past due sewer rents
Motion to relevy- Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade
Roll Call:
Spilman- Yes
Bowhall- Yes
Wade- Yes
McQuade- Yes
Conklin- Yes
 - ii. Water districts
East Side- \$7,480.97 water relevy

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West Side-\$17,679.18 water releveling
Motion to relevel- Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Roll Call:

Spilman- Yes

Bowhall- Yes

Wade- Yes

McQuade- Yes

Conklin- Yes

Property clean up

\$3,079.20- Tax ID 159.004-1-15

Motion to relevel- Jaimee McQuade 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Roll Call:

Spilman- Yes

Bowhall- Yes

Wade- Yes

McQuade- Yes

Conklin- Yes

- e. Deputy Clerk applications-
5 applications were received.

Clerk Bowhall to get with Conklin and McQuade to set interview times.

- f. Harassment policy changes- there are several changes. Members to take policy home for review. Tabled until December meeting.

- g. Water Line Project- 2nd public hearing

The 2nd public hearing regarding the water line- as a requirement of our grant- will be held December 8th at 5:45pm prior to the December regular board meeting.

Motion to set public hearing: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

- h. Pay Applications:

East side completed.

West side – all customers hooked in.

November 17th- 10:00am – closing on the East Side loan at Leader's office.

Pay applications:

East Side- \$51,455.80

West Side- \$274,519.85

Motion to sign pay applications & Form E's : Curran Wade

2nd motion: Eldon Conklin

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Eldon Conklin mentions that all bills are reviewed by 2 other entities before it even gets to Town of Gouverneur for payment.

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- i. Any other business
 - i. Main Street Property – R wood has contacted Dave Spilman JR that the persons purchasing the store want to close on December 4th- so we are back on schedule to sell.
 - ii. Veteran’s Day ceremony at the park will be at 11:00am.
 - iii. Compliments to Diane Kelley for processing 1600 voters on election day, smoothly. Congratulations to elected persons.
 - iv. Peabody Road Stop sign- Highway employees measured from corner to hill crest to be 250 ft. Eldon asks Jaimee McQuade to speak with bus drivers for their input, if that is sufficient room to stop, safely, in the winter, etc. Topic tabled until December 8th meeting.
 - v. Spilman states that Travis Dann won re-election, do we need to swear him in prior to January 1? Eldon believes Justice Young will be doing so.
 - vi. Diane Kelly suggest the board remembers that the Town of Gouverneur and Department of Motor Vehicle will be closed on the 11th, in observance of Veteran’s Day.
 - vii. Jaimee McQuade- regarding the legislature’s report on the DANC internet survey- states that reliable, speedy internet is a consistent need across all communities in the north country. Especially during this remote learning time.

10. Public Participation

- a. McDougal- Village of Gouverneur is closed as is the Town on the 11th.
COVID update:
8 more cases today, 1 in Gouverneur
79 Currently Active cases, 510 totals, 18 in Gouverneur.

11. Pay the bills

Motion to pay the bills: Curran Wade 2nd Motion: Jaimee McQuade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The next meeting will be December 8th at 6:00pm, with a public hearing at 5:45pm- at the Town of Gouverneur Offices.

The Economic Development meeting, if needed will be November 27th at Noon.

Motion to adjourn regular meeting: Jaimee McQuade 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Meeting closed 7:11pm