

Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2019 6:00pm

The regular board meeting was held on March 12, 2019 was held at the Town Offices.  
Meeting was called to order by Supervisor David Spilman at 6:00pm

Attending persons:

Supervisor Dave Spilman  
Eldon Conklin  
Jaimee McQuade  
Jay Bowhall  
Curran Wade  
Town Clerk Marion Bowhall  
Diane Kelley  
Robert Ritchie

Ronald McDougal  
Rachel Hunter  
Mark Deavers  
Casey Canel  
Troy Besaw

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1. Supervisor Spilman led the Pledge of Allegiance, all participated  
A moment of silence for long time business man, and BAR member Dale Bush.
2. A motion to approve February 12 minutes- Jaimee McQuade  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade  
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Minutes approved.
3. Public Participation
  - a. County Legislature- Absent- report supplied.  
Approval of 2 contracts, Ruth Doyle appointed unanimously as County Administrator.
  - b. Shared Services- none
  - c. Village Rec- Casey Canel – present- report given. Numbers consistent.  
42 people took advantage of the bus trip tubing and another 12 or 14 people met the group at the event sponsored by the Elks Lodge.
  - d. Fire Department- none
  - e. Rescue Squad- Mark present- oral report.  
253 total calls by the end of February.  
214 of them are 911 responses. 36 in the Township.  
There are several question marks until the governor's budget is set. There are purposed cuts to Medicaid funding. Could hurt our squad by approximately \$50,000.- Medicaid is matched dollar to dollar by federal government.  
Councilman Conklin asks if the sale of RB Lawrence is going to affect Gouverneur Rescue Squad- Mark says he's really not sure and it will be interesting to see how the sale plays out.
  - f. Public Participation- none.
4. Old Business
  - a. Community Center- several events, senior luncheon.  
A partnership has been initiated with Kinney Drugs, Inc that the community center will accept palates of food that is *close* to expiration that by law Kinney Drugs is required to pull from the shelves and will divide it out to area organizations. Children first- then seniors
  - b. None

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- c. Housing Grant- we were turned down on our first attempt at this grant. We requested an exit interview and it was established that we were denied because of our uncommitted CDBG funds. We will resubmit through DANC in the spring. Collecting applications now.
  - d. Employee Manual- updating and unifying the employee manual to be more cohesive with the highway employees.  
Motion to accept new employee manual as presented: Jay Bowhall  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Eldon Conklin with stipulation it's retroactive to January 1, 2019  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
  - e. Adopt Local Law  
Local Law #1 of 2019- Motion to adopt as presented and repealing LL # 1 of 2001 – Eldon Conklin           2<sup>nd</sup> Curran Wade  
Ayes: 5       Nays: 0
  - f. Bond council agreement was tabled due to open ended cost.  
We received dollar amount to be \$4,000 each- water district and trucks total of \$12,000.  
Motion to authorize David Spilman to sign the contract with bond council: Jay Bowhall                           2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade  
Ayes: 5       Nays: 0
  - g. None.
5. Committee reports- None.
6. Highway Department: Edward Cardinal Present- report given.
- a. Report given
  - b. Trucks finished! Picking them up for final inspection this week.
  - c. Court renovation underway.
7. Dog Control- DCO report given.
- a. Dog picked up on 3/1 transferred to F4PP.  
Dog bite case has been transferred to Dekalb Junction court.  
PD complaint of malnourished dog- dog is 12 and ill has received medical treatment. Not malnourished.
8. Code Enforcement: Mcquade absent- report given.

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- a. Highlights to include: preliminary plans on McDonalds and Northern Federal Credit Union. Stewarts demo to begin shortly.

9. New business:

- a. Court – 117 new cases - \$13, 392.50 collected in fines and surcharges. 2 DUI cases.
- b. Communication:
  - i. Town of Gouverneur will be putting out a BOIL WATER ADVISORY on Friday for Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> to do the replacement meter. Starting at 9am – hopefully only 1 or 2 hours.
  - ii. One stop career center sent out a letter to Supervisor Spilman stating they are doing their Work Service program for youth. Ages 14-24
  - iii. On February 28<sup>th</sup> there was a meeting with Bernier and Carr- we are going to replace existing water lines, but we will test for coercion-ness to determine pipe type necessary to properly complete the project.
  - iv. DANC water report- 490,900 gallons on the East side- 17, 532/ daily flow  
809,321 gallons on the west side- 28,904/daily flow
- c. Legal counsel received purchase offer on Jumbo’s building from Clark Porter. Spilman offers opinion that it is a positive situation for everyone. If accepted he will start the gentrification process as soon as possible. He is thinking retail 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rentals, and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor is still undecided.  
  
There is much discussion of adjourning the meeting.
- d. Motion to commit funds of CDBG to water line project: Jay Bowhall  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jaimee McQuade  
Roll Call Vote:  
Spilman: Yes  
Conklin: Yes  
Bowhall: Yes  
McQuade: Yes  
Wade: Yes
- e. Second Notice Fees: a charge to send out second notice fees to those who have not paid anything on their taxes.  
Motion to charge a \$2 fee : Eldon Conklin                      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade  
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f. New Rug proposal:

Our new rug quote would \$43/wk changed weekly.

To purchase our own is about \$700.00

Motion to purchase our own rugs: Eldon Conklin                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Jay Bowhall

g. March 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a solar developer coming to meet with Planning and Zoning board for 4 or 5 sites.

Town of Gouverneur currently has no laws regulating solar/ wind arrays.

Supervisor Spilman states the concern is that when they get to a certain size they start requesting pilots as opposed to full taxes.

10. Public Participation:

Ritchie asks what time the meeting will be- 6:00.

11. Motion to pay the bills:

Motion to pay the bills: Eldon Conklin                      2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0

Motion to RECESS the meeting and reconvene at 3pm on March 13<sup>th</sup>: Eldon Conklin

2<sup>nd</sup>: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Meeting Closed: 7:02pm

The next regular board meeting will be April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

We will have an economic development meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm.

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Motion to reconvene the March 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting: Eldon Conklin                      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0

Supervisor Spilman  
Deputy Eldon Conklin  
Jaimee McQuade  
Rachel Hunter  
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Diane Kelley  
Marion Bowhall

Motion to edit bond resolution to be retroactive to September 13, 2018- Jaimee McQuade  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jay Bowhall  
Ayes: 5      Nays: 0

Purchase offer for Jumbos for \$30,000.00 from Mr. Clark Porter- local business man and entrepreneur.

Offer contingencies: Seller to pay up to 2020 Land and County Taxes  
All continents included  
All continents and building meets a \$30,000 appraisal.

Out attorney had contacted Deputy Supervisor Conklin and stated that he needs to research what the paragraph beginning w “Transfer is to be completed as soon as the Seller has complied with the applicable statutes regarding the sale of real property. At that time, you are to convey to me a *Warranty deed*, good title to the property free of all liens and encumbrances.”  
Leader states he needs to look upon the deed wording of Warranty deed and it should be a bargain & sale deed.

Supervisor Spilman is requesting the board authorizes him to sign purchasing agreement contingent upon counsel approval, comparable wording and agreeable down payment.

Motion to authorize Supervisor Spilman as stated above: Jay Bowhall      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Eldon Conklin  
Ayes: 5      Nays: 0

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