

Town of Gouverneur
Regular Board Meeting
September 14, 2021 6:00pm

The regular town board meeting was held on September 14th, 2021 at 6:00pm

Attendees:

David Spilman Jr	Troy Besaw
Eldon Conklin	Marion Bowhall
Jay Bowhall	Rachel Hunter
Curran Wade	David Perrigo
Diane Kelley	Ron McDougall

1. **Call To Order** by Spilman at 6:00pm

2. **Approval of Minutes for August 10th Regular Town Board-**

Motion to approve August minutes as presented- Eldon Conklin

2nd motion Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

3. **Public Participation**

A. **County Legislature-** Smithers absent- Read report supplied.

Conklin requests more support from the County for Meals on Wheels- more help on covering the bills required for operating the program has the county has shut down three other locations since Gouverneur's has opened.

B. **None**

C. **Village Recreation Center-** report supplied. Afterschool program began yesterday, September 13.

D. **Fire Department** None

E. **Rescue Squad-** None

F. **Public Participation**

- Scott Gillan presents a petition signed by homeowners or land owners on the Weldon Road. They would like the road to be widened, paved, reduction of speed, and shoulder repairs completed.

Eldon Conklin and Highway Superintendent David Perrigo states that due to CHIPS reimbursement clause there can only be work done to a road once in 10 years. Perrigo states that someone did come in mention the road, he did drive up and review the road, noting that Mr. Gillan's concerns are valid, the road does need work in several places. There is much discussion but no actions decided upon.

- David Hartman – Rensselaer Falls, NY is here to present his firm- North Country Cannabis. A consulting firm in the ever changing and new procedures for the new NYS cannabis/marijuana laws.

There is much discussion with no results.

4. **Old Business**

A. Community center- has canceled congregated lunches until further notice due to COVID cases spike. All senior meetings in SLC are suspended.

B. **Shared Services-** No updates

C. **Complete Streets-** None

D. **Blevin's land-** no discussion

E. **Old Business** – none.

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5. Committee Reports- none

6. Highway Department- Perrigo present and report supplied.

A. Report read aloud – normal highway duties reported.

Special thanks to the village DPW with all their help lately with the paving.

B. Personel changes- Since the prior superintendent's retirement in April, the highway department has been down a man. Perrigo requests John Butler be promoted to a full time employee and Shane Blair moves to John's position at 35 hours per week.

Motion to Promote Butler to full time and Shane Blair to 35 hours per week effective September 30th:

Motion by: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Clarification: Butler will have 6 month probationary period as pay states in contract.

Shane will move to Butler's rate after 6 month probation.

C. Surplus Bids:

Received two bids for 3pt hole digger

Roberts- \$256.50

Macaulay- \$ 150.00

Motion to decline bids and put out for rebid: Curran Wade

2nd motion: Eldon Conklin

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Motion to readvertise surplus bids: Eldon Conklin

2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

7. Dog Control Officer: no report, Moyer absent

8. CEO Report/Assessment – report supplied

9. New Business

A. Justice reports- supplied and discussed.

B. Supervisor Communications-

- NYS Letter of population – down 7.5% from 2010 2010: 7,084 2020: 6,551

C. JCAP Resolution:

Motion to pass resolution allowing court to apply for JCAP grant. Discussion of use of grant, our clerks are looking for record management.

Motion to pass resolution as reads: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Conklin states that there is usually a JCAP grant every year, and they will be able to apply again.

D. Transfer of Village Court Records Resolution

Motion to accept responsibility for Village court records has court was abolished in 2003-

Motion by: Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

E. Workplace Safety Plan for Airborne Illness:

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Motion to use the airborne safety plan as presented from the state: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

F. Spectrum Lease Agreement:

Motion to approve the lease agreement: Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Eldon Conklin
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

G. BAR Appointment:

Motion to appoint Albert Desormeaux to his position on the Board of Assessment Review from 10/1/2021-09/30/2026- Jay Bowhall 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

H. DAR Proclamation

234th Constitution Convention Anniversary, September 17-23rd Constitution Week.

Motion to declare September 17-23rd Constitution Week – Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

I. Housing Grant

Received our second housing grant for \$400,000.00 Now accepting applications.

J. Budget workshop-

Monday morning, September 20th at 9:00 am- Bookkeeper's office.

K. New Business:

Eldon Conkling wants a meeting with spectrum to renew our franchise agreements. Ours contract ended in 2012.

10. Public Participation-

McDougall gives COVID update to include 8 new cases in Gouverneur today on 9/14. Federal Judge has put a hold on the mandatory vaccinations. Village of Gouverneur DPW will be paving on Monday- 9/20.

11. Motion to pay the bills

Motion to pay the bills: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Motion to close the September meeting: Curran Wade 2nd motion: Jay Bowhall
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Meeting Closed. 7:45pm