

Town of Gouverneur  
Regular Board Meeting  
June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The town of Gouverneur regular board meeting was held at the Town Offices, 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur, NY 13642 at 6:00pm

Attendees:

Dave Spilman  
Jay Bowhall  
Marion Bowhall  
Curran Wade  
Richard Wood  
Diane Kelley  
Rachel Hunter  
Steve Jackson

Sherry Geer  
Kevin Vibber  
Gari Vibber  
Troy Besaw  
David Perrigo  
Ron McDougall  
Mark Deavers  
Harry Smithers

1. Call to order by Spilman- 6:00pm
  - a. Pledge of allegiance – all participate
  
2. Minutes- Motion to approve minutes as provided- Curran Wade  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion- Jay Bowhall  
Ayes: 3      Nays: 0
  
3. Public participation  
Gari Vibber and Kevin Vibber of North Country Crossroads- donate a painted barn quilt for the side of the building.
  - a. County Legislature – Smithers present and report supplied
  - b. None
  - c. None
  - d. None
  - e. Rescue Squad- Deaver’s present – 974 calls through May, 2021 was 738 calls through may. Discusses the greater distance needing to cover for Hospital to Hospital transfers, the employment struggle has really effected EMS shortage.
  - f. Steven Jackson would like to thank Town Board and David Perrigo’s highway crew for speed reduction on Peabody Road, it has really helped traffic.
  
4. Old Business
  - a. Community Center- meals on wheels running 7 days a week, still no congregate lunches.
  - b. None
  - c. None
  - d. Housing grant- 4 selected, signed, ready. Waiting for materials.  
4 more will be selected in the coming weeks.
  - e. LSLRP- always taking phone calls for it. Spilman urges residents to check your pipes.

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- f. Solar law- tabled.
- g. Any other business- none

5. Committee Reports- none

6. Highway department

- a. Superintendent report- Perrigo present and report supplied.
  - i. Paving sites: Outer Little Bow Road, Outer Peabody Rd, Old Route 58, Smith Road - totaling 3.1 miles  
Discussing of paving costs and the rise of it, paving price has raised \$62,000 in 60 days.  
Pavers will not quote a price until the day of paving.
- b. 11 total applications for the part time highway position.
- c. Paving tentatively week of July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Motion to declare Backhoe Surplus- Motion by Curran Wade  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion- Jay Bowhall  
Ayes: 3                      Nays: 0

Bowhall questions the value of it in today's market. Can we trade it in instead of sell it to BOCES? Is it worth more than BOCES is giving us. Discussion over trade re-evaluation.

Motion to sell Backhoe to BOCES for \$35,000.00 contingent upon a reevaluation of the trade in value of \$35,000.00 or less. Motion by Jay Bowhall 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 3                      Nays: 0

- e. Motion to declare 2009 Side Wings road side mower surplus: Curran Wade  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jay Bowhall                      Ayes: 3                      Nays: 0

7. Dog Control- None

8. CODE & ASSESSOR

- a. Code Report- 17 new permits, 1 new written complaint.  
2 new businesses opening with in the next month  
1 new business- projecting 45 days.  
June 2 completed classes!
- b. Sherry Geer – assessor- Grievance is over. Data collection training begins soon with Real Property.

9. New Business:

- a. Justice reports- 143 new cases. \$6,681.00 in fines/surcharges collected.
- b. Supervisor communications:
  - i. Email from DRUM ADVOCATE grants available for community development- Spilman reached out- a SPLASHPAD would qualify for grant money.
  - ii. County plowing reimbursement numbers are in, \$5,150/mile.

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- c. Motion to approve Waste Water Collection Grant application- Jay Bowhall

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

Ayes: 3      Nays: 0

- d. New Software

Bookkeeping/payroll/ Water & Sewer billing- Williamson Law Books

Accounting: \$11,260.00

Payroll: \$8,200.00

Water/Sewer: \$6,850.00

Support: \$2,150.00 \$1,800.00 \$1,695.00

Motion to approve software & support purchase: Jay Bowhall

2<sup>nd</sup> motion- Curran Wade

Ayes: 3      Nays: 0

- e. Motion to appoint single audit officer – Jay Bowhall

Motion: Curran Wade 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: David Spilman

Ayes: 3      Nays: 0

- f. Performance Bond of the last 2 solar arrays received and reviewing.

10. Public Participation:

McDougall- talks of flag day parade, Arts in the Park Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>, and The Village of Gouverneur will be closed on June 20<sup>th</sup> in observance for Juneteenth Day.

Steve Jackson would like to discuss his interest in the vacant Town Board seat and questions why he was sent to The Village Mayor when he expressed interest.

Spilman clarifies that the Town board members had decided to leave the vacant seat vacant until the election when the people can decide. Mr Spilman had directed Jackson to McDougall because of his party affiliation not municipal connection. Jackson appreciates the clarification.

David Perrigo discusses his attendance to the Highway Superintendent school. He feels he learned a lot and has desires to attend a lot more.

11. Motion to pay the bills contingent upon review of new Single Audit Officer: Jay Bowhall

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

Ayes: 3      Nays: 0

Motion to adjourn: Curran Wade      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jay Bowhall

Ayes: 3      Nays: 0

Meeting closed- 7:15pm