

Town of Gouverneur  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
December 10th, 2024 5:30pm

The Town of Gouverneur regular town board meeting for December was held on December 10th, 2024 at 5:30pm at the Town of Gouverneur Office Building, 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur NY 13642

Attending:

David Spilman JR

Jay Bowhall

Curran Wade

William Infield (arrive 5:45)

Lory Whitton (arrive 5:45)

Marion Bowhall

Rachel Hunter

Diane Kelley

Michael Wainwright

Ronald McDougall

Sherry Geer

1. Meeting called to Order at 5:31pm and the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.
2. Meeting minutes from November  
Motion to approve minutes: Curran Wade 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jay Bowhall  
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0
3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
  - a. County legislature- Discussion over budget and 2025 tentative budget discussion over tax-cap
  - b. Shared services, fuel depot- no update
  - c. Village Recreation- no representative, no report
  - d. Fire department- no representative, no report
  - e. Rescue squad- no representative, no report
  - f. Any other public participation- none
4. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Community center- Spilman gives oral update
  - b. Housing Grant- approximately 75% completion- ahead of schedule.
  - c. Any other business from Town Board Member- none
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS- none
6. HIGHWAY REPORT
  - a. Wainwright present and report supplied.
  - b. Storm damage report- meeting with FEMA have started, ~\$100,000.00 in damages

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7. DOG CONTROL REPORT

- a. none

8. CODE ENFORCEMENT

- a. Report supplied – Rick Wood absent  
104 permits for the year

9. ASSESSOR

- a. Sherry Geer present, oral report.  
STAR update- if you're turning 65 in 2025 and income is under 107,300 in 2023 eligible.
- b. Discussion of a town wide- revaluation/reassessment. Sherry opinions our values are very low.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Justice reports- 154 new cases. \$5,020.00 collected.  
Justice Elect Fred Scozzafava at justice school this week. Will take oath at our year end meeting.
- b. Supervisor communications-
  - i. none.
- c. Board member insurance-
  - i. Discussion of offering board members health insurance @ current rate of \$90.00 per week. Needs to be discussed with legal representatives. No decisions made.
- d. New court offices-
  - i. Needs a set of tentative foundation drawings.  
Motion to expense up to \$10,000.00 to study moving BOCES building to Town of Gouverneur property- Jay Bowhall 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: William Infield  
Ayes: 5      Nays: 0
- e. Year End Meeting  
Motion to set Year end meeting on 12/30/24 at 6:00pm – Jay Bowhall  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade  
Ayes: 5      Nays: 0
- f. Organizational Meeting-  
Motion to set Organizational Meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm immediately prior to our January regular meeting- Jay Bowhall 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Curran Wade  
Ayes: 5      Nays: 0
- g. Fair board requests Town of Gouverneur purchase a bench that will be used during the fair week.  
Bench will have Town Of Gouverneur written on them and built by BOCES students.  
Motion to purchase 2 benches at \$100.00/bench – Lory Whitton 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jay Bowhall  
Ayes: 5      Nays: 0

11. Public Participation:

- a. Ron McDougall gives Village update

12. Paying the bills- Motion to pay the bills: Curran Wade 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Lory Whitton

Ayes: 5      Nays: 0

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Motion to adjourn regular board meeting: Curran Wade      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: William Infield  
Ayes: 5              Nays: 0

Meeting closed 6:21pm