

Town of Gouverneur  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
February 9th, 2021 6:00pm

The regular Town of Gouverneur board meeting was held on February 9, 2021 at 6:00pm

**Attending persons:**

David L Spilman Jr  
Eldon Conklin  
Jay Bowhall  
Curran Wade  
Marion Bowhall  
Daniel Moyer  
Diane Kelley  
David Perrigo

**Via Teleconference:**

Rachel Hunter  
Jaimee McQuade  
Michael McQuade  
Ron McDougall

1. Meeting Called to order by Supervisor Spilman, 6:01pm
  - a. Pledge of allegiance lead by Spilman. All participated
  
2. Meeting minute approval- Motion to accept minutes as written: Eldon Conklin  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion- Jay Bowhall  
Roll Call Vote:  
Curran Wade- yes  
Jay Bowhall- yes  
Jaimee McQuade- yes  
Eldon Conklin- yes  
David Spilman- yes  
  
Ayes: 5      Nays: 0
  
3. Public Participation:
  - a. County legislature: report supplied, sales tax discussion and appointments.
  - b. Shared service, fuel depot- none
  - c. Village recreation- none
  - d. Fire department- none
  - e. Rescue squad- none
  - f. Any other public participation-
    - i. McDougall gives COVID update. 64 new cases just today in SLC- 11 in the Village of Gouverneur. As of 9:30 on February 9<sup>th</sup>, there are 3 quarantined Village employees and the offices are closed.  
-SLC Public Health Director McQuire is resigning to pursue employment with Clarkson University.  
-current proposed stimulus package includes ~\$350 billion for local governments
  
4. Old business

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- a. Community center- Blood drive to be held on February 16<sup>th</sup> and a second round COVID vaccination blitz will be February 21 and 22.
- b. School shared service- none
- c. Complete streets- none
- d. Any other old business- none

5. Committee reports- none

6. Highway department

- a. Superintendent's report- David Perrigo present and report supplied.  
Perrigo got a quote for a new blade for the plows called a "Sand/Salt Saver", the blade is similar to a York rake in that it breaks ice as it plows.  
Longevity of blade is ~10,000 miles and cost of blade is ~\$6,800.00 installed.

There is much discussion and topic is tabled until the March meeting. Perrigo instructed to check the installation availability.

Agreement to spend highway funds & Hold Harmless agreement with St Lawrence County.

Motion to authorize Spilman to sign Hold Harmless Agreement with St Lawrence County for the 2021 calendar year: Curran Wade                      2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Eldon Conklin

Roll Call Vote:

- Curran Wade- yes
- Jay Bowhall- yes
- Jaimee McQuade- yes
- Eldon Conklin- yes
- David Spilman- yes

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Motion to Spend highway funds: Eldon Conklin

2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jay Bowhall

Roll Call Vote:

- Curran Wade- yes
- Jay Bowhall- yes
- Jaimee McQuade- yes
- Eldon Conklin- yes
- David Spilman- yes

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- b. COVID shared service agreement: A different town's highway superintendent has come to Perrigo requesting an agreement in which if one town's highway department is out due to covid quarantine or isolations, the surrounding towns will cover plowing the roads.  
There is much discussion between board members and consensus is, there is no need for a separate agreement, and it is essentially covered in our normal shared service agreements.

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7. Dog Control Officer- Dan Moyer
  - a. Dan present, no report supplied. Only 1 dog in the pound.  
Moyer states it's been quiet, receiving mainly calls for dogs with out adequate shelter.
  
8. Code Enforcement & Assessment – Michael McQuade
  - a. Mike present via teleconference- report supplied.
  - b. The last 2 projects for the housing grants are set to begin this week.
  
9. New Business
  - a. Justice reports-  
\$7,750.00 collected.  
Courts still closed to the public.
  - b. Communications-
    - i. Letter from Leader's office regarding relevy of property maintenance and clean ups.
    - ii. BRIDGE NY provides grants for replaces bridges or culverts. Discussion.
    - iii. A thank you letter from Ryan's Wish foundation for donations raised from Town of Gouverneur employees in memory of former Deputy Town Clerk- Brenda Saidel.
  
  - c. SOLAR Pilot Resolution- Resolution # 292021-2  
Motion to authorize Spilman to sign the pilot consent resolution contingent upon final St Lawrence County IDA negotiation with a minimum of \$4,200.00/megawatt: Jay Bowhall  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Eldon Conklin  
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Jay Bowhall- yes  
Jaimee McQuade- yes  
Eldon Conklin- yes  
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  - d. Engineer Agreement #4- tabled. Spilman to request a meeting with engineers to discuss.
  
  - e. Health emergency plan- this plan is a requirement by the Government, it is an in-house plan.  
Topic tabled until March meeting to give board members time to review plan.
  
  - f. Motion to audit court records immediatly following this meeting: Eldon Conklin  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Eldon Conklin  
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- g. Currently working on installing new security system and additional cameras.
- h. Need to find new IT guy. Manley told Spilman he would be “done by the end of February.”  
No discussion, no action taken.

10. Public Participation- none

11. Motion to pay the bills- Curran Wade

2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Jaimee McQuade

Roll Call Vote:

Curran Wade- yes  
Jay Bowhall- yes  
Jaimee McQuade- yes  
Eldon Conklin- yes  
David Spilman- yes

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The next regular board meeting will be March 9, 2021 at 6pm at the Town of Gouverneur Office Building, 1227 USH 11 Gouverneur.

The next economic development meeting, if needed, will be February 26th at 12:30pm.

Motion to close regular board meeting: Curran Wade

2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Eldon Conklin

Roll Call Vote:

Curran Wade- yes  
Jay Bowhall- yes  
Jaimee McQuade- yes  
Eldon Conklin- yes  
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Meeting closed 7:12pm