

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 21, 2009

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

These are the proceedings of the Regular Board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Gouverneur held Tuesday, evening, on April 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT:

Mayor Dorothy Vorce
Trustee Michael Bartholomew
Trustee Jeffrey Spellicy
Trustee George Harder
Trustee Roger LaPierre

Village Clerk/Treasurer, Jennifer Link
Deputy Treasurer, Barbara Finnie
Superintendent of Public Works, Glenn McCollum
Chief of Police, David Whitton
Code Enforcement Officer, Ralph Brungard
Recreation Director, Casey Canell

Trustee Harder made a motion to approve March board meeting minutes. Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

New Business

Mayor Vorce read the following resolution:

**2009-2010 BUDGET ADOPTION
APRIL 21, 2009**

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur Board of Trustees conducted a public hearing on the tentative budget on April 15, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Gouverneur Board of Trustees that the preliminary budget is hereby adopted and that the amounts are to be stated in column titled Final Budget and hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages stated in said budget shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2009.

Trustee Bartholomew made the motion to approve the above resolution. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Bartholomew made a motion to increase the Sewer Rate effective May 1, 2009. Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

**A RESOLUTION
TO SPONSOR AND SUPPORT
AN APPLICATION FOR RESTORE NY FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur is eligible for grant funding under the Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has considered several projects that could qualify for funding under that program and selected four properties within the Main Street Revitalization Area to be included in an application that will be submitted to the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC), as follows:

Rehabilitation of the three-story brick building at 1,3,5,7 East Main Street to retain retail commercial activities on the ground floor and commercial space on the second floor and create five new apartments on the third floor; and

Rehabilitation of the three-story brick building at 71 East Main Street to retain commercial activities on the ground floor and create three new apartments on the second and third floors; and

Rehabilitation of the four-story brick building at 127 East Main Street to retain retail commercial activities on the ground floor and commercial space on the second floor and create seven new apartments on the third and fourth floors; and

WHEREAS, these projects are consistent with all existing local plans, the proposed financing is appropriate for the projects, and the projects will facilitate effective and efficient use of the available public resources so as to preserve the existing community resources and promote economic development activities that will attract, create and sustain employment opportunities in the Village of Gouverneur; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Village Board will sponsor an application for Restore NY funding for these projects and will administer the grant in compliance with all applicable rules and regulation established by ESDC; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign the application and any agreements required by ESDC for grant funding that may be received as a result of that application.

Trustee Harder made a motion to approve the above resolution. Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

**RESOLUTION TO COMMIT CDBG AND HOME FUNDING
FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT 1,3,5,7 EAST MAIN STREET
UNDER THE MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur has received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the New York State Office of Community Renewal to support improvements in the Central Business District that will create new apartments on the upper floors of commercial buildings in that area; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur has received HOME funding from the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal to support rehabilitation of rental apartments that will be available to lower income residents in the Village; and

WHEREAS, New York Main Street (NYMS) funding has been received by the Gouverneur Area Development Corporation (GADC) to support those activities and encourage investment in facade improvements in the Central Business District; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur is considering an application for Restore NY funding that can be used for projects that will promote economic development activities that attract, create and sustain employment opportunities in the Village of Gouverneur; and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been received for improvements in the property at 1,3,5,7 East Main Street that qualify for CDBG funding and HOME funding from the Village and NYMS funding from the GADC; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, \$175,000 of CDBG funding and \$75,000 of HOME funding is committed for the project at 1,3,5,7 East Main Street that will include facade improvements and building improvements required to attract commercial tenants to the second floor and create five new apartments on the third floor, subject to the following conditions:

1. This project must also be approved by the Gouverneur Area Development Corporation for funding under the New York Main Street Program;
2. This project must also be approved for Restore NY funding from the Empire State Development Corporation; and
3. For a period of ten years after the work is completed, the apartments that are created in this property must be rented to tenants who qualify as lower income and with rents that will be affordable based on the income and rent limits established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Trustee Harder made a motion to approve the above resolution. Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

**RESOLUTION TO COMMIT CDBG AND HOME FUNDING
FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT 71-75 EAST MAIN STREET
UNDER THE MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur has received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the New York State Office of Community Renewal to support improvements in the Central Business District that will create new apartments on the upper floors of commercial buildings in that area; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur has received HOME funding from the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal to support rehabilitation of rental apartments that will be available to lower income residents in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur is considering an application for Restore NY funding that can be used for projects that will promote economic development activities that attract, create and sustain employment opportunities in the Village of Gouverneur; and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been received for improvements in the properties at 71-75 East Main Street that qualify for CDBG funding and HOME funding from the Village; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, \$180,000 of CDBG funding and \$90,000 of HOME funding is committed for the projects at 71-75 East Main Street that will include facade improvements and building improvements required to create six new apartments on the second and third floors, subject to the following conditions:

1. These projects must also be approved for Restore NY funding from the Empire State Development Corporation; and

4. For a period of ten years after the work is completed, the apartments that are created in these properties must be rented to tenants who qualify as lower income and with rents that will be affordable based on the income and rent limits established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Trustee Harder made a motion to approve the above resolution. Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

**RESOLUTION TO COMMIT CDBG AND HOME FUNDING
FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT 127 EAST MAIN STREET
UNDER THE MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur has received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the New York State Office of Community Renewal to support improvements in the Central Business District that will create new apartments on the upper floors of commercial buildings in that area; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur has received HOME funding from the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal to support rehabilitation of rental apartments that will be available to lower income residents in the Village; and

WHEREAS, New York Main Street (NYMS) funding has been received by the Gouverneur Area Development Corporation (GADC) to support those activities and encourage investment in facade improvements in the Central Business District; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur is considering an application for Restore NY funding that can be used for projects that will promote economic development activities that attract, create and sustain employment opportunities in the Village of Gouverneur; and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been received for improvements in the property at 127 East Main Street that qualify for CDBG funding and HOME funding from the Village and NYMS funding from the GADC; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, \$235,000 of CDBG funding and \$105,000 of HOME funding is committed for the project at 127 East Main Street that will include facade improvements and building improvements required to attract commercial tenants to the second floor and create seven new apartments on the third and fourth floors, subject to the following conditions:

1. This project must also be approved by the Gouverneur Area Development Corporation for funding under the New York Main Street Program;
2. This project must also be approved for Restore NY funding from the Empire State Development Corporation; and
5. For a period of ten years after the work is completed, the apartments that are created in this property must be rented to tenants who qualify as lower income and with rents that will be affordable based on the income and rent limits established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Trustee Harder made a motion to approve the above resolution. Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

There was a discussion regarding the bus stop for the St. Lawrence County bus run. Trustee Harder made a motion to use the Sand Box Park located in the Municipal Parking Lot as the temporary bus stop. Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Spellicy made a motion to authorize St. James School to block a portion of South Gordon St. on May 7-9 for their annual social. Trustee LaPierre seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Harder made a motion to authorize James Kane and the clients of the North Country Transitional Living to clean the Village Park. Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

Robert Porter addressed the board regarding the recreation programs and the use of Riverview Park, after a discussion Trustee Bartholomew made a motion to table action. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Bartholomew made a motion to authorize payment of April 2009 audited bills in the amount of: General Fund - \$69,146.72, Community Development Fund - \$9,729.37, Electric Fund - \$4,691.00, Water Fund - \$42,894.05, Sewer Fund - \$27,881.62, Capital Projects- \$120,072.17, NYS Home Program Fund - \$115,436.62, Trust and Agency-\$1,713.00 (Claim #6221 to 6433). Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

Announcements

The next scheduled Village Board Meeting will be held on May 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Harder made a motion to go into executive session regarding contractual and legal matters. Trustee Bartholomew seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor Vorce announced there were no motions made in executive session.

Trustee Spellicy made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting. Trustee LaPierre seconded the motion and it was carried.

VILLAGE CLERK