

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 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 February 17, 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 Bartholomew made a motion to approve January board meeting minutes. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee LaPierre made a motion effective June 1, 2009 the fourth dispatcher position be removed. Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion all were in favor and it was carried. Trustee Bartholomew opposed said motion.

Trustee Lapierre made a motion effective June 1, 2009 the Chief of Police position be reduced to ½ time of 20 hours weekly with salary exclusive of benefits equal to ½ his regular pay. Further, if he retires and receives his New York State pension that he get a waiver because his wage then will be in excess of \$30,000 allowed to be earned by a retiree receiving full retirement benefits. The other retiree benefits payable by the Village as established in Village records amount to approximately \$7,514.44. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Spellicy made a motion for the parking lot off Trinity Avenue to have a 15 year lease then after the 15 years a renewal every 5 years. Trustee LaPierre seconded the motion and it was carried.

There was a discussion regarding the quotes for the Municipal Building security. The Board will get another quote from STAT removing some of the items that were included in the original quote.

New Business

Trustee Bartholomew made a motion to authorize the chemical bid notice to be published. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor Vorce received a request for a room to practice in from the Northern Lights String Orchestra. They have stated that if the Village allows them to practice in a room in the municipal building they will do a free concert for the village. Since the village does not have a room big enough for them to practice in Tina Mullin from Mullin's Restaurant offered a space in there restaurant for them as long as they would still do the free concert for the village. Mayor Vorce will inform the contact for the orchestra of this discussion.

Trustee Harder made a motion to schedule a Special Board Meeting on Monday February 23, 2009 at 2:00 pm on the proposed LL #1 of 2009. Trustee Bartholomew seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Bartholomew made a motion to authorize payment of February 2009 audited bills in the amount of: General Fund - \$81,732.24, Community Development Fund - \$4,004.84, Electric Fund - \$5,982.72, Water Fund - \$55,041.57, Sewer Fund - \$37,026.87, Capital Projects- \$43,586.60, NYS Home Program Fund - \$20,983.00, Trust and Agency-\$3,229.00 (Claim #5865 to 6038). Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

Announcements

The next scheduled Village Board Meeting will be held on March 17, 2009, beginning with a Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m. following the hearing the Regular Board meeting will begin.

Effective November 15, 2008 thru April 15, 2009 there is a parking ban on all village streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Violators will be issued tickets.

This is a reminder to all residents, merchants and landowners to please remove the snow from all sidewalks in a timely basis in order to protect our pedestrians. If sidewalks are unshoveled, properties will be cleaned by the Village and billed to the homeowner.

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

VILLAGE CLERK