

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 20, 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 January 20, 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-Absent

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

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

Mayor Vorce presented employee service awards to the following employees:

5 Years of Service

John White #2
Jennifer Campbell
Kristina Ayen

10 Years of Service

Daniel Fifield
Anthony Pastizzo

11 Years of Service

Laurina Lockhart

15 Years of Service

Barbara Shampine

20 Years of Service

Barbara Finnie

40 Years of Service

John E. Washburn

Trustee Harder presented safety awards to the following DPW employees:

21 Years without A Lost Time Accident

Glenn McCollum

Fred Foster

10 Years without A Lost Time Accident

Dan Fifield

7 Years without A Lost Time Accident

Rick Petrie

5 Years without A Lost Time Accident

John White

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Spellicy made a motion to accept Arthur Shattuck's employment transfer to St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department effective January 12, 2009. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT
WITH AVALON ASSOCIATES, INC.
FOR APPLICATION PREPARATION
AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT
UNDER THE HOME INVESTMENT
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Avalon Associates, Inc., Community Development Consultants, for preparation of an application for federal grant funding and administrative services required to complete all activities under the HOME Investment Partnership Program. Compensation for those services will be made in the form of specified lump sum fees and hourly billing rates plus expenses where applicable.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT
WITH AVALON ASSOCIATES, INC.
PREPARATION OF AN APPLICATION
FOR SMALL CITIES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDING**

RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Avalon Associates, Inc., Community Development Consultants, for preparation of an application for federal grant funding and administrative services required to complete all activities under the 2009 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Compensation for those services will be made in the form of specified lump sum fees and hourly billing rates plus expenses where applicable.

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

**WATER TANK
RESERVE FUND
RESOLUTION
JANUARY 20, 2009**

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur has established several reserve funds over the years, and

WHEREAS, the cash balance in the reserve fund as of December 31, 2008 is \$47583.19, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Board to authorize the expenditure of monies from reserve funds, and

WHEREAS, the Village needs to approve a \$3,850.00 reimbursement of expenditure to account F8320.4 (Water Fund-Contractual) for the inspection and cleaning of the water storage tank.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Gouverneur Board of Trustees that the reimbursement from the Reserve Fund to the Water Fund be approved.

Motion made by Trustee Spellicy seconded by Trustee _____ Harder and carried.

WATER/SEWER

RESOLUTION

JANUARY 20, 2009

WHEREAS, a portion of the water and sewer use fees may be deductible on taxpayers income tax returns, and

WHEREAS, a portion that is deductible is the amount used for maintenance or repair or for the purpose of meeting interest charges with respect to such benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for the purpose of income tax deduction, 96.1% of the water fee and 94.5% of the sewer fee have been allocated for interest and maintenance for the year 2008.

Motion made by Trustee Bartholomew, seconded by Trustee Spellicy and carried.

Trustee Harder made a motion to renewal Power Plant Upgrade BAN in the amount of \$65,200. Trustee Bartholomew seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Spellicy made a motion to advertise for sealed bids on Police Department SUV with a minimum allowed bid. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Bartholomew made a motion to authorize computer backup for the Police Department Computers with security assured. Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

There was a discussion regarding municipal building security. Trustee Bartholomew made a motion to table action. Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Harder made a motion to keep Lincoln Street as a paper street. Trustee Bartholomew seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Bartholomew made a motion to table action on the request of the use of the court room on Saturdays. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Spellicy made a motion to schedule a meeting with Robert Porter on February 18, 2009 at 2:00pm. Trustee Bartholomew seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Bartholomew made a motion to authorize Police Department to purchase a Taser in the amount of \$450. Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Spellicy made a motion to disconnect power at Riverview Park and Mills Park during the winter months. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Bartholomew made a motion to sign the Fire Department Contract. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Bartholomew made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on February 17, 2009 at 6:45 pm for LL 1 of 2009 regarding Taxi Cab Law. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

The Board had a discussion regarding a proposal regarding the possible elimination of a dispatcher position, the creating of a part time Chief of Police and the not filling the current vacancy of the patrolman position.

Trustee Harder made a motion to schedule a Special Board Meeting on January 27, 2009 at 7:00pm with no public discussion. Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Bartholomew made a motion to authorize payment of January 2009 audited bills in the amount of: General Fund - \$122,598.94, Community Development Fund - \$47,910.09, Electric Fund - \$9,563.65, Water Fund - \$125,258.18, Sewer Fund - \$38,138.71, Capital Projects- \$38,170.00, NYS Home Program Fund - \$36,783.66, Trust and Agency-\$531.25 (Claim #5638 to 5864). Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

Announcements

The next scheduled Village Board Meeting will be held on February 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

The Village Offices, the Department of Public Works will be closed on February 16, 2009 in observance of Presidents Day.