

**Tuesday, March 15, 2011
PUBLIC HEARING
6:45 P.M.**

These are the proceedings of the public hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Gouverneur held Tuesday evening, on March 15, 2011, in the Boardroom of the Municipal Building.

PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Vorce
Deputy Mayor George Harder Trustee Carl Petitto
Trustee Charles Newvine Trustee Roger LaPierre-Absent
Village Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Link Deputy Treasurer Barbara Finnie

Mayor Vorce called the Public Hearing to order.

PUBLIC HEARING FORMAT

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS REGARDING PROPOSED SMALL CITIES 2011 APPLICATION. THE BOARD WILL ATTEMPT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT ARISE, HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT REQUIRED AT A PUBLIC HEARING OF THIS NATURE. WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMENTS WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON WHAT I'VE OUTLINED, PLEASE COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mayor and Trustees of the Village of Gouverneur will conduct a public hearing at 6:45 PM on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at the Municipal Building, 33 Clinton Street, to discuss local housing needs and consider 2011 applications for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funding through the NYS Office of Community Renewal.

The Village Board is considering proposals for housing rehabilitation or public facilities improvements that will be appropriate for Small Cities funding. Village residents and other interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and ask questions or offer suggestions for the proposed program.

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Mayor Vorce asked for comments from the Trustees and the public.

Being no comments, Trustee Petitto made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

VILLAGE CLERK

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 15, 2011

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 March 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT:

Mayor Dorothy Vorce
Trustee George Harder
Trustee Carl Petitto
Trustee Charles Newvine
Trustee Roger LaPierre-Absent

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

Trustee Petitto made a motion to approve February board meeting minutes. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Old Business

CHEMICAL BIDS
MARCH 15, 2011

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur Board of Trustees has solicited chemical bids for this year's chemicals to be used by the Gouverneur Filtration Plant for water treatment purposes, and

WHEREAS, the attached sheet marked Exhibit "A" and made part of these minutes indicates the bids received for each chemical;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Gouverneur Board of Trustees that the low bid be accepted for each chemical for this year's chemical requirements at the Gouverneur Filtration Plant.

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

New Business

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR 2011
SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDING**

WHEREAS, federal grant funding is available through the New York State Office of Community Renewal to support local community development activities which are undertaken by eligible municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur is eligible to apply for such funding in the 2011 competition under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that such funding should be used to support improvements in the local water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, this proposal has been considered at two public hearings conducted by the Village Board on February 15 and March 15, 2011; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign and submit an application for Community Development Block Grant funding for consideration in the 2011 Small Cities competition through the New York State Office of Community Renewal; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign all agreements, certifications and other documents required to complete the application and to accept a grant and administer the program which is to be proposed for Small Cities CDBG funding.

Trustee Harder made a motion to accept the above resolution. Trustee Petitto seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Harder made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on Budget on April 13, 2011 at 7:00p.m. Trustee Petitto seconded the motion and it was carried.

**VILLAGE OF GOUVERNEUR
RESOLUTION
MARCH 15, 2011**

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur having entered into an Amended Consent Order with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on February 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Village must comply with the terms and conditions of said Amended Consent Order,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Gouverneur, County of St. Lawrence and State of New York at a regular meeting on March 15, 2011 that there shall be no new connections to the Village's combined sewer system upstream of any manhole that has overflowed within the last 12 months.

A motion made by Trustee Newvine, seconded by Trustee Petitto, and carried.

Ayes: 4

Nayes: 0

Trustee Petitto made a motion to approve the Small Cities Application for 63 East Main Street contingent upon owner paying there contribution. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Harder made a motion to appropriate \$1,100 for new windows for power plant. Trustee Petitto seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Harder made a motion to approve \$5,000 for new street lights on East Main Street, from Clinton Street to North Gordon Street. Trustee Petitto seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Harder made a motion to approve the quote from Kingsbury to rebuild the generator bearing in the amount of \$3,985. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Petitto made a motion authorize payment of the March 2011 audited bills in the amount of: General Fund - \$91,873.42, Community Development - \$44,152.80, Electric Fund - \$5,736.10, Water Fund - \$44,617.25, Sewer Fund - \$49,879.91, NYS Home Program - \$14,003.89. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Announcements

The next scheduled regular Village Board Meeting will be held on April 19, 2011.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to go into executive session regarding disciplinary action. Trustee Petitto seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Petitto made a motion to reconvene the regular board meeting at 10:45 p.m. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor Vorce announced the following motions:

As a result of the incident between employees Terry J. Simmons and Delmer McCollum the board has deemed to take disciplinary action against both employees and is directing the Village Attorney to bring same and the intention is terminate employment of Terry J. Simmons with the vote being 3-1 opposing Charles Newvine and to impose a 30 days suspension without using benefit of sick time, vacation or personal time on Delmer McCollum and if legal impose a 60 day suspension without pay and on probation for one year with the vote being 3-1 and Charles Newvine opposing.

George Harder made a motion to terminate Terry J. Simmons employment with the Village of Gouverneur. Carl Petitto seconded the motion. Charles Newvine opposed motion. Motion was carried with a 3-1 vote.

George Harder made a motion to suspend Delmer McCollum for 30 days without pay with no use of time and if legal impose 60 day suspension and give him a 1 yr probation and if any incidents occur within that year employment will be terminated. Carl Petitto seconded the motion. Charles Newvine opposed motion. Motion was carried with a 3-1 vote.

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

VILLAGE CLERK