

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 18, 2010

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 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT:

Mayor Dorothy Vorce
Trustee George Harder
Trustee Carol Petitto
Trustee Jeffrey Spellicy
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

Laurie Allen, Walmart Associate, presented Casey Canell a \$250 Walmart Donation for the Recreation Center.

Trustee Harder presented the following safety awards:

Glenn McCollum	22 Years without a lost time accident
Fred Foster	22 Years without a lost time accident
Dan Fifield	11 Years without a lost time accident
Rick Petrie	8 Years without a lost time accident
John White	6 Years without a lost time accident
Danny Forbes	8 Years without a lost time accident

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

New Business

Mayor Vorce made an announcement that she was withdrawing from the Shared Service Committee and would like letters of interest from the public for anyone that would be interested in serving on the committee.

Trustee Spellicy made a motion to hire Fourth Coast to conduct a study on gas and electrical for the village not to exceed \$4,000. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Spellicy made a motion to approve Bernier Carr & Associates to submit NYSERDA application for a grant in the amount of \$500,000. Trustee Petitto seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee LaPierre made a motion to authorize payment in the amount of \$4700 to Netto Construction for construction of the handicap ramp at Mills Park. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Spellicy made a motion to accept Ryan Bogardus resignation as part time dispatcher. Trustee Petitto seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Petitto made a motion to approve appointment of Terry Bango II as a part time dispatcher. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT GUIDELINES AND
PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF
HOUSING IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES
IN GOUVERNEUR**

WHEREAS, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding has been received from the NYS Office of Community Renewal to implement housing improvement activities in the Village of Gouverneur that include:

1. Rehabilitation of existing substandard homes and apartments that are owned and/or occupied by qualified low and moderate income households; and
2. Redevelopment of vacant, deteriorated residential properties to restore apartments that will be rented to qualified low or moderate income households; and
3. Assistance to qualified low or moderate income households who will purchase and rehabilitate existing homes that are for sale in the village; and

WHEREAS, the Village has agreed to administer those program activities in compliance with rules and regulation established by HUD and published in the Code of Federal Regulations at 24 CFR Part 570; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the attached Guidelines and Procedures for the Housing Rehabilitation Program, the Housing Redevelopment Program and the Home Ownership Program are hereby adopted and shall become effective immediately for housing improvement activities to be conducted with CDBG funding in the Village of Gouverneur.

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

Trustee Spellicy made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on the Small Cities/Home 2010 Applications on February 16, 2010 @ 6:55 pm and on March 16, 2010 @ 6:55 pm. Trustee LaPierre seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Spellicy made a motion to approve Police Department new photocopier lease. Trustee Petitto seconded the motion and it was carried.

WATER/SEWER

RESOLUTION

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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, 83% of the water fee and 89% of the sewer fee have been allocated for interest and maintenance for the year 2009.

Motion made by Trustee LaPierre, seconded by Trustee Harder and carried.

Trustee Petitto made a motion to authorize Chief Whitton hire two new full time Police Officers. With no second the motion was not carried.

Trustee Harder made a motion to authorize payment of January 2010 audited bills in the amount of: General Fund - \$32,290.59, Community Development Fund - \$33,471.66, Electric Fund - \$530.98, Water Fund - \$17,667.10, Sewer Fund - \$27,458.59, NYS Home Program Fund - \$590.60, Capital Projects - \$4,344.00, Trust & Agency - \$462.50, UDAG Hospital Fund - \$4,732.00 (Claim #8062 to 8235) Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

Public Participation:

Richard Rotundo addressed the board regarding Belmore property on William Street. A formal complaint was giving to the CEO at that time.

Announcements

- a. The next scheduled Village Board Meeting will be held on February 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**
- b. Effective November 15, 2009 thru April 15, 2010 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.**
- c. 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.**
- d. The Village Offices, the Department of Public Works will be closed on February 15, 2010 in observance of Presidents Day.**

Trustee Harder made a motion to go into executive session. Trustee Spellicy seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor Vorce announced the following motion made during executive session:

Trustee LaPierre made a motion to direct the Village Attorney to send a letter to the Chief of Police regarding insurance liability. Trustee Harder seconded the motion and it was carried.

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

VILLAGE CLERK