

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2016

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 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT:

Mayor Ronald McDougall
Trustee Charles Newvine
Trustee Nelson Lawrence
Trustee Shelly Simons-Washburn
Trustee Richard Wood

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Barbara Finnie
Tax Collector/PT Keyboard Specialist, Kristina Ayen
Superintendent of Public Works, Terry Simmons
Chief of Police, Laurina Greenhill
Code Enforcement Officer, Michael McQuade
Recreation Director, Casey Canell-excused
Village Attorney, Henry Leader-excused

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to approve the January 19th Public hearing meeting minutes and the January 19th regular board meeting minutes. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

New Business

Trustee Newvine made a motion to accept Donna Sawyer's resignation from the Planning Board with regret. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to accept Robert Flayharts's resignation as School Crossing Guard with regret. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to schedule a public hearing on March 15, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. on proposed Local Law #2 of 2016 regarding the residency of the Village Clerk/Treasurer. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried. Trustee Simons-Washburn opposed the motion.

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**Memorandum of Agreement Establishing the Oswegatchie River Inter-municipal
Coordinating Committee**

This Agreement dated February 16, 2016 is between the Village of Gouverneur and other local governments located along the Oswegatchie River in St. Lawrence County.

WHEREAS, numerous cooperating parties, including the local governments along the Oswegatchie River, various New York State agencies, and various not-for-profit organizations share the responsibilities, interests, and benefits of creating the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail and protecting and enhancing the Oswegatchie River, which is a regional resource affected by the actions of these parties;

WHEREAS, the cooperating parties participated in the development of an inter-municipal plan for creation of the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail and protection and revitalization of the 109-mile Oswegatchie River area, entitled the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail Plan;

WHEREAS, The Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail Plan includes recommendations for protecting natural resources and enhancing water-based recreation and tourism as part of an overall program to develop a sustainable tourism-based economy and revitalize waterfront communities;

WHEREAS, one of the recommendations of the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail Plan is effective inter-municipal cooperation for implementing regional actions through the establishment of an appropriate institutional mechanism;

WHEREAS, the cooperating parties hereto are desirous of continuing to work together on a cooperative basis in order to maintain communication, establish a forum where Oswegatchie River community revitalization issues may be addressed, and enhance inter-municipal and public-private efforts to protect and enhance the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- a) **THAT** the parties hereto agree to create and participate in an Oswegatchie River Inter-municipal Coordinating Committee (“the Committee”);
- b) **THAT** the Committee shall be comprised of one designated representative of each signatory party;

- c) THAT the Committee will choose by majority vote one representative to serve as chair;
- d) THAT each party may, at its pleasure, change its representative to the Committee from time to time;
- e) THAT the Committee will:
 - 1. Advance activities to implement the recommendations of the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail Plan;
 - 2. Periodically establish, review, and update priority actions for protecting and enhancing the Oswegatchie River and revitalizing its waterfront communities;
 - 3. Identify funding priorities for consideration by members when applying for grants and other financial assistance;
 - 4. Facilitate coordination of members efforts, sharing of information, and increased education of and among Committee members, to protect and enhance the Oswegatchie River;
 - 5. Approve an annual work plan and budget for the Committee;
 - 6. Convene an annual forum for the purpose of reviewing past accomplishments and discussing actions needed to further protection and enhancement of the Oswegatchie River and Blueway Trail;
 - 7. Establish sub-committees as needed;
 - 8. Adopt bylaws and procedures for the conduct of business, as necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor, Ronald P. McDougall to sign the proposed Oswegatchie River Blueway MOA and appoint one representative, and up to two alternates on behalf of the Village of Gouverneur to serve on the inter-municipal committee.

Motion made by Trustee Newvine, seconded by Trustee Lawrence and carried.

Trustee Simons-Washburn made a motion to approve LeRoy Blair and Chris Fitzgerald to obtain a Grade D operator's water license for distribution. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee McDougall read the following resolution:

**HOLDING HARMLESS
THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE
FOR PROVIDING SERVICE**

FOR VILLAGE OF GOUVERNEUR

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, shoulder widening, signage, road stripping, blasting and other routine maintenance activities to the Village, and

WHEREAS, both the Village of Gouverneur and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Village of Gouverneur and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Village is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wished to indemnify the County in this regard,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Gouverneur hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County of St. Lawrence from and against liability, loss, damage, claim or action resulting from the work performed by St. Lawrence County Department of Highways. The Village of Gouverneur does not indemnify and hold harmless the County for any liability, loss, damage, claim, or action which arises during the actual performance of services by the St. Lawrence County Department of Highways. Said St. Lawrence County Department of Highways and the County of St. Lawrence assumes the liability for losses, damages and claims for the actual physical performance of the work, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Personal Injury

\$ 50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability

\$ 5,000 Medical Payment Expense

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that St. Lawrence County shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

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

Trustee Newvine made a motion to approve the low bidder for the Distribution Systems Improvement Project to Adhan Piping in the amount \$387,145 and approve the alternate #1 in the amount of \$49,427 and alternate #2 in the amount \$41,243. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall gave the Department Heads the opportunity to report to the Board and the public on the monthly activities in there department.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to appoint Maria Leslie as Deputy Dog Control Officer. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion authorize payment of the February 2016 audited bills in the amount of: General Fund – \$60,735.92 Community Development Fund - \$82,171.64 Electric Fund - \$109.25, Water Fund - \$19,565.75 Sewer Fund - \$35,007.74 and Capital Projects - \$34,375.52. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following Announcements:

The next scheduled Regular Village Board Meeting will be held on February 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and a Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

The Village Offices and Department of Public Works will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2016 in observance of Presidents Day.

Effective November 15, 2015 thru April 15, 2016 there will be a parking ban on all village streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

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.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:45 p.m. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK