

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

MARCH 15, 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 March 15, 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 - absent  
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  
Village Attorney, Henry Leader

Robert Flayhart was presented a 10 year pin by Chief Greenhill, Mayor and Board of Trustees for his dedicated years of service as a school crossing guard.

The Mayor and Board recognized the GCS Football Team for the NC Class C Superbowl Champions.

Trustee Wood made a motion to approve the February 16<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting minutes and the February 18<sup>th</sup> special Board meeting. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Travis Dann gave an legislative update to the public and board.

Gouverneur Fire and Gouverneur Rescue were both present to give the public and Board a monthly report.

**Old Business**

Motion made by Trustee Newvine to rescind the February 16, 2016 Resolution pertaining to the holding harmless for the County. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor 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

\$3,000,000 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.

New Business

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2016  
RESOLUTION  
MARCH 15, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Gouverneur Board of Trustees held a public hearing on March 15, 2016 on proposed Local Law #2 of 2016 pertaining to Village Clerk and Village Treasurer residency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village of Gouverneur Board of Trustees that proposed Local Law #2 of 2016 be adopted as Local Law #2 of 2016.

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

Trustee Wood made a motion to begin a dissolution study with comprehensive analysis. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion regarding negotiations parameters for the four union contracts with the departments to be 2 years with all contracts ending May 31, 2018. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to not exceed the Tax Cap. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Simons-Washburn made a motion to appoint Dena Papineau to the position of part-time Dispatcher conditional upon completion of the Village's pre-employment physical and drug screening. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to hire Kristin Lamanteer as a year-round recreation attendant for the community center. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**CHEMICAL BIDS  
RESOLUTION  
MARCH 15, 2016**

**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 is accepted for each chemical for this year's chemical requirements at the Gouverneur Filtration Plant.

Trustee Simons-Washburn 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 BAN Renewal for the Betterment Costs in the amount of \$348,638. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to approve a BAN renewal for the Electric Plant repairs in the amount of \$271,800. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY  
RESERVE FUND  
RESOLUTION  
MARCH 15, 2016**

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

**WHEREAS**, the cash balance in the reserve fund as of February 29, 2016 is \$273,326.15, and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Village needs to approve an expenditure for a portable composite sampler; a repair part for the generator and three tools needed for pump repair work.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village of Gouverneur Board of Trustees that the expenditure from the Reserve Fund be approved not to exceed \$4,800.00

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

Trustee Newvine made a motion to approve the subordination request for 100 Rowley Street. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

A budget meeting has been set for Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to schedule a public hearing on April 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for the 2016-2017 Budget. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to proceed with all legal options to collect the taxes owed on the property at 333 West Main Street. Trustee Washburn 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 authorize payment of the February 2016 audited bills in the amount of: General Fund – \$117,574.07 Community Development Fund - \$102,427.19, Water Fund - \$13,261.84 Sewer Fund - \$18,877.62 and Capital Projects - \$10,842.43. 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 April 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The Department of Public Works will be closing at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 25, 2016 in observance of Good Friday.

The Village Clerk's office will be closing at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2016 in observance of Good Friday.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:25 p.m. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

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DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK