

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2013

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 19, 2013 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 Roger LaPierre-Absent
Trustee Shelly Simons-Washburn

Village Clerk/Treasurer, Jennifer Link
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Barbara Finnie
Superintendent of Public Works, Michael Moroz
Chief of Police, Gordon Ayen
Code Enforcement Officer, Michael McQuade
Recreation Director, Casey Canell

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

Old Business

Mayor McDougall read the following:

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2013
RESOLUTION
MARCH 19, 2013**

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur Board of Trustees held a public hearing on March 19, 2013 on proposed Local Law #3 of 2013 amending Local Law Number 1 for the year 1974 as amended by Local Law #3 of 1990, Local Law #4 of 1992 and Local Law #1 of 1995 pertaining to real property exemption of persons over sixty-five.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Gouverneur Board of Trustees that proposed Local Law #3 of 2013 be adopted as Local Law #3 of 2013.

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

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to approve the Sales Tax Endorsement. Trustee Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Washburn made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on April 16, 2013 at 6:50 pm on Local Law #2 of 2013. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to amend the contract with B & S on the Power Plant Improvements project for additional money for total project cost estimated at \$510,000 and to request from B&S the status on the project. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to amend the July 17, 2012 minutes to add a one year probationary period for Clayton VanBrocklin, Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator. Trustee Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

CHEMICAL BIDS
MARCH 19, 2013

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 bids be accepted for each chemical for this year's chemical requirements at the Gouverneur Filtration Plant.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to approve the above resolution. Trustee Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to adopt the Village Ethics Policy and to form an Ethics Board. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to adopt the Recreation Center Use Policy with the following amendments, any repeat request previously approved the Board gives Recreation Director automatic permission for them. The existing Mayor will be able to pull the Board at any time for approval for any other request. Trustee Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to hold a Budget Meeting on March 20, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Washburn made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on the Village Budget on April 15, 2013 at 6:00 pm. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to advertise for bids for removal of asbestos at 40 Austin Street. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion authorize payment of the February 2013 audited bills in the amount of: General Fund - \$98,954.54, Water Fund - \$58,828.25, Community Development - \$812.50, Electric Fund - \$5,859.83, Sewer Fund - \$45,238.66, NYS Home Program - \$16,405.00, Capital Projects - \$132,216.09. Trustee Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Public Participation

Laurina Greenhill addressed the Board regarding a letter they have received from the Police Association to start meetings on the contract negotiations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next scheduled regular Village Board Meeting will be held on April 16, 2013. A Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. prior to said regular board meeting.

On Friday, March 29, 2013, the Department of Public Works will be closing at 11:00 a.m. and Village Office will be closing at 11:30 in observance of Good Friday.

Trustee Washburn made a motion to go into Executive Session regarding personnel at 7:50 pm. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to reconvene the regular board meeting at 8:25 pm. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

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

Mayor McDougall announced the following motions made in executive session:

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to authorize Energy Broker David Coffey to perform a study of the Village's energy. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to hold a public hearing on April 15, 2013 on a possible water rate increase. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

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

VILLAGE CLERK

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013
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, March 19, 2013, in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.

PRESENT:

Mayor Ronald McDougall
Deputy Mayor Charles Newvine Trustee Nelson Lawrence
Trustee Shelly Washburn Trustee Roger LaPierre-Absent
Village Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Link
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Finnie

Mayor McDougall called the Public Hearing to order.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mayor and Trustees of the Village of Gouverneur will conduct a public hearing at 6:45 PM on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at the Municipal Building, 33 Clinton Street, to discuss local housing and community development needs and consider applications for funding in 2013.

The Village Board is considering proposals for housing rehabilitation or public facilities improvements that will be appropriate for CDBG, HOME and other 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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PUBLIC HEARING FORMAT

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS REGARDING PROPOSED SMALL CITIES AND HOME 2013 APPLICATIONS. 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.

Mayor McDougall asked for public comments and there were no public comments.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

VILLAGE CLERK

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013
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Trustee Shelly Washburn Trustee Roger LaPierre-Absent
Village Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Link
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Mayor McDougall called the Public Hearing to order.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Village of Gouverneur Board of Trustees will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 6:50 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building, 33 Clinton Street, Gouverneur, NY on proposed Local Law #3 of 2013 amending Local Law Number 1 for the year 1974 as amended by Local Law #3 of 1990, Local Law #4 of 1992 and Local Law #1 of 1995 pertaining to real property exemption of persons over sixty-five.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

By Order of the
Village of Gouverneur
Board of Trustees

DATED: March 15, 2013
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Mayor McDougall asked for public comments.

Mark Gazin, 61 Rowley Street, spoke about the importance of this law and would like the Village to follow NYS guidelines.

Trustee Washburn made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

VILLAGE CLERK