

REGULAR BOARD
APRIL 18, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

These are the proceedings of the Regular Board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Gouverneur held Tuesday, evening, on April 18, 2017 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

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

Trustee Newvine made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6th special board meeting, the March 21st Public Hearings (2) and the March 21st regular Board meeting. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Legislator Henry Leader gave the Board an update on what has been going on at the County level.

Mark Devers was present and gave the Board an update on the Gouverneur Rescue Squad.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to authorize the unpaid water, unpaid sewer and unpaid other charges to be relieved on the June 2017 Taxes. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to approve the \$2 second notice fee for the Village Taxes. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Simons-Washburn made a motion to advertise for Lawn Care/Mowing bids. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement between the Town of Fowler and the Village of Gouverneur Recreation. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to authorize the Village Attorney to pursue litigation on the Outside water users. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Wood made a motion to accept the bid from Barrett Paving for the Parking lot at the Community Center. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried. Trustee Newvine was opposed.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to authorize the Police Department to create a Facebook page. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to appoint Bruce Hoteling to the position of Water Filtration/Wastewater Treatment Chief Operator effective April 19, 2017 with an additional \$1.00 per hour making his rate \$23.66 per hour. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to hire Cainnan Dutton to the position of Water Filtration/Wastewater Treatment Operator Trainee effective May 8, 2017 with a rate of \$17.50 per hour. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to advertise for a temporary laborer position. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

The Board discussed the request from Modesta Mott regarding the waiving of the sewer charges on the property at 106-108 Depot Street that he purchased at the tax sale. No action was taken on the request. Request was denied.

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN
APPLICATION FOR 2017-2018 FUNDING UNDER THE
NYS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDING
APRIL 18, 2017**

WHEREAS, federal and state grants are available through the NYS Office of Community Renewal to support local housing related activities which are undertaken by eligible municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur is eligible to apply for such funding in the 2017-2018 application round; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that such funding should be used to support the local housing rehabilitation program; and

WHEREAS, this proposal has been considered at a public hearing that was conducted by the Village Board on March 21, 2017 and April 18, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign and submit a grant application for consideration in the competition for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign all agreements, certifications and other documents required to complete the applications and to accept a grant and administer the program that is proposed for this funding.

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

Mayor McDougall read the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR 2017
FUNDING IN THE CONSOLIDATED FUNDING
APPLICATION PROCESS
APRIL 18, 2017**

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 2017 application round;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that such funding should be used to support the local Main Street Revitalization Program; and

WHEREAS, this proposal has been considered at two public hearings conducted by the Village Board on March 21, 2017 and April 18, 2017; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign and submit one or more applications for consideration in the 2017 Consolidated Funding Application process; and

BE IT FURTHER 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 this funding.

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

Trustee Newvine made a motion to approve the vacation request for Fred Foster from May 18-31st and to accept his Retirement Letter effective May 31, 2017 with regret. 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 their department.

Trustee Newvine made a motion authorize payment of the April 2017 audited bills in the amount of: General Fund – \$37,063.94, Electric Fund - \$42.65, Water Fund - \$29,805.37, Sewer Fund - \$20,907.71, Capital Projects - \$385,933.52, and Trust - \$2990.00. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following Announcements:

The Department of Public Works summer hours started April 17, 2017. The hours will be Monday thru Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and closed on Friday.


Worker's Memorial Day – April 28, 2017

The Annual Gouverneur Breast Cancer Walk will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 – Registration at 8:30 a.m. Village Park – Walk at 10:30 a.m.

The next scheduled Regular Village Board Meeting will be held on May 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The annual Village Clerk's Office summer hours will begin on May 29th thru September 1st. The hours will be Monday thru Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:45 p.m. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.


VILLAGE CLERK