

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2018

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 January 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT:

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

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

A moment of Silence was given in memory of Trustee Nelson Lawrence who passed away on January 13, 2018. He will never be forgotten.

Trustee Wood made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2017 Annual Board Meeting and the December 19, 2017 regular board meeting. Trustee Newvine 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.

Mayor McDougall gave the Board and public an update on what is going on in the Village.

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

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**WATER/SEWER
RESOLUTION
JANUARY 16, 2018**

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, 90% of the water fee and 93% of the sewer fee have been allocated for interest and maintenance for the year 2017.

Motion made by Trustee Newvine, seconded by Trustee Simons-Washburn and carried.

**VILLAGE OF GOUVERNEUR
33 Clinton Street
Gouverneur, NY 13642**

January 16, 2018

Pursuant to the Internal Revenue Service, Code of Federal Regulation, #26, Part I, Revised as of April 1, 1998:

Sl. 164-4(b)(l) "Insofar as assessments against local benefits are made for the purpose of maintenance or repair, or for the purpose of meeting interest charges with respect to such benefits, they are deductible.

It is calculated that 90% of water benefited charges and 93% of sewer benefited charges paid during the calendar year 2017 are deductible from your 2017 Federal Income Tax Return Schedule A, Taxes-Real Estate.

WATER TAX CALCULATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

Operation and Maintenance (includes employees benefits)	\$1,108,291.84
Principal Payments on water bonds	\$ 73,385.00
Interest on water bonds	\$ 36,576.63
Net adjusted Expense	\$1,218,253.47
Calculation: $1,108,291.84/1,218,253.47=.90$	90%

SEWER TAX CALCULATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

Operation and Maintenance (includes employee benefits)	\$ 871,332.17
Principal payments on sewer bond	\$ 59,002.00
Interest on sewer bonds	\$ 5,848.37
Net Adjusted Expense	\$ 936,182.54
Calculation: $871,332.17/936,182.54=.93$	93%

Trustee Wood made a motion to approve the advertising for this year's Chemicals at the Water Filtration Plant. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to approve the Mayor signing a Contract between the Town of Fowler and the Village of Gouverneur Recreation in the amount of \$1,200.00. Trustee Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to authorize the Gouverneur Friends of the Library to close off a portion of Church Street on June 30, 2018. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Wood made a motion authorize payment of the January 2018 audited bills in the amount of: General Fund – \$91,371.71, Electric Fund - \$2,371.98, Water Fund - \$48,721.62, Sewer Fund - \$48,561.90, Capital Projects Fund - \$158,668.18, Trust Fund – \$3,517.00. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following Announcements:

The Village Office and Department of Public Works will be closing on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in recognition of our beloved colleague Village Trustee Nelson Lawrence. Funeral Services will be at St. James Church at 11:00 a.m.

The Village Offices and Department of Public Works will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2018 in observance of Presidents Day.

The Village of Gouverneur will be opening sealed bids for the construction of the Village of Gouverneur Water System Improvements Project (improvements along existing water system on West Barney and Rock Island Streets) on February 1, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

The next scheduled Regular Village Board Meeting will be held on February 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Effective November 15, 2017 thru April 15, 2018 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 7:36 p.m. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.


VILLAGE CLERK