

***REGULAR BOARD***  
***JULY 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 July 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-excused  
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  
Recreation Director, Casey Canell  
Village Attorney, Henry Leader

Trustee Newvine made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2017 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.

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**GENERAL FUND  
BUDGET AMENDMENT  
JULY 18, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, the Village needs to amend the budget for the General Fund budget to reflect an increase in the amount of \$1,165.62 in Appropriations A960 by the same amount due to the donations received from the Car Seat Program.

**WHEREAS**, the Village is no longer accepting donations and need to forward the monies to the North County Child Safety Coalition to be used to purchase car seats or other items to support the program.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board authorizes the Treasurer to increase subsidiary appropriation account A3120.4 Police-Contractual by \$1,165.62.

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

Mayor McDougall read the following Resolution:

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWN OF  
GOUVERNEUR, NEW YORK, AND THE VILLAGE OF GOUVERNEUR, NEW  
YORK, RELATIVE TO METERED SERVICES AND WATER SUPPLY**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into as of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017, between the TOWN OF GOUVERNEUR, a municipal corporation of the State of New York situated in St. Lawrence County with an address of 1227 US Highway 11 Gouverneur, NY 13642 (hereinafter referred to as “[Town]”) and the VILLAGE OF GOUVERNEUR, a municipal corporation of the State of New York situated in St. Lawrence County with an address of 33 Clinton Street, Gouverneur NY 13642 (hereinafter referred to as the “[Village]”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties, for the mutual benefit of their citizens, seek to reduce municipal

expenditures, limit the growth in property taxes and increase efficiency in the service and delivery of water; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of these goals, the parties are applying for a \$400,000.00 grant through the NY State Department of State, Local Government Efficiency Program so as to implement the development of a shared Smart Water Network and consolidate the administration, reading and billing of water use under one municipality; and

WHEREAS, This Memorandum of Understanding anticipates the full cooperation and enactment of a formal written agreement between the Village and the Town who shall together pursue the above stated goals; and

WHEREAS, by authority of Section 119-o of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the Town and the Village are enabled to enter into binding agreements for the cooperative performance of various municipal functions, including the supply of water;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows:

The Town and Village shall together pursue the development of a shared Smart Water Network and work to consolidate the administration, reading and billing of water service under one municipality through the utilization of new smart meters and software system; and

The parties shall enter into a mutually beneficial agreement specifically delineating each parties' rights and responsibilities in furtherance of the above; and

The parties shall continue to cooperate in seeking grant funding through for the 2017-2018 program year available under the Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grant program.

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

Trustee Wood made a motion accept Rick Petrie's retirement from Village service with regret effective June 5, 2017. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Simons-Washburn made a motion to hire Jason Scott to the position of part-time seasonal laborer effective July 24, 2017 at a rate of \$13.83 per hour. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Wood made a motion to increase the threshold for fixed assets to \$5,000 retroactive to June 1, 2017. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to hire Daniel Whitton to the position of Traffic Safety Guard effective August 1<sup>st</sup> thru the 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
SUBMISSION OF AN  
APPLICATION FOR  
LOCAL EFFICIENCY GRANT**

**JULY 18, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, state grants are available through the Department of State to assist local leaders in identifying best practices and implement actions focused on reducing municipal expenditure; 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 would be used for a Shared Smart Meter Network with the Town of Gouverneur which will consolidate the administration, reading of water use under one Municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gouverneur and Village of Gouverneur has agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mayor is authorized to sign and submit a grant application for consideration in the Local Government Efficiency Program;

**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 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 June audited bills in the amount of: General Fund – \$51,277.97, Electric Fund - \$264.38, Water Fund - \$13,700.83, Sewer Fund - \$20,664.46, Capital Projects - \$645,764.87, and TE – 3, 463.31 and UDAG - \$2775.00. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following Announcements:

Fowler Family Days will be on Saturday, July 29, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Gouverneur & St. Lawrence County Fair will begin August 1, 2017 through August 6, 2017.

The next scheduled Regular Village Board Meeting will be held on August 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m

Trustee Newvine made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:20 p.m. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.



VILLAGE CLERK