

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

JULY 19, 2016

**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 19, 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  
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 from the June 3, and 24, 2016 Special Board meetings and June 21, 2016 Regular Board meeting. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SUBMIT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
EFFICIENCY GRANT  
FOR SHARED MUNICIPAL POWER STUDY**

Whereas, the Village of Gouverneur (Village) owns and operates a municipal hydroelectric power generation and distribution system; the Village and the Town of Gouverneur would like to conduct a feasibility study to upgrade and expand the Village electric infrastructure system to increase utilization of green power and to supply municipally-owned facilities in the two municipalities, and

Whereas, there are grant funds available through the Department of State's Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Program to complete planning studies to explore opportunities for entities to share services, improve efficiencies, reduce costs, and provide better services to customers, and

Whereas, the Village of Gouverneur and the Town of Gouverneur (hereafter "Co-Applicants") have expressed interest in participating in a joint LGE application for a shared municipal power study, and

Whereas, Co-Applicants have agreed that the Village will be the lead applicant and is authorized to execute all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the implementation of the study, and

Whereas, the Village understands that they will be required to pay a co-share for the grant, which is \$12,500 based on a total project cost of \$50,000.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Gouverneur Board of Trustees does hereby authorize and direct the Mayor to proceed with a LGE grant application for a shared municipal power study with the Town of Gouverneur.

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

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
**Supporting Fort Drum as the Preferred Site for an**  
**East Coast Missile Defense Agency Ground-Based Interceptor**

Whereas, the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) is preparing a congressionally-mandated Continental United States Interceptor Site (CIS) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate sites for a potential additional ground-based interceptor site, and

Whereas, there are currently three locations under consideration including Fort Drum, New York, Camp Ravenna, Ohio and Fort Custer, Michigan, and

Whereas, in August 2014 the MDA held a scoping session to discuss with citizens, and local, state and federal government officials the scope of the project and timeline for completion of the EIS for the project, and

Whereas, on May 9, 2016 the Draft EIS was approved for public release, and

Whereas, after reviewing the EIS we recognize that the project will provide significant economic benefits to NYS and the surrounding communities including estimated short-term job creation of 600-800 jobs, estimated long-term job creation of 650-850 jobs, increase annual sales tax of \$1.65 million, and overall \$27 million annual long-term economic value to NY State and the region, and

Whereas, we also recognize that locating the project at Fort Drum will further distinguish Fort Drum as a strategic federal installation to the nation as well as a vibrant

part of the North Country economy,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Village of Gouverneur supports Fort Drum New York being the preferred location for an east coast missile defense ground-based interceptor site.

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

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to pay Missoula Theatre bills in the amount of \$3,600.00 on August 13, 2016. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to authorize a \$2 second notice fee on Village Taxes to be mailed in September. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion authorize Friends of the Library to close of Church Street from John Street to Key Bank Driveway. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried. Trustee

Trustee Newvine made a motion to schedule a Water/Sewer Local Law workshop meeting for Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to accept Rachael Miller's resignation with regret effective July 20, 2016. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to issue a short term BAN in the amount of \$750,000 for the Disinfection Project. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Simons-Washburn made a motion to accept Barrett Paving Material Inc. bid in the amount of \$119,640.60. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to have the Village Attorney, Code Enforcement Officer and Police Chief to meet and to advise what cause of action for the cleanup and remediation at 42 & 52 Spencer Street and Agway property. Trustee Wood 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 July 2016 audited bills in the amount of: General Fund – \$62,920.78, Community Bank - \$12,804.42, Electric Fund - \$69.70, Water Fund - \$25,383.81, Sewer Fund - \$25,592.16 and Capital Projects - \$354,097.91. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following Announcements:

The Gouverneur & St. Lawrence County Fair will begin August 2, 2016 through August 7, 2016.

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

Trustee Newvine made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:06 p.m. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

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VILLAGE CLERK