

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

July 16, 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 July 16, 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  
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-Absent  
Code Enforcement Officer, Michael McQuade  
Recreation Director, Casey Canell

Trustee LaPierre made a motion to approve June board meetings minutes.  
Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

**Old Business**

Trustee Newvine made a motion to table action on the Lawn Care Bids until the Board discusses the bid results with the Village Attorney. Trustee Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

**New Business**

There was a discussion regarding Annual Improvement Factor for Michael Moroz regarding raises for 2013, 2014 and 2015. Trustee Newvine made a motion to authorize the 2013 raise of 2% which follows the DPW Teamsters Contract and to be retroactive to June 1, 2013 for DPW Superintendent, Michael Moroz. Trustee LaPierre seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Dean Mason, 12 Cambray Street, adding the Veterans Exemption. Trustee Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

**VILLAGE BUDGET AMENDMENT &  
TAX ROLL CORRECTION  
2013-2014  
RESOLUTION  
JULY 16, 2013**

**WHEREAS**, this year's tax roll needs to be adjusted as a result of a clerical error in the amount of a decrease of \$140.22 and an increase in the amount of \$.17 due to the rounding calculation of the tax roll when it is issued.

**WHEREAS**, the adjustment is a decrease in the amount to be collected by \$140.05;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village of Gouverneur Board of Trustees that the tax roll for the Village of Gouverneur be adjusted resulting in a decrease of \$140.05;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village's 2013-2014 Budget be amended to show a \$140.05 decrease in the amount of revenue raised by taxes (A1001) and a decrease in the general fund contingent account (A1990.4) by the same amount.

Trustee LaPierre made a motion to authorize the above resolution. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee LaPierre made a motion to support and partnership with Ogdensburg and other Oswegatchie River communities for the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

There was a discussion regarding the Application for Funding for the Main Street Program and the Application for Funding for the CDBG Public Infrastructure/CFA. The Board made a decision to submit applications for both grants at this time and to discuss further details with Bernier Carr & Associates and Avalon Associates. The Board also asked for a commitment from Phil Smith with Avalon Associates to work with Bernier Carr & Associates on the CDBG Public Infrastructure/CFA Application.

**A RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING  
UNDER THE NEW YORK MAIN STREET PROGRAM  
TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE NEW YORK STATE  
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL BY THE  
GOUVERNEUR AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**WHEREAS**, grant funds are available from the New York State Office of Community Renewal to support downtown revitalization efforts that will stimulate reinvestment in mixed-use buildings in order to address issues of code compliance,

energy conservation and accessibility and to provide affordable housing and job opportunities in downtown "main street" areas; and

**WHEREAS**, The Gouverneur Area Development Corporation has proposed a program to support facade improvements and create new apartments on the upper floors of commercial buildings in the Central Business District in Gouverneur; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Gouverneur gives its full support to the proposed project and the application that will be submitted by the Gouverneur Area Development Corporation for funding under the New York Main Street Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the village will pay all expenses for preparation of that application as additional evidence of its support for this project and for the appropriate revitalization of the Central Business District in Gouverneur; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the village will submit applications for CDBG and HOME funding in the 2013 Unified Funding competitions to secure the additional funding that is required to create new apartments on the upper floors of downtown commercial buildings under the Main Street Revitalization Program in Gouverneur.

Motion made by Trustee Newvine, seconded by Trustee Lawrence and all members voted yes with Trustee Newvine abstaining.

Casey Canell, Recreation Director, addressed the Board with a request from the Friends for Pound Paws to waive or reduce the Recreation Center Building Fee for their 6 week Dog Obedience classes. The Dog Obedience classes cost \$8 per session and all money raised goes toward the Dog Shelter Fund. Trustee Newvine made a motion to waive the Recreation Center Building Fee. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to declare 108 Depot Street as a Public Health Nuisance. Trustee Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee LaPierre made a motion to declare 74 William Street as a Public Health Nuisance. Trustee Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee LaPierre made a motion to start the abatement process for both 108 Depot Street and 74 William Street. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion authorize payment of the July 2013 audited bills in the amount of: General Fund - \$97,510.71, Water Fund - \$74,875.48, Electric Fund - \$174.01, Sewer Fund - \$86,377.82, NYS Home Program - \$46,075.00, Community Development - \$323,022.72, Escrow/Homeowners - \$1,050.00. Trustee LaPierre seconded the motion and it was carried.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **The next scheduled Village Board Meeting will be held on August 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

Trustee LaPierre made a motion to go into Executive Session regarding personnel/contractual @ 8:40 pm. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to reconvene the regular board meeting at 10:07 pm. Trustee LaPierre seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall announced that the following motion was made in executive session.

Trustee Newvine made a motion for Gordon F. Ayen Jr. to continue as the Interim Police Chief and to petition St. Lawrence County Human Resource Department for another Police Chief Exam. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to install additional security cameras in and around the Municipal Building in the amount of \$1098.00. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to amend LL #2 of 1980 and LL #1 of 1999 page 1A #6 to add Code Enforcement Officer in the absence of the Village Administrator. Trustee Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to accept Lawn Mowing Bid from Tina Fifield for \$25 per hour, pending Insurance clarification for her to be added on the Certificate of Insurance. Trustee LaPierre seconded the motion and it was carried.

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

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VILLAGE CLERK