

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 17, 2015

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 November 17, 2015 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-excused
Trustee Shelly Simons-Washburn-excused

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

Mayor McDougall stated that he will be voting on all items of the agenda.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to approve the October 20th two public hearing meeting minutes and the regular board meeting minutes. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall presented Steve Moses a clock on behalf of the Mayor and Board of Trustees for his win on Big Brother #17.

County Legislator, Travis Dann gave an update to the Board and public.

New Business

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**Water Quality Improvement Projects and
Nonagricultural Nonpoint Source Projects
Municipal Resolution
November 17, 2015**

Resolution authorizing the items listed below pursuant to the Bond Acts enacted in 1965, 1972 and 1996 and the Environmental Protection Fund, as well as federal grant awards available for such projects.

WHEREAS, The Village of Gouverneur herein called the "Municipality", after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the problem and study of available data, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in its application and attachments, herein called the "Project", is desirable, is in the public interest, and is required in order to implement the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL") authorizes State assistance to municipalities for water quality improvement projects by means of a contract and the Municipality deems it to be in the public interest and benefit under this law to enter into a contract therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Village of Gouverneur

1. That Ronald P. McDougall, Mayor or such person's successor in office, is the representative authorized to act in behalf of the Municipality's governing body in all matters related to State assistance under ECL Articles 17, 51 and 56 and/or any applicable federal grant provisions. The representative is also authorized to make application, execute the State Assistance Contract, submit Project documentation, and otherwise act for the Municipality's governing body in all matters related to the Project and to State assistance;

2. That the Municipality agrees that it will fund its portion of the cost of the Project and that funds will be available to initiate the Project's field work within twelve (12) months of written approval of its application by the Department of Environmental Conservation;

3. That one (1) certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and sent to the Albany office of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

4. That this Resolution takes effect immediately.

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

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**HIGHWAY APPARATUS
RESERVE FUND
RESOLUTION
NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur has established several reserve funds over the years, and

WHEREAS, the cash balance in the reserve fund as of October 31, 2015, is \$36,837.34, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Board to authorize the expenditure of monies from reserve funds, and

WHEREAS, the Village needs to approve an expenditure for a 72” Snow Blower attachment for Bobcat Skidsteer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Gouverneur Board of Trustees that the expenditure from the Reserve Fund be approved not to exceed \$5,600.00

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

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**ADOPTING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL
ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur with assistance from Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., and St. Lawrence County, has gathered information and prepared the St. Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Village of Gouverneur has reviewed the Plan and affirms that, with the assistance of St. Lawrence County, the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Gouverneur adopts the St. Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

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

Trustee Newvine made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Remote Net Metering agreement with National Grid effective March 31, 2015 and to terminate the PPA No. 1797 agreement. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to table action on hiring a public works crewleader. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to keep Burnham Benefits Advisors as our Insurance representatives and to move to accept the Alternative 3 Excellus BCBS (high deductible plan) for Active Employees and Non Medicare-Eligible Retirees and to accept Alternative HUMANA plan for Medicare- Eligible Retirees to be effective January 1, 2016 and the Dental, Vision and Life Insurance plans will be revisited and changed if necessary during the first quarter of 2016. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion and it was carried.

It was discussed that the Village did not receive any quotes with regards to Sidewalk Snow removal for this winter season. It was noted to the Department of Public Works that they would be responsible on a complaint basis to remove the snow and the billing would be based on the employee rate of pay performing the work along with equipment expense and an administrative cost.

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

Trustee Lawrence made a motion authorize payment of the November 2015 audited bills in the amount of: General Fund – 331,274.73, Community Development Fund - \$109,108.67, Electric Fund - \$4,529.22, Water Fund - \$66,794.26, Sewer Fund - \$63,915.22 and Capital Projects - \$18,759.22. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following Announcements:

The Village Offices and Department of Public Works will be closed on Thursday, November 26, 2015 and Friday, November 27, 2015 in observance of Thanksgiving.

The First United Methodist Church of Gouverneur will be serving a free Community Wide Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26, 2015 starting at 12:00 p.m. To reserve take-outs, call 287-2440 by Monday, November 23, 2015.

Chamber Christmas Parade-December 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The Annual Board Meeting will be held on December 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

The next scheduled Regular Village Board Meeting will be held on December 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Effective November 15, 2015 thru April 15, 2016 there will be a parking ban on all village streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:14 p.m. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK