

REGULAR BOARD
OCTOBER 17, 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 October 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT:

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

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

Trustee Wood made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2017 regular board meeting Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Presentations:

Karen Bage – St. Lawrence County Health Initiative
Andrew Smith – Pinto Mucenski Hooper VanHouse & Co.
Ian Coryea – Burnham Benefit Advisors

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.

Trustee Newvine made a motion approve the closing off of Wall Street for Small Town Supply open house. Trustee Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to rescind the September 19, 2017 Filtration Plant Improvement Reserve Fund resolution. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

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**FILTRATION PLANT IMPROVEMENT
RESERVE FUND
RESOLUTION
OCTOBER 17, 2017**

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

WHEREAS, the cash balance in the reserve fund as of September 30, 2017 is \$125,064.98, 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 repairs to the Water Filtration Plant roof;

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 \$15,000.00

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

Trustee Newvine made a motion to accept Brayton Dusharm resignation effect October 5, 2017 with regret. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Wood made a motion to accept Terry Breckenridge resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective October 1, 2017. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to accept Kayla Absalon resignation effective October 17, 2017 with regret. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to authorize the Chief of Police to fill the vacant School Crossing Guard position. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to authorize the return of unpaid taxes to the County and to authorize the signing of the affidavit. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to approve the paving bid received from Barrett Paving for this year's paving project. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to authorize the signing of the SEQR Part II & III for the Rock Island and RT 58 Project. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**WATER DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENT
RESOLUTION
OCTOBER 18, 2017**

WHEREAS, the Village Board, as Lead Agency, determined that the proposed action, namely the improvements to the Village of Gouverneur Water Distribution System Improvements was an unlisted action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) and (c) of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and has caused the preparation of a long form environmental assessment from (EAF) resulting in the determination that the improvements of the Village of Gouverneur Water Distribution System Improvements (the proposed action) will not have any significant adverse impacts upon the environment (Negative Declaration) and therefore, that no environmental impact statement needed be prepared and the process required by SEQRA may be deemed complete;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Gouverneur hereby reaffirms the proposed action, namely the improvements to the Village of Gouverneur Water Distribution System Improvements will not directly result in any significant adverse impacts on the environment.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforementioned EAF and Negative Declaration are hereby reaffirmed and the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all appropriate documents in connection therewith.

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

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**WATER LINE EXTENSION
RESERVE FUND
RESOLUTION
OCTOBER 17, 2017**

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

WHEREAS, the cash balance in the reserve fund as of September 30, 2017, 2017 is \$34,821.77, 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 water line replacement on Parker Street in conjunction with the CSO project;

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 \$34,000.00

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

Trustee Simons-Washburn made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an authorization to proceed with preliminary services for the Water Distribution System Improvement project. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to authorize the advertising for Sidewalk Snow removal. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Simons-Washburn made a motion to promote Jason Scott to the full-time laborer effective October 18, 2017 with no increase in hourly rate and with the understanding that when he receives his commercial driver's license he will be promoted to Motor Equipment Operator. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to approve the quote received from RSI Roofing in the amount of \$14,250 for repairs to the Filtration Plant Roof. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Wood made motion to accept the EFC award for the Dorwin Street Connector Sewer in the amount of \$419,375. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion authorize payment of the June audited bills in the amount of: General Fund – \$98,826.36, Electric Fund - \$7,356.93, Water Fund - \$36,240.99, Sewer Fund - \$26,996.23, Capital Projects - \$746,738.89, and Trust Fund – 3,664.59 and UDAG - \$2,019.90. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following Announcements:

Halloween – Tuesday, October 31, 2017 – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Vote November 7th

The Village Office and Department of Public Works will be closed on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

The Village Office and Department of Public Works will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2017 in observance of Veterans Day.

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.

The next scheduled Village Board Meeting will be held on November 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Wood made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 9:33 p.m. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.



VILLAGE CLERK