

REGULAR BOARD
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 September 19, 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
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 August 15, 2017 regular board meeting and the August 22, 2017 Public Hearing and Special 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 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 to accept Larry Whitton's resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals with regret. Trustee Simons-Washburn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**FILTRATION PLANT IMPROVEMENT
RESERVE FUND
RESOLUTION
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 August 31, 2017 is \$124,969.70, 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 the replacement of the existing catwalk at the Water Filtration Plant;

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 \$20,000.00

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

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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 \$10,000.00

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

Trustee Simons-Washburn made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a one year lease agreement between the Village of Gouverneur Recreation Program and Patty Farley-Spilman for the use of the premises at 4 Trinity Ave. Trustee Newvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following resolution:

**NYS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

WHEREAS, federal and state grants are available through the NYS Community Development Block Grant Program to support local housing related activities which are undertaken by eligible municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur is eligible to apply for such funding; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that such funding should be used to support the local housing rehabilitation program; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Gouverneur will comply with fair housing requirements including displaying of posters, distribution of fair housing materials prepared by New York State, US department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the village. The village will also appoint and fair housing officer and make available their contact information.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT 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 Wood, seconded by Trustee Newvine and carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to appoint Michael McQuade as a fair housing officer and will post the information in the community including contact information for community residents, landlords, real estate professionals and lender to contact. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to authorize the CEO, Michael McQuade to proceed with the Court Order for 43-45 Spencer Street and to meet with the Village Attorney on the 22 Smith Street property. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Trustee Newvine made a motion to have Halloween/Trick-or-Treat on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Trustee Simons-Washburn 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 – \$82,205.56, Community Development - \$450.00, Electric Fund - \$6,378.86, Water Fund - \$24,279.53, Sewer Fund - \$34,325.32, Capital Projects - \$686,277.87, and Trust Fund – 3,388.00 and UDAG - \$49,432.50. Trustee Wood seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor McDougall read the following Announcements:

Pumpkin Fest at the Fairgrounds – September 30th & October 1st

The Village Offices and Department of Public Works will be closed on October 9, 2017 in observance of Columbus Day.

Local Government Conference at SUNY Potsdam-October 10, 2017

The next scheduled Regular Village Board Meeting will be held on October 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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


VILLAGE CLERK