

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Re-Organizational Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at the Burke Town Court House and Municipal Offices. Bill Wood, Supervisor of the Town of Burke called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll Call:

Supervisor:	Bill Wood
Councilman:	Tim Crippen
	Jim Otis
	Paddy Wheeler
	Eric Ashlaw
Supt. of Highways:	Larry LaPlante
Town Clerk:	Judy Tavernier
Bookkeeper:	Linda Trudell - Absent
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont

This Regular Meeting is being voice recorded by the Burke Town Clerk, Judy Tavernier

A motion to accept the December 10, 2024 minutes as read was made by Paddy Wheeler and seconded by Eric Ashlaw.

Roll Call: Tim - Abstain, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.

Minutes from the December 27, 2024 End of Year Meeting were typed from the voice recording of that date. These were approved on a motion by Tim Crippen and seconded by Paddy Wheeler.

Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Abstain, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Abstain, Bill - Aye. It was noted that the contract was for 1 year, not for 2 years as stated at the meeting.

No Public Comments were made.

New Business:

1. Oaths of Office were taken and signed by Tim Crippen - Deputy Town Supervisor, Jim Dumont - Code Enforcement Officer. Other appointees will be done at a later time.
2. Code of Ethics Agreements were signed by all officers present. Those not in attendance will be contacted for signatures.
3. All current policies were reviewed and approved on a motion by Jim Otis and seconded by Paddy Wheeler. Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye. Reminder that all employees are required to take Sexual Harassment Training annually.
4. **RESOLUTION #1-2025** A motion was made by Paddy Wheeler and seconded by Eric Ashlaw to pass a resolution to pay New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) bills before the regularly scheduled meetings to avoid acquiring late payment fees. Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
5. **RESOLUTION #2-2025** - A motion was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen to pass a resolution to pay Time Warner Cable/Spectrum bills before the regularly scheduled meetings to avoid acquiring late payment fees. Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
6. **RESOLUTION #3-2025** - Tim Crippen made a motion to enter into an agreement with the North Country Life Flight for emergency medical services. Jim Otis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
7. **RESOLUTION #4-2025** - Eric Ashlaw made the motion to implement the Board Resolution and paperwork for the USDA loan for the snow plow truck. Paddy Wheeler seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.

8. Jim Otis made the motion to sign the contract with Burke Volunteer Fire Department and pay in February. Tim Crippen seconded the motion.
 Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
9. Tim Crippen made the motion to sign the Burke Adult Center contract. Paddy Wheeler seconded this motion.
 Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
10. Town Appointments for 2025 were approved on a motion by Eric Ashlaw and seconded by Paddy Wheeler.
 Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
11. Progress has started on the Annual Finance Report with BOCES.
12. The NYS DOT emergency shared service agreement has been sent to Pat Maguire for review. Tim Crippen motioned to sign if approved. Eric Ashlaw seconded.
 Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
13. Barton & Loguidice have submitted a proposal for the Thayers Corner Water District project. New cost is \$14,100 for the study.
14. Association of Towns training is being offered.
 Annual meeting will be February 18, 2025.
15. Justice Court Audit will be done by Paddy Wheeler and Tim Crippen. Date to be determined.
16. A request has been received to place a historical marker for Helena Smith-Dayton, the first woman to make an animated movie. Paddy Wheeler made the motion to allow this marker as long as all expenses, background work, and labor do not have to be done by the town. Tim Crippen seconded. Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
17. NYMIR Risk Assessment outlined 1 concern regarding the fence at Sellars Field. Paddy Wheeler and Eric Ashlaw agreed to handle this in the spring.
18. Foothills Ambulance has submitted a request for an annual review versus a complete audit this year. Paddy Wheeler made the motion for approval to sign. Eric Ashlaw seconded this motion.
 Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Abstain, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
19. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 10 a.m. regarding EMS and concerns for Malone and area.

Old Business:

1. The Terra Gen Escrow payment has been received.
2. Tim Crippen made the motion for approval to sign the Dog Control Officer agreement. Jim Otis seconded the motion.
 Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.

No Highway Committee report.

Highway Superintendent Report: Larry has been out of work due to illness. The crew has been doing well during his absence. Snowplow trucks have had various repairs including hydraulic lines, spinner line, and headlights. Air compressor needs new capacitor. New 2025 Ford F-250 pickup has been received.

The Code Officer reported no income.

Financial Reports: A motion was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Eric Ashlaw to accept the Financial Report.

Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.

Bank Reconciliation Report: Paddy Wheeler motioned to accept the Bank Reconciliation Report. Eric Ashlaw seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.

Eric Ashlaw made the motion to accept the Town Clerk Reconciliation Report. Jim Otis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 7:53 P.M. was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen.
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Tavernier, Town Clerk
Recorded by, Judy Tavernier, Town Clerk

Attachments:

- Resolution #1-2025 – NYSEG Early Payment
- Resolution #2-2025 – Time Warner Spectrum Early Payment
- Resolution #3-2025 – North Country Life Flight Agreement
- Resolution #4-2025 – Bond Resolution for USDA Loan

RESOLUTION #1-2025

The Town Board of the Town of Burke, County of Franklin, and State of New York having met in a Re-organizational meeting at the Burke Town Courthouse in the Town of Burke on the 14th day of January at 6:00 P.M. in the year 2025.

The following resolution was moved, seconded and passed.

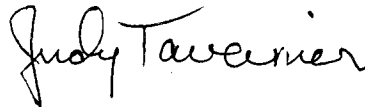
The motion was made by Paddy Wheeler and seconded by Eric Ashlaw.
Roll Call: Tim aye, Jim aye, Paddy aye, Eric - aye and Bill aye.

WHEREAS: The Town of Burke is determined to pay all bills incurred in a timely manner with no penalty for late payment.

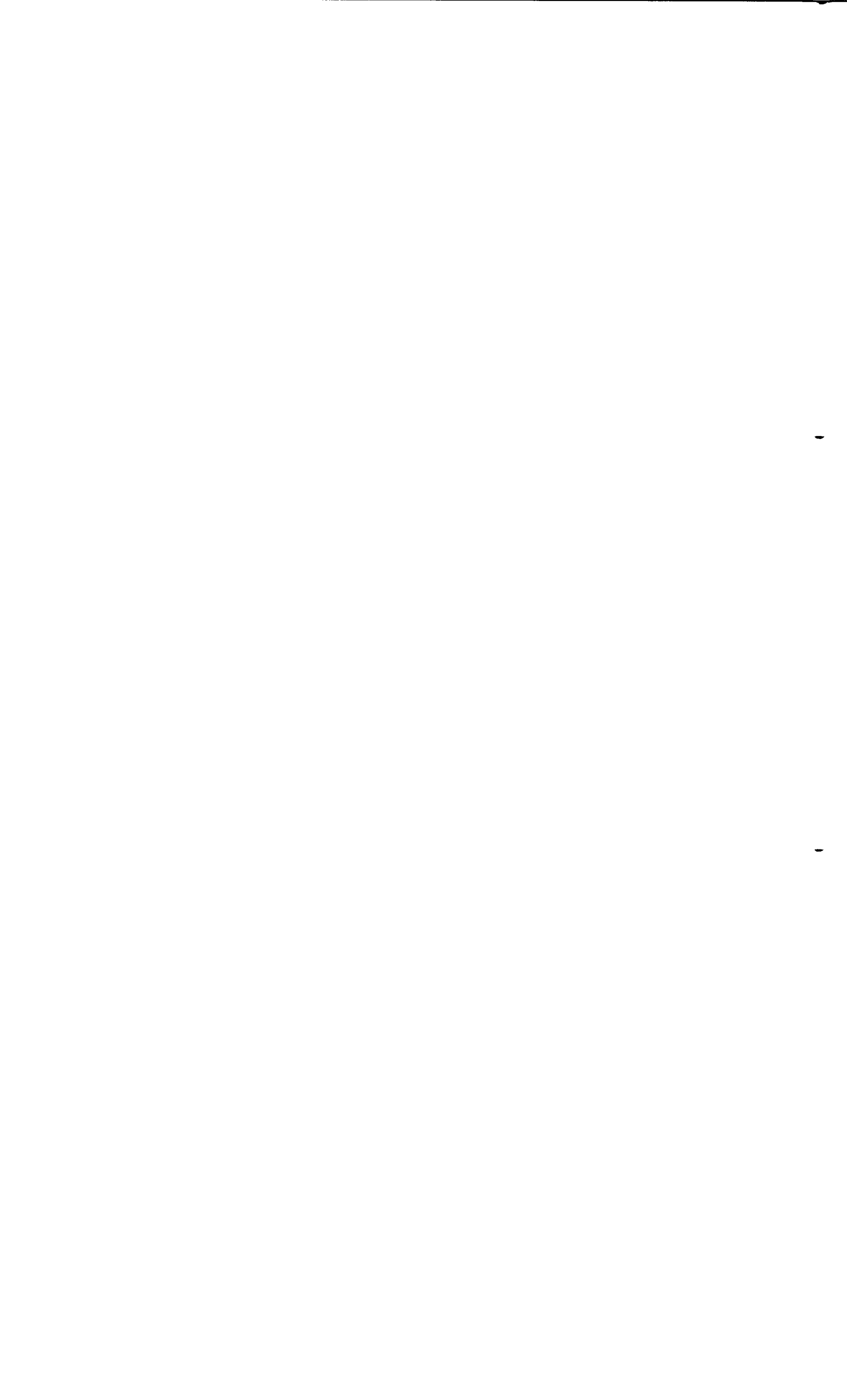
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: The Town of Burke will pay New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) bills before regularly scheduled meetings to avoid acquiring late payment fees.

I, JUDY TAVERNIER, TOWN CLERK OF BURKE, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BURKE TOWN BOARD ON THE 14TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025, AND THAT THE SAME IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD IN MY OFFICE AND OF THE WHOLE THEREOF.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
HAVE SET MY HAND AND
SEAL THIS 14TH DAY OF
JANUARY 2025.



JUDY TAVERNIER
BURKE TOWN CLERK



RESOLUTION #2 - 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Burke, County of Franklin, and State of New York having met in a Re-organizational meeting at the Burke Town Courthouse in the Town of Burke on the 14th day of January at 6:00 P.M. in the year 2025.

The following resolution was moved, seconded and passed.

The motion was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen.

Roll Call: Tim aye, Jim aye, Paddy aye, Eric – aye, and Bill aye.

WHEREAS: The Town of Burke is determined to pay all bills incurred in a timely manner with no penalty for late payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: The Town of Burke will pay Time Warner Cable/ Spectrum bills regularly scheduled meetings to avoid acquiring late payment fees.

I, JUDY TAVERNIER, TOWN CLERK OF BURKE, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BURKE TOWN BOARD ON THE 14TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025, AND THAT THE SAME IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD IN MY OFFICE AND OF THE WHOLE THEREOF.

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BURKE TOWN CLERK



RESOLUTION #3 - 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Burke, County of Franklin, and State of New York having met in a Re-organizational meeting at the Burke Town Courthouse in the Town of Burke on the 14th day of January at 6:00 P.M. in the year 2025.

The following resolution was moved, seconded and passed.
The motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis.
Roll Call: Tim aye, Jim aye, Paddy aye, Eric – aye, and Bill aye.

WHEREAS: North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation which is responsible for all aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training medical personnel and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake; and

WHEREAS: The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton and St. Lawrence Counties receive a vital emergency medical service which is free of charge to critically ill and seriously injured patients, and, therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Burke hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medevac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$350.00 which represents the Town's share for 2025; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of \$350.00 is hereby appropriated to Account A4540.4 for payment to North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc.

I, JUDY TAVERNIER, TOWN CLERK OF BURKE, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BURKE TOWN BOARD ON THE 14TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025, AND THAT THE SAME IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD IN MY OFFICE AND OF THE WHOLE THEREOF.

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JUDY TAVERNIER
BURKE TOWN CLERK



BOND RESOLUTION DATED January 14, 20 25, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE THEREOF AND/OR STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BONDS AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE THEREOF, OF THE TOWN OF BURKE, NEW YORK, IN THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND PURSUANT TO THE TOWN LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COST OF PURCHASING ONE 2026 VOLVO SNOWPLOW TRUCK FOR THE TOWN OF BURKE, NEW YORK, AT A TOTAL PROJECT COST NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$300,000.00).

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Burke, County of Franklin, New York, has heretofore at this meeting adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance of obligations of the Town of Burke, New York, in the County of Franklin, in the sum not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$300,000.00) for the purpose of financing the cost of purchasing one 2026 Volvo Snowplow Truck for the Town of Burke, New York, at a total project cost not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$300,000.00); and

WHEREAS, no other outstanding obligations of the Town of Burke, New York, have been previously issued by the Township for or with respect to such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Burke, New York, now desires to provide for the issuance of obligations of the Town of Burke, New York, and it now desires to provide for other matters with respect to such purpose;

BE IT, THIS 14 day of January, 20 25

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Burke, County of Franklin, New York, as follows:

Section #1. The Town of Burke, in the County of Franklin, New York, shall issue its serial bonds or statutory installment bonds of the aggregate principal amount not to exceed Three

Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$300,000.00) , and notes in the anticipation of the issuance thereof, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York, in order to finance the specific purpose hereinafter described.

Section #2. The specific purpose to be financed pursuant to this resolution is: financing the cost of acquisition of one new 2026 Volvo Snowplow Truck for the Town of Burke, New York, at a total project cost not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$300,000.00).

Section #3. It is hereby stated that the maximum cost of said purpose as estimated by the Town Board is Three Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$300,000.00) and no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose except as herein indicated. The Town Board plans to finance the cost of said purpose entirely from funds raised from the issuance of such serial bonds or statutory installment bonds and notes issued in anticipation of the issuance thereof and from grants specific to the purpose. The Town of Burke in the County of Franklin, State of New York, shall reimburse the Town's General Fund from the proceeds of the debt obligations of the Town hereby authorized to be issued for monies expended from said General Fund, if any, for and with respect to said purpose.

Section #4. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York and that the probable useful life of said purpose is fifteen (15) years. The final redemption date of said bond to be issued will not extend beyond fifteen (15) years from the date of their initial issuance. It is hereby further determined, pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 32.00(5) that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds and/or statutory installment bonds herein authorized will exceed five (5) years.

Section #5. Subject to the terms and conditions of this resolution, and the Local Finance Law of the State of New York, the power to authorize Bond Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the issuance of the Serial Bonds or Statutory Installment Bonds authorized by this

resolution and the renewal of said notes and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of such Serial Bonds or Statutory Installment Bonds and of such Bond Anticipation Notes and the power to sell and to deliver such Serial Bonds or Statutory Installment Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such Serial Bonds or Statutory Installment Bonds is hereby delegated to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town of Burke, County of Franklin and State of New York. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town of Burke is hereby authorized to sign any Serial Bonds or Statutory Installment Bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and any Bond Anticipation Notes and renewals thereof issued in anticipation of the issuance of said Serial Bonds or Statutory Installment Bonds and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of the Town of Burke, New York, to any Serial Bonds or Statutory Installment Bonds and any Bond Anticipation Note and renewals thereof and to attest such seal. Each interest coupon representing interest payable on such Serial Bonds shall be authenticated by the facsimile signature of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town of Burke, New York. Further, pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 21.00 (d), the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town of Burke, New York, is hereby authorized to determine whether or not the Serial Bonds and/or Statutory Installment Bonds hereby authorized to be issued will provide for substantially level or declining annual debt service.

Section #6. The faith and credit of the Town of Burke, New York, is hereby pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Serial Bonds or Statutory Installment bonds and any Bond Anticipation Notes and renewals thereof issued in anticipation of the issuance of such Serial Bonds or Statutory Installment Bonds.

Section #7. This resolution shall be published in full by the Town Clerk of the Town of Burke, County of Franklin, State of New York, together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York. The validity of the Serial Bonds or Statutory Installment Bonds and of any Bond Anticipation Notes

and renewals thereof issued in anticipation of the issuance of such Serial Bonds or such Statutory Installment Bonds issued hereunder may be contested only if:

A. Such obligation is authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or

B. If the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of such resolution were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or

C. Such obligation is authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section #8. These Serial Bonds and/or Statutory Installments Bonds and Notes issued in anticipation thereof are hereby designated a “qualified tax-exempt obligation” pursuant to Section 902(b)(3)(B) of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (Section 265(b)3 of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to the deduction of the costs of purchasing or carrying the Note by banks and financial institutions). The Town of Burke reasonably anticipates and hereby agrees that it will not issue “qualified tax-exempt obligations” in excess of ten million and no/100 dollars (\$10,000,000.00) during the calendar years of 2025 or 2026. The Town of Burke further certifies that the sum of the principal amount of the Serial Bonds and/or Statutory Installment Bonds and Notes and renewals thereof issued in anticipation thereof and the principal amount of any other “qualified tax-exempt obligations” hereby issued by the Town of Burke, New York, during 2025 or 2026 for the purpose of Section 902(b)(3)(B) of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (Section 265(b)3 of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to the deduction of the costs of purchasing or carrying the Note by banks and financial institutions) does not exceed ten million and no/100 dollars (\$10,000,000.00).

