

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
February 11, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on February 11, 2025 at the Burke Town Court House.

Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Roll Call:

Town Supervisor:	Bill Wood	
Councilman:	Tim Crippen	
	Jim Otis	
	Paddy Wheeler	
	Eric Ashlaw	
Supt. of Highways:	Larry LaPlante - Absent	
Town Clerk:	Judy Tavernier	
Bookkeeper:	Linda Trudell	
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont - Absent	
Guest Speakers:	Patrick Maquire	One Group
	Jessica Burdash	One Group
	Mary Moore	

This Regular Meeting is being voice recorded by the Burke Town Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

There were no public comments at this time.

Minutes from the January 14, 2025 Re-organizational meeting were read and accepted on a motion by Tim Crippen and seconded by Paddy Wheeler.

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

New Business:

1. No other bids were received for insurance coverage however Pat Maquire and Jessica Breyette from One Group were present and had proposals from two (2) companies. Of these NYMIR was cheaper. They outlined the changes to the proposed insurance policy and the increase of 7.62% for the year. Total premium will be \$34,070.61.
2. The Municipal Snow & Ice Agreement with NYS DOT has been approved and signed.
3. Proposed contract with BOCES for monthly financial assistance and annual filing of Financial Report to NYS was discussed. On a motion by Tim Crippen and seconded by Eric Ashlaw was approved to sign.  
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Abstain, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
4. Paddy Wheeler made the motion to sign the proposed agreement with Barton & Loguidice to conduct a preliminary engineering report for the Thayers Corner Water District. Jim Otis seconded the motion.  
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
5. Tammy Spinner, Tax Collector, requested permission to limit payments for taxes in 2026 to check or money, <sup>or cash</sup> NO cash due to the safety and security concerns. She also requested that no hours be set for the year 2026. Tim Crippen made the motion to agree to these requests. Paddy Wheeler seconded.  
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
6. The signed agreement with James McHugh for dog control officer was received. Eric Ashlaw made the motion to accept and sign the agreement with the Bangor Dog Shelter for 2025. Tim Crippen seconded the motion.  
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.

7. The agreement with the Burke Adult Center has been signed for the year 2025.
8. The 2025 contract with Diane Walfield to be Health Officer for the Town was signed on a motion by Paddy Wheeler and seconded by Jim Otis.  
 Roll Call: Tim - Aye; Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
9. Eric Ashlaw made the motion to accept the Third Party Collateral Agreement. Jim Otis seconded this motion.  
 Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
10. Mowing Contract Bid process will begin with the same requirements as previous year. Bids will be due by March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
11. A letter of resignation was received from Linda Trudell, Finance Officer as of March 31, 2025. Tim Crippen made the motion to accept with regret and thanks for her many years of service. Paddy Wheeler seconded.  
 Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.  
 This vacancy will be posted in the Malone Telegram, Free Trader, and on the website with applications due by March 3<sup>rd</sup>, planning for interviews on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
12. Eric Ashlaw volunteered to create and manage a Facebook page for the Town.
13. Robert Ball, Tax Assessor advised us that assessment will increase by 4% but is already covered for this year. He will do reassessment next year for the 2027 taxes.

Old Business:

1. ARPA unspent balance is approximately \$15,984. , ~~Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye~~. ARPA report is due by March 31, 2025 and all funds must be obligated. Bids will be requested to paint the Town Garage. Eric Ashlaw will repair fence at Sellars Field in the spring as recommended by the insurance inspection done last fall. Town Clerk also needs file cabinets for the record room.
2. Date for Justice Court Audit is still to be set.

Code Officer Report - Not available.

Highway Committee Report - None at this time.

Highway Superintendent Report: Keeping up with the roads and pushing banks back with grader and loader. Fixed wing arm and right rear rim on 2009 Mack. Repaired hydraulic valve for deck chain power, steering line and rim wing arm knuckle on 2004 Mack. Replaced O-ring and v-clamp air intake on 2021 Volvo.

Financial Reports were reviewed. Paddy Wheeler made the motion to accept the Financial Reports. Eric Ashlaw seconded.

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

It was noted that the St. Lawrence Gas PILOT ends this year.

Bank Reconciliation - Not received yet.

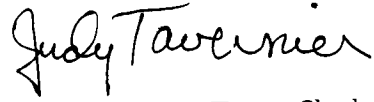
Public Comments:

Mary Moore voiced a complaint regarding the snow banks at the end of the Finney Road. Banks are making it hard to see in both directions at the intersection. Land owner is contributing to problem by blocking the west side of the road. Supervisor advised her that her concern would be addressed with the highway department.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:21 P.M. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis.  
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Eill - Aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Tavernier, Town Clerk

Attachments: None

