

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on April 9, 2024 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Town 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 - absent

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 March 12, 2024 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. John Carr was not present.
2. Request has been received from the Women's Softball League for use of Sellars Field. Little League also uses the field for their games. Eric Ashlaw made the motion to approve the request with Little League having priority. Jim Otis seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
3. Larry LaPlante and Eric Ashlaw will check Sellars Field for any necessary repairs.
4. Nicole Waibel from Clean Energy Program has asked us to advertise and encourage residents to sign up for their electricity program. It was determined that the town will not advertise and/or encourage residents to participate in this program.
5. Judy Tavernier asked about installing a motion light at the entrance for the Town Hall. Jim Otis made the motion to have Dale Parmeter install the light. Paddy Wheeler seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
6. The Burke website is down again. Judy Tavernier will look into an alternative company to build/maintain it. Tim Crippen made a motion that we talk to CST Computers about this. Eric Ashlaw seconded.
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.

Old Business:

1. Bids for the safe were opened. Only one bid was received. Jim Otis submitted a bid for \$105.50. Eric Ashlaw made the motion to accept the bid. Paddy Wheeler seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Abstain, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
2. Judy is currently working on the ARPA Report which is due on 4/30/2024.

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3. The Annual Financial Report is currently at RJ Accounting for completion. Alternative plans for next year were discussed.
4. Town Justice Court Audit has been completed. Tim Crippen made the motion to accept the audit. Paddy Wheeler seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.
5. Mowing contract has been signed by JRL and proof of insurance has been received.
6. Insurance check has been received for reimbursement of pole repair by Dow Electric. Voucher will be paid tonight.

Code Officer Report – It was decided to table the Code Officers report since there were some questions regarding report.

No Highway Committee Report but it was noted that the application for USDA funding for a new plow truck is in the works and the Teamsters Contract is due for renewal this year.

Highway Superintendent Report: Request for funding for road repair was approved on a motion by Tim Crippen and seconded by Paddy Wheeler.

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

Hopefully done with snow plowing for the year. Doing cold patching on Trout River Road and Callahan Road. '09 Mack speedsensor is not working and will be out 2 weeks for repair. Dozer – Broken spring, bolt, valves, seals, gasket, and seals. Should be done tomorrow. Front end on Larry's pickup needed new bearings and ball joints. Sander & plow for truck are in the garage. Received one quote of \$35,000 for the lean-to.

Bill Wood stated that work on the large solar project is expected to begin by Fall 2025. Project is on hold until contract is signed.

Furnace was down – motor issues again.

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.

Bank Reconciliation is not available at this time. Came in the mail today.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 7:47 P.M. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Paddy Wheeler. Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tavernier, Town Clerk