

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 8, 2024

A public hearing and the regular board meeting were held October 8, 2024 at the Burke Town Court House.

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
 Code Officer: Jim Dumont
 Guests: Jamie O'Dell

Supervisor Bill Wood called the public hearing regarding exceeding the Tax Cap to order at 6:04 p.m. There were no public comments. The hearing adjourned at 6:05 p.m. on a motion by Tim Crippen and seconded by Paddy Wheeler.

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

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held immediately following the public hearing. This Regular Meeting is being voice recorded by the Burke Town Clerk, Judy Tavernier. Supervisor Bill Wood called the regular meeting of the Burke Town Board to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No Public Comments.

Minutes of the September 17, 2024 meeting were read and on a motion by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis were accepted as corrected.

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

Old Business:

A. A public hearing having been held prior to this Town Board meeting with no public comments. Eric Ashlaw made the motion for **RESOLUTION # 10** for Local Law 1-2024 to Override the Tax Cap Levy. Jim Otis seconded this motion.

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

New Business:

A. D. Jeror, Foothills Ambulance, and Burke Fire Department were not present. It was noted that Foothills Ambulance is seeking a 3% increase over last year. A letter was read from the Burke Fire Department also asking for a 3% increase. The tentative budget was briefly discussed in regards to these requests.

B. Jamie O'Dell outlined the contract and costs for BOCES. Tim Crippen made the motion to accept and sign the contract for this year. Eric Ashlaw seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Abstain, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.

C. Discussed NYS Snow & Ice Contract. Larry to call to find out why it is \$2,000 less this year. Table further discussion until November.

D. Board decided to continue to try to negotiate. Jim Otis made the motion to accept for 2025. Eric Ashlaw seconded.

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

E. Reminder there will be a budget work session on October 15th at 6:00 p.m. It was decided that we will give the justice clerk ~~the full amount budgeted~~ \$17.00 per hour for this year. Next year will be discussed at the budget workshop.

F. November meeting will be held November 7th at 6:00 p.m. following a public hearing on the preliminary budget.

G. Justice Court Grant application for \$30,000 to update air conditioning will be submitted on a motion for **RESOLUTION #11-2024** made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis.

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

H. Proposed Terra-Gen Escrow Agreement was reviewed. Address is incorrect for the town and needs to be corrected. Tim Crippen made the motion **RESOLUTION # 12** to sign the proposed agreement with corrections. Jim Otis seconded.

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

I. Discussed increased electrical usage at Sellars Field. It was decided to turn the breaker off and research cause of increase.

J. New lights will be installed at the courthouse. Cost will be \$2,582 but will be reimbursed on a grant.

Code Officers Report – Nothing to report.

No Highway committee report.

Highway Superintendent Report – Pouring concrete tomorrow for addition. Put calcium on Constable-Burke Townline Road for dust. Spencer Road is being cut back as requested by townspeople. Hauling sand & gravel to prepare for winter. 2024 Ford truck is not available so will be getting a 2025 instead but it will be cheaper.

Financial Report – Tim Crippen made a motion for **RESOLUTION # 13-2024** to transfer funds from the Highway High Interest Account to cover bills. Paddy seconded the motion.

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

Jim Otis made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Paddy Wheeler seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.

Jim Otis made the motion for **RESOLUTION # 14-2024** to transfer the ARPA funds to the Checking Account for this year's budget. Paddy Wheeler seconded.

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

Bank Reconciliation report: Report was accepted on a motion by Paddy Wheeler and seconded by Eric Ashlaw.

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

No Public Comments.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Eric Ashlaw. Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Attachment:

Resolution # 10-2023 – Local Law 1 to Exceed Tax Cap

Resolution # 11-2023 – Town Justice Court Grant

Resolution # 12-2023 – Sign North Country Wind Escrow Agreement

Resolution # 13-2023 – Transfer Funds from Highway Savings to Highway

Resolution # 14-2023 – Transfer Funds from ARPA to Checking