

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 9, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on February 9, 2016 at the Burke Town Court House. Deputy Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 6:57 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll Call:

Councilman:	Arnold Lobdell
	Bill Wood
	Jim Otis
	Tim Crippen
Supervisor:	David Vincent, absent
Supt. of Highways:	Tom Russell, arrived 7:15 P.M.
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing
Bookkeeper:	Judy Dumont
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont

A motion to accept the January 12, 2016 minutes as read was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent.

New Business:

1. The contract between the Franklin County Board of Elections and the Town of Burke to use the Burke Town Courthouse as the Town of Burke's polling facility for the upcoming 2016 elections was signed.
2. Susan Tobias, from the Press-Republican, thanked the Board for supplying Board minutes to the paper.
3. A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen to allow Justice Dunlavy to use Justice Grant funds to purchase a new desk. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent.
4. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis to allow Councilman Arnold Lobdell permission to contact Franklin County Legislature Chairman Bill Jones regarding St. Lawrence Gas's failure to provide Emergency Response Training for Burke Fire and EMS responders as well as Burke Highway Personnel in case of a Natural Gas related event as per Burke Resolution #25 of 2009 dated December 29, 2009. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent. Councilman Lobdell also noted that St. Lawrence Gas's 24 hour Emergency numbers are all for St. Lawrence County and none are for Franklin County.
5. Resolution #8-2016 - A motion was made to pass a resolution by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis to support the Burke Volunteer Fire Department's construction of a new addition to keep all equipment inside under cover. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent.
6. Resolution #9-2016 - A motion was made to pass a resolution by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to adopt the Franklin County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent.
7. Resolution #10-2016 - A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis to pass a resolution to authorize the Town of Burke to extend the Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement with the Department of Transportation of the State of New York for 2017 - 2018. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent. Adjustments will be made if the Highway Department workers get raises due to changes in the Minimum Wage Law.

Highway Supervisors Report:

1. The Town of Chateaugay has raised some concerns about the safety of the bucket truck purchased jointly by the Towns of Chateaugay, Constable and Burke. Robert Blaisdell, with Wright Insurance, has contacted Pat McGuire, our NYMIR Insurance representative, and has recommended that the bucket truck receive vehicle and lift (structural, mechanical and functional) tests by an outside agency/company to confirm the vehicle and lift are in safe working order. Additional training for all users should be completed and documented. The closest company to inspect this model bucket truck, which at 50 feet must be inspected as a crane, is in Pennsylvania. They will charge \$700.00 to mobilize, \$1.50 per mile mileage to travel and a minimum of \$1,000.00 to perform the required inspection. Highway Superintendent, Tom Russell, is looking into the issues and will update the Board at the next meeting.

Councilmember Tim Crippen inquired about having a referendum placed on this year's election ballot for a vote by Burke Citizen's on their desire to change the Elected Highway

Superintendent's position to an appointed position. The Board will take this issue to Nathan Race, Town Attorney, for his input.

Old Business:

1. Donald Johnston, representing the Burke Adult Center, has stated that the Burke Adult Center does not wish to use the Burke Town Courthouse Garage Bay this year.
2. John Carr will look at new heating system requirements needed by the Burke Town Courthouse so Justice Grant funding can be used utilized. He will look into various options that can be used. The Justice Grant Funds must be used within 180 days of receipt of the check. The check was received January 27, 2016.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

The Code Officer collected no fees for the month of January. A motion to accept the January 2016 Code Officers Report was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David, absent.

A motion to accept the January 2016 Financial Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David, absent.

Resolution #11-2016 - A motion to pass a resolution to adopt General Fund Budget Amendment #1 was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent. \$15,000.00 was appropriated from Account#A909 Fund Balance and \$15,000.00 was deposited into Account #A1110.41 Justice Grant.

No Public Comments were made.

Ads will be placed in the Malone Telegram and Free Trader to solicit a contractor to mow Burke Town parks and cemeteries.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:17 P.M. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk



Recorded by, Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk