

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2015

The Regular meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on February 10, 2015 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor David Vincent declared the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll Call:

Councilman:	Arnold Lobdell Bill Wood, arrived at 7:36 P.M. Jim Otis Tim Crippen
Supervisor:	David Vincent
Supt. of Highways:	Tom Russell
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing
Bookkeeper:	Judy Dumont
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont

A motion to accept the January 6, 2015 minutes as read was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill absent, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

Resolution #5 -2015 - 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 2016 - 2017. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill absent, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

Highway Committee:

The Highway Committee met and discussed the pros and cons of a Ford F250 verses a Ford F350 truck. The F250 was determined to be the best vehicle for Highway Department. February 27, 2015 is the last day to order a 2015 model truck. The remaining CHIPS funding balance is \$21,951.00. Additional funding needed for a pickup truck would be taken out of Account# DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment.

A motion to purchase a 2015 Ford F250 pick-up truck with an extended warranty for the Highway Department was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David nay. The motion passed.

A Burke Village Resident complained to Councilman Tim Crippen that snow that was plowed by the Highway Department trucks was left in his yard. Tom Russell assured Councilman Crippen that the Highway Department makes every effort to keep the snow out of resident's yards.

The Village of Burke sent a letter dated February 4, 2015 requesting that the Highway Department help keep fire hydrants cleaned out as part of our shared service agreement. Tom assured the Board that the Highway Department tries to clean out hydrants in a timely manner but he stated that he needs the water superintendent present to ensure that the hydrants do not get damaged.

A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Bill Wood to set the Highway Superintendent's 2015 salary at \$42,500.00 as per the amount budgeted in 2015 Burke Final Budget. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

David Vincent, Town Superintendent, requested a Highway Department inventory. Tom said he sent the insurance company the inventory and will get a copy for the Supervisor.

Tom Russell reported that Unifirst Corporation, the service that supplies Tom's uniforms, Garage and Courthouse rugs and paper towels charges a \$7.00 service charge for each stop in addition to goods purchased. The existing contract runs until the end of March 2015. Tom and Councilman Lobdell will see if they can find a service that is cheaper so we can cancel the Unifirst contract.

Councilman Arnold Lobdell met with Bookkeeper Judy Dumont to review financial paperwork. Arnold noted that the paperwork is very complicated but as far as he could tell is in good shape. Judy stated that she would like to computerize the Town's financial paperwork. The Board agreed that this was a good idea and gave Judy permission to pursue the matter.

Councilman Bill Wood attended a wind tower meeting in Chateaugay, NY prior to coming to the Burke Board meeting tonight. He reported that EBT Renewable's Jericho Rise project in

Chateaugay is resuming with towers scheduled to be in operation by 2017. He proposed that the Town of Burke work on getting a plan in place in case a wind power company approaches Burke. David Vincent will consult Burke's Attorney, Nathan Race, on how to proceed and if the Town of Burke can have a Wind Power Law in place if a Wind Power Company approaches Burke in the future.

The Board decided to put ads in the papers requesting quotes for mowing cemeteries, parks and municipal grounds for a 3 to 5 year period. Quotes will be opened at the March 10, 2015 meeting.

GYMO submitted a letter dated December 22, 2014 outlining their proposed fees for air monitoring and variance work for the Asbestos Removal Project at the Old Town Hall. The Board would like to look into fees proposed by other contractors. Bub's Enterprises and Lashomb will be contacted for fee proposals.

The Code Officer received \$10.00 for the month of January. A motion to accept the January 2015 Code Officer's Report was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

The tax warrant for the Town of Burke has been satisfied and Bertha Leavitt, Burke Tax Collector is currently accepting taxes to satisfy the Franklin County portion of the tax warrant.

A motion to accept the January 2015 Financial Report was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

Resolution #31-2014 - A motion to pass a resolution to adopt Highway Fund Budget Amendment #17 was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye. \$2,041.00 was appropriated from Account#DA909 Fund Balance and \$2,041.00 was deposited into Account #DB630 Interfund Loan.

No public comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:52 P.M. was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk



Recorded by, Elizabeth A. Downing