

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on February 14, 2017 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor David Vincent declared the meeting to order at 7:01 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
Supt. of Highways:	Tom Russell
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing
Bookkeeper:	Judy Dumont
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont

The appointed Bookkeeper's pay will be raised by \$500.00 during 2017. A motion to accept the corrected January 3, 2017 minutes was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Jim Otis. Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

The Highway Deputy Superintendent's pay was returned to an additional \$0.50 per hour instead of \$500.00 per year due to a question raised by the Teamsters Union which represents the Highway Department Employees. A motion to accept the corrected January 17, 2017 minutes was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

New Business:

1. Dan Boyd and Derrick Tracy from Renewable Energy Systems (RES) spoke to the Burke Board and Burke citizens about interest from their company installing wind towers in the Town of Burke.
2. Highway Superintendent, Tom Russell, and Councilman Jim Otis traveled to Kirkland, New York to test drive a Volvo plow truck with Volvo's I shift automatic transmission. Both were very impressed with the truck and stated that Kirkland has terrain that is much hillier than Burke and these trucks have performed extremely well. After discussing the merits of all the quotes for a new plow truck for Burke, a motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen to purchase the 2018 Volvo plow truck package offered by Beam Mack of Watertown, NY and to place the 1995 Ford plow truck up for sale. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Bill aye, Jim aye and David aye.
3. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Bill Wood to accept the quote submitted by Hulbert Brothers in Malone, New York for \$4,559.55 for purchase of the materials needed for the Burke Courthouse's new propane boiler installation. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Bill aye, Jim aye and David aye. Hulbert Brothers quote was \$189.38 more than VP Supply/AIRD Dorrance of Plattsburgh, New York but Hulbert Brother's is a local company.
4. A motion was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to accept the quote submitted by Arnold Oil, Inc. of Malone, New York to install the Courthouse propane boiler system for \$5,600.00. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Bill aye, Jim aye and David aye.
5. A request for bids to mow Burke Town Parks, Cemeteries and Municipal Grounds will be placed in the Malone Telegram and will be opened at the next meeting.
6. A letter of resignation dated February 8, 2017 was received from Judge John Dunlavey. Judge Dunlavey will resign on April 1, 2017 due to medical problems.
7. The Board thanked Councilman Jim Otis for his work coordinating the Courthouse Heating system purchase and installation and work done with Tom Russell to research new plow trucks.

Highway Committee Report:

1. Tom Russell, Burke Highway Superintendent, Jason Lawrence, Deputy Highway Superintendent and Councilmember, Arnold Lobdell met with Burke citizen, Debra Smith at her home to discuss problems she has had with snow plowing at her property. An agreement was reached that that was acceptable for all parties.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

1. The Highway Department had problems earlier in the month plowing Griffin Road due to the Amish buggy's parked on the road.
2. Tim Crippen asked if we needed to put pure salt on the Burke Road. Tom Russell said the salt was needed to melt the ice buildup.
3. Robert Perham was working at the Highway Department to fill in due to a shortage of Highway Personnel. He decided to leave the position after 2 days. A motion was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Jim Otis to pay Robert Perham his full pre-retirement pay scale

for the 2 days that he worked. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Bill aye, Jim aye and David aye.

4. Tom Russell will put a Help Wanted ad in the paper to advertise for the Highway Personnel position that is open. The ad will request that the new employee possess a CDL.

The Code Officer collected \$0.00 for the month of January. A motion to accept the January 2017 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 aye.

A motion to accept the January 2017 Financial Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David, aye.

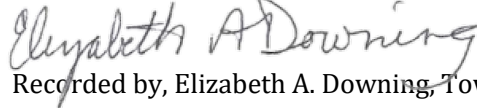
No Public comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis to prorate the yearly clothing allowance payment for Highway Employee, Bradley Spinner, who is terminating employment this month with the Burke Highway Department. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

A motion to adjourn at 9:07 P.M. was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Tim Crippen. 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, Town Clerk