

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
March 10, 2015

The Regular meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on March 10, 2015 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor David Vincent declared the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll Call:

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

The Highway Department personnel try to keep snow out of Burke residents yards if possible but keeping the roadways clear during snow storms is their first priority. A motion to accept the corrected February 10, 2015 minutes was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill abstain, Tim aye, Jim absent and David aye.

There was no New Business.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Superintendents Report:

Tom Russell reported that Unifirst Corporation charges a \$7.00 service charge for each stop in addition to goods purchased but \$3.50 of that charge is a state mandated environmental charge. Tom said all such suppliers will have the stop charges. Unifirst has agreed to reduce this rate to \$4.50 per stop. Tom recommended we stay with Unifirst. The Board agreed that it is best to stay with Unifirst.

Bill Jones, Chairman of the Franklin County Legislature, said the St. Lawrence Gas Project is continuing and hopefully will be completed soon. He also reported that Donna Kissane, the new Franklin County Manager has taken office and Bill would like to introduce her to the Board at a future meeting.

Pat McGuire, our NYMIR insurance representative, reviewed the 2015-2016 Burke Town insurance policy with the Town Board. The cost has risen less than 1% and some of our coverage values have increased.

Highway Superintendents Report (continued):

Resolution #6-2015 - A motion to pass a resolution to enter into an agreement between the Highway Superintendent of the Town of Burke and the members of the Burke Town Board to expend funds collected in the Town of Burke through tax levies and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways shall be expended as stated in the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys subject to change deemed necessary by the Town of Burke Superintendent of Highways was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Bill Wood. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim absent and David aye.

Resolution #7-2015 - A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen that the Town of Burke requests the Franklin County Highway Department to assist with paving as required by the Burke Town Highway Superintendent and to assist with shoulder machine if needed. Also, that the Town of Burke will hold the County harmless from Property Damages and any claims brought by a third party as a result of this work, and if the County is held responsible for damages, the Town of Burke will indemnify Franklin County. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim absent and David aye.

Judge Dunlavey is going to be submitting an application for another Justice Grant for items needed at the Courthouse. Supervisor Vincent asked for a list of items that could be included in the grant. Tom Russell has requested that an Alarm System for the Courthouse be included. At the same time an Alarm System for the Garage can be requested to get a cheaper rate for both systems. Other items mentioned were: a defibrillator, a first aid kit and repair Courthouse septic and water lines.

No 3-5 year quotes for mowing have been received. The Board decided to put ads in the papers requesting quotes for mowing cemeteries, parks and municipal grounds for a period of 1 year. Quotes will be opened at the April 14, 2015 meeting.

Jim Dumont, Burke Code Officer, went to a Code Officer's Meeting last week and reported that a Demolition Permit must be issued to check for asbestos in any private home. A motion to accept the February 2015 Code Officer's Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim absent and David aye.

A motion was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Tim Crippen to establish a Demolition Permit for a fee of \$50.00 to be issued by the Burke Code Officer. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim absent and David aye.

A motion to accept the February 2015 Financial Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Bill Wood. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim absent and David aye.

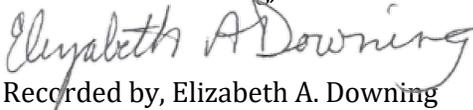
Public comments:

Lorraine Simmons, the Burke Adult Center Coordinator, addressed the Board about what the Adult Center has been doing. She informed the Board that she has been getting needy senior citizens HEAP funding because the winter has been so severe.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Bill Wood. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim absent and David aye.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk

  
Recorded by, Elizabeth A. Downing