

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 12, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on April 12, 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, arrived 7:00 P.M. Tim Crippen
Supervisor:	David Vincent, absent
Supt. of Highways:	Tom Russell
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing

A motion to accept the March 8, 2016 minutes as read was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim abstain and David absent.

New Business:

1. A letter dated April 4, 2016 was received from Cathy Decosse representing the Ridgeway Cemetery located in Burke. The Ridgeway Cemetery was informed by the NYS Department of Cemeteries that they could no longer pay someone to mow and trim the cemetery. They have requested that the Town of Burke donate money to mow the cemetery or take over the mowing duties. Bill Wood will get Nathan Race, the Burke Town Attorney's opinion on this matter.
2. A single bid for mowing Burke Cemeteries and Parks in 2016 was received from Collins Excavation for \$7,000.00 plus \$500.00 for spring-cleaning. A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen to accept the mowing bid received by Collins Excavation for the period from April 15, 2016 to October 15, 2016. Roll Call: Arnold, aye, Bill, aye, Tim, aye, Jim, aye and David, absent. An insurance rider from Collins Excavation needs to be filed with the Town.
3. Tim Crippen looked into the NYS Department of Transportation's requirement to have various signs removed along Route 11 in Burke. Route 11 is designated as a scenic by-way and unless a sign is located on private property, it is not permitted to be displayed and could be subject to a fine. Various county and state legislators are also looking into this matter. This new law upsets various Burke citizens that have displayed signs for many years.
4. An audit of the Town of Burke will be conducted by the New York State Comptroller's Office during 2016.
5. The Board would like to thank the Burke citizen who fixed various electrical problems in the Burke Town Courthouse including putting loose wires into junction boxes, replacing emergency lighting batteries at their own expense and buying and installing an electronic eye on the flag pole light.
6. Jim Otis contracted Dow Electric to check on additional continuing problems at the Burke Town Courthouse. A loose contact was found in the meter box located outside the building's side door. The loose contact was reconnected and all problems should be fixed at this time.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Supervisors Report:

1. Tom Russell, Highway Superintendent, stated that CINTAS has delivered the Town Courthouse AED and will set up an appointment to install the AED. A yearly maintenance fee of \$175.00 will be charged to maintain the AED.
2. Resolution #12-2016 - A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis 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 work 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 aye and David absent. Tom has requested that the Town Board authorize the spending of the \$88,375.00 budgeted in 2016 for road repair through CHIPS funding but allow Tom to stipulate where to spend additional CHIPS funding that has been proposed from the State. The Board agreed to allow the budgeted amount to be spent and will authorize additional CHIPS funding awarded at a latter time.

3. John Hutchins does not feel the County's tracked excavators are tall enough to bring the old Burke Town Hall down safely. He has proposed bringing in his bigger excavator and Burke Town can pay the operator's time. The Board needs to look further into getting the old Town Hall demolished this summer.

Old Business:

1. John Carr addressed the Board outlining his recommendations to replace the Town Courthouse's heating system utilizing Justice Grant funding. The Board agreed that replacing the existing oil fired boiler with an efficient propane fired hot air furnace seems the best option. John Carr will work up paperwork to obtain bids for the heating project by the May 10, 2016 Town Meeting.
2. John Carr also gave recommendations on the Courthouse's air conditioning system. He stated that the existing system is a very efficient system. Councilman Jim Otis will get a heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) technician to check on the Town Courthouse air conditioning. He stated that the past electrical problems may have been a cause of the problems and the system may not have to be replaced.

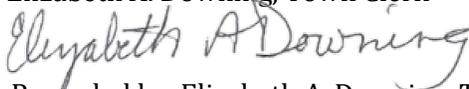
The March 2016 Code Officer's and Financial Report's will be presented at the May 10, 2016 Board Meeting.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:28 P.M. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. 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