

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on May 9, 2017 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor David Vincent declared the meeting to order at 7:06 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

A motion to accept the April 11, 2017 minutes as read was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

Public Comments:

1. Burke citizen, Wayne Deyour, expressed his extreme displeasure at the garbage left at the vacant house at 613 Spencer Road that blows down the road. A motion was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Tim Crippen to research the procedures the Town of Burke must take to address the problem and fix this problem. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

Burke Town Assessor, Jim Gonyo, appeared before the Burke Town Board to let them know that land owners that claim Agricultural Exemptions that allow Solar Power Companies to add solar arrays on their land will have to have the land re-assessed as Commercial. The landowner will have to pay a maximum of 5 years back taxes and interest for the tax saving from their Agricultural Assessment. He pointed out that this is a New York State Law as per NY-Sun fact sheet, "Landowner Considerations for Solar Land Leases".

Alltech Integrations Corporation and Adirondack Alarms submitted quotes for the fire detection systems in the Burke Courthouse and Garage. The Board decided to get John Carr from Blue Mountain Engineering to look at the quotes to give the Board guidance on which company has the best quote for Burke. The quotes are good for 30days.

MX Fuels is the only Propane Supplier to send in a quote to purchase propane for the new Burke Courthouse Heating System at this time. A motion to table the discussion on selecting a Propane Supplier until additional quotes from suppliers have been received was made by David Vincent and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

1. Burke's allocation for CHIPS funding for 2017-2018 will be \$132,082.60. PAVE-NY's allocation is \$30,149.17 and a payment for Extreme Winter Recovery will be received for \$25,223.09. Tom requested an appropriation from the Board into the CHIPS account for \$187,454.86 for capital improvements. A motion for a CHIPS appropriation of \$187,454.86 was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.
2. 4/10ths of a mile on the Quarry Road will be added to the Expenditures for Highway Monies.
3. The Highway Department is ditching and resetting culverts throughout the Town.

Old Business:

1. Work on the boiler installation in the Burke Courthouse has started. The LP propane line has been installed through the back wall of the Courthouse garage and has been buried across the back driveway. The air intake and exhaust will use the same route as the existing heating system. The Burke Highway crew will pour a slab for the new propane tank.
2. Ed Dunn and his wife, who are in the process of purchasing the Old Town Hall in Burke Village, went into the building last week. Jim Otis recommended that the Board not allow the Dunn's access to the Old Town Hall until the property sale is closed due to the liability to the Town of Burke. A motion was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen to not allow Ed Dunn into the Old Town Hall located in the Village of Burke due to the liability to the Town of Burke until the sale of the property is closed. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill abstain, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.
3. Councilman Bill Wood reported that Councilman Bill Trombley, from Chateaugay, discussed divesting the Town of Chateaugay's share in the Crusher Machine. The crusher got used last year but was not inspected by MSHA (Sounds like-Mesha) and wasn't registered. A few years ago, Kirby Cook, Chateaugay's former Highway Superintendent, told Tom Russell, Burke's Highway Superintendent, that they no longer had an interest in the Crusher and it is Burke's machine but this is not in writing. David Vincent noted that he has heard this Crusher run on a late Saturday and Sunday afternoon and knew no Burke employees were present. Bill Wood also noted that he has heard the Crusher run on many weekends a few years ago. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to sell the Crusher machine and split the money received with the Town of Chateaugay. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye. Gravel for the Town will be purchased as needed.
4. Arnold Lobdell has requested that Tom Russell get a motion in writing from Chateaugay's Town Board stating that they no longer have a third interest in the bucket truck. The bucket truck would be owned by Burke and Constable only. Tom stated that NYMIR couldn't insure the bucket truck because the Town Board said NYMIR couldn't insure it. Supervisor David Vincent will call Pat McGuire with NYMIR to get insurance put on the Burke Town Highway Department's bucket truck.

The Code Officer collected \$255.00 for the month of April. A motion to accept the April 2017 Code Officers Report was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Bill Wood. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

A motion to accept the April 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.

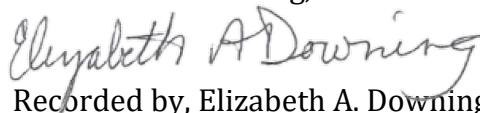
No Public Comments were made.

Wireless Incorporated is putting up 3 new receivers on the Village of Burke's water tower for internet. This should help increase internet coverage in the Town of Burke.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:54 P.M. was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. 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