

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on May 10, 2016 at the Burke Town Court House. Deputy Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 7:03 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, absent
Supt. of Highways:	Tom Russell
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing
Bookkeeper:	Judy Dumont
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont

Tom has requested that the Town Board authorize the spending of the \$88,375.00 budgeted in 2016 for road repair but allow Tom to stipulate where to spend additional CHIPS funding that has been proposed from the State. A motion to accept the corrected April 12, 2016 minutes was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent.

New Business:

1. Tom Russell will try to set up AED training to be performed at the next meeting on June 14, 2016.
2. Assessor Jim Gonyo informed the board of changes he has made to farmland assessments in the Town of Burke. To maintain an equalization rate of 100%, farmland values had to be raised due to recent sale price increases. Taxable values on the farmland have not risen due to Agricultural Exemptions granted to the landowners. Some Burke citizens have voiced their concerns that the increases in assessments will mean an increase in taxes. Jim detailed the difference between assessed value and taxable value. Jim also informed the Board that the assessors in New York State will no longer handle STAR Exemption paperwork. Town citizens will personally sign up through the state of New York to claim STAR Exemptions.
3. Carl Dunn with the Burke Volunteer Fire Department came before the Board to request permission for the sale of alcoholic beverages during the Fire Department's Annual Chicken Barbeque on July 10, 2016. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages during the Fire Department's Annual Chicken Barbeque on July 10, 2016. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David, absent. A Special Event Permit Application was signed by Bill Wood, Deputy Town Supervisor.
4. Nathan Race, Town Attorney, informed Bill Wood that Town's must take responsibility for abandoned or default cemeteries in their Town limits. Burke needs to find out who is the rightful owner of the Ridgeway Cemetery. Cathy Decosse, Ridgeway Cemetery's representative, will be asked if she knows who the owner is.
5. Nathan Race has a Plattsburgh lawyer working on the Burke Town ballot initiative to change the Tax Collector and Town Supervisor positions from a 2 year to 4 year term.
6. The baseball diamond bases at Seller's Field are falling apart. A motion was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen to purchase new bases for \$75.00. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David, absent.
7. A letter dated April 14, 2016 was received from Assemblywoman Janet Duprey, explaining that a new PAVE-NY program for localities has been including in the CHIPS funding. She noted that exact details and guidance on the program has not been set at this time and would forward them to the Town when she receives them.
8. A letter dated April 27, 2016 was received from the Teamsters Local Union No 687 informing the Burke Town Board that they have become the representative of a majority of the Burke Town Highway Employees during collective bargaining negotiations. The letter will be forwarded to Nathan Race, Town Attorney for further guidance in this matter.
9. A certified letter dated April 18, 2016 from Jericho Rise Wind Farm was received informing the Town of Burke and its citizens that Councilmember William Wood has entered into a Wind Energy Lease and Agreement with Jericho Rise Wind Farm on property owned by Mr. Wood located in the Town of Chateaugay.
10. A letter dated April 21, 2016 was received from workers compensation adjuster, April Starks of the Corvel Corporation informing the Town of Burke that a Memorandum of Board Panel Decision advising payment to Mr. Robert Perham in the amount of \$1,558.03 due to an error on Mr. Perham's claim was received. The Town will pay the Corvel Corporation voucher this month.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Supervisors Report:

1. Tom Russell reported that Burke citizen Patricia Williams suggested that Chambers Road be paved since taxes are probably increasing at such a large rate.
2. Burke's allocation for CHIPS funding for 2016-2017 will be \$132,079.34. There was a carryover from last year of \$3,265.70 for a total of \$135,245.04. Tom request an appropriation from the Board on CHIPS funding for \$135,245.04 for capital improvements. A motion for a CHIPS appropriation of \$135,245.04 was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent. Tom stated that the State has no idea at this time what PAVE-NY funding can be used for.
3. John Hutchins said we may be able to strip the tin from the Old Town Hall, remove the asbestos and dispose of the building at the Towns pit verses the landfill. The Board recommended contacting Op-Tech, Perras Excavation and Shawn Burke to receive quotes to remove the Old Town Hall's asbestos per the GYMO Asbestos Survey.
4. Tom gave the Board members 3 quotes for plow trucks to look over prior to the June 14, 2016 meeting.
5. Resolution #14-2016 - 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 Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent.

Old Business:

1. Councilman Jim Otis brought in a heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) technician from Goodrich Refrigeration who repaired the Town Courthouse air conditioning. Filters were changed, wiring was straightened out making the compressor run in the correct direction, a new fan motor was ordered and the system was recharged.
2. John Carr has not contacted Jim Otis at this time regarding the Courthouse heating system replacement.
3. Two or three baseball teams have been using Seller's Field and the Porta Potty will be delivered to the field soon.

The Code Officer collected \$182.00 for the months of March and April. A motion to accept the March and April 2016 Code Officers Report was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David, absent.

A motion to accept the March 2016 Financial Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David, absent.

A motion to accept the April 2016 Financial Report was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David, absent.

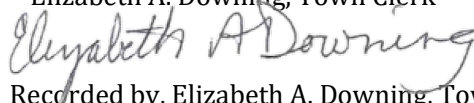
Resolution #13-2016 - A motion to pass a resolution to adopt Highway Fund Budget Amendment #2 was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent. \$4,785.04 was appropriated from Account#DB909 Highway Outside Village Fund Balance and \$2,538.69 was appropriated from Account#Da909 Highway Townwide Fund Balance. \$1,038.69 was deposited into Account#DA9040.8 Townwide, Workman's Compensation, \$519.34 was deposited into Account#DB9040.8 Outside Village, Workman's Compensation, \$3,265.70 was deposited into Account#DB5112.2 CHIPS 1A Outside Village Improvements, \$1,500.00 was deposited into Account#DA9050.8 Townwide Unemployment Insurance and \$1,000.00 was deposited into Account#DB9050.8 Outside Village Unemployment Insurance.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 9:22 P.M. was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. 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