

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 9, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on June 9, 2015 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, arrived at 7:30 P.M.
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont

The Board gave the Strachan's the authority to call the proper authorities if anyone is in High Falls Park or Seller's Field after hours. A motion to accept the corrected May 12, 2015 minutes was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill abstain, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

A motion to accept the June 2, 2015 minutes as read was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill abstain, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

The classified ad for bids on the 2003 Ford F-250 will be rerun and bids will be opened at the next meeting.

Old Business:

1. The asbestos abatement paperwork for the Old Town Hall has been returned and Bub's Enterprises has been contacted to provide a bid for asbestos removal prior to demolishing the Old Town Hall. The towns of Chateaugay and Belmont have agreed to assist in the Old Town Hall building demolition but they request that the property site be donated to the Burke Town Adult Center in exchange for their assistance. Supervisor Vincent noted that this may be legal due to the lack of a bid on the vacant building and will check with the Town Attorney.
2. Supervisor Vincent asked the Councilmembers if any of them had noticed that the Highway Department had hung the posted signs at Seller's Field. The signs are currently at the Town Garage and not posted at this time.
3. A couple of trees at Seller's Field that must be cut down will be cut as soon as the new bucket truck is put into service. Councilmember Wood noted that a few trees are enough of a danger that they should be cut now without the bucket truck's assistance.

The Code Officer collected \$360.00 for the month of May. A motion to accept the May 2015 Code Officers Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

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

A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to permit Council member Otis to get in touch with John Carr to get an estimate for the Courthouse Heating and Cooling system for the Justice Grant. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye. The Board decided to not to solicit bids for the Septic System at this time. Highway Superintendent Russell was asked to get a quote for a Courthouse Defibrillator from Z Medical.

Superintendent Tom Russell reported that he has only had 2 calls on the 2003 F-250 but no bids. The ads will be placed in the papers again. Bids will be opened at the next Board meeting.

Verizon has shut the phone at the Town Garage off and Time Warner isn't scheduled to hook up until the end of June. Town Clerk Elizabeth Downing will try to get Time Warner to schedule the install sooner.

Jim Lobdell and Carl Dunn representing the Burke Fire Department came before the Board requesting that they be permitted to sell liquor this year at their Annual Fire Department Picnic scheduled on July 12, 2015. Besides performing fire-fighting duties for the Town of

Burke, they have performed maintenance on the park buildings and have installed and maintained the Seller's Field fire pits for the Town of Burke. A certificate of Insurance Liability with a Liquor Liability clause has been presented to the Board. A motion to allow the Burke Fire Department to be the only entity to have permission to sell/possess liquor at Seller's Field and only at their Annual Picnic scheduled this year on July 12, 2015 was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye. Councilman Otis noted that the Seller's Field Guidelines should be changed to add that all certificate of liabilities to use Seller's Field should note Burke Town as an additional insured.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

Councilman, Bill Wood, excused himself from the meeting at 7:56 P.M. due to a conflict of interest on the discussion of the proposed Burke Wind Law.

Wind Law Discussion:

1. Supervisor Vincent stated that the Burke Town Wind Law is patterned after the Chateaugay Wind Law and Councilman Trombley from Chateaugay said the Town of Chateaugay has not received any formal complaints.
2. Councilman Lobdell appreciated the respect shown for others by all who attended the Wind Law hearing. He noted that the Garrow's had many issues with the Wind towers and it seems they are no longer listened to. He wants to make sure each Burke citizen is listened to. He also noted that Ann Briton who spoke at the meeting gave an erroneous statement.
3. Councilman Otis does not see any adverse health effects caused by wind towers. He likes the benefits the school's in the areas with wind power receive and feels wind towers are well suited for the Town of Burke.
4. Councilman Tim Crippen feels that the council must do what they feel is the best for the Town of Burke.

Resolution #11-2015 - A motion to pass a resolution to adopt the propose Local Law "Wind Energy Facility Law of the Town of Burke, New York" was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill absent, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye. The Law designated "Local Law #1 of 2015" will be signed and sealed by the Town Clerk and delivered to Nathan Race, Town Attorney for certification. Nathan will file the new Burke Town Law with the New York Secretary of State.

A motion to adjourn at 8:06 P.M. was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill absent, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk



Recorded by, Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk