

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 14, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on June 14, 2016 at the Burke Town Court House. Deputy Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said. A Moment of Silence was held for the victims of the June 12, 2016 shootings in Orlando, Florida.

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

A motion to accept the May 10, 2016 minutes as read was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent.

New Business:

1. AED training cost \$50.00 per person and is too expensive to be given to the entire board. Tom Russell, Highway Superintendent, knows of an instructor out of Plattsburgh, NY but we would have to attend training in Plattsburgh. Tom is going to find out if she will travel to Burke if we pay her mileage.
2. Judy Dumont, Burke Town Bookkeeper, has requested that the Board grant permission to activate the payroll section of Quickbooks. The costs will be approximately \$300.00. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis to grant permission to Judy Dumont to activate the payroll section of Quickbooks. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David, absent.
3. Councilman Tim Crippen asked if installing a time clock at the Town Garage would be a good idea. Tom Russell said the state auditor stated that a time clock is not financially feasible for only 4 employees.
4. The audit of the Town of Burke seems to be going well. The Town Clerk and Town Justice financial files have been examined by the auditor and no major discrepancies were noted.
5. The State of New York Workers' Compensation Board has sent a letter stating that a Notice of Decision was reached at the May 11, 2016 claim hearing of Robert Perham. The Employer Reimbursement was corrected to \$5,632.85. Correct payment has been made by the Town.
6. NYSEG sent a letter dated May 23, 2016 informing the Town Supervisor that our account has be reclassified as Service Classification No. 2 (12002).
7. NYMIR sent a letter dated June 1, 2016 that had a copy of the Town's NYMIR subscriber Accounting statement covering fiscal year 2015.
8. The Burke Town Clerk has sent a reply to the Teamsters Local Union No 687 stating that the Town of Burke recognizes that the Teamsters will be negotiating for the Burke Town Highway Employees.
9. A Mandate Relief waiver was discussed about the Old Town Hall Asbestos removal project. A waiver that amends Labor Law §904 (that states a notification that can cost municipalities upwards of \$4,000.00 must be given to the Department of Labor Asbestos Control Bureau when a municipality undertakes demolition activity) waives this fee if local governments certify in writing that the cost of the property remediation will exceed the resulting value of the property.
10. A copy of the GYMO Survey has been given to NRCC and it has been forwarded on to their project managers.
11. A copy of the GYMO Survey has been given to JEDA Environmental. Tom Russell met with Shawn Burke of JEDA Environmental at the old Town Hall to determine the scope of the asbestos removal required. Shawn Burke will be submitting a quote once he goes through the GYMO Survey.
12. Perras Excavation no longer performs asbestos removal.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Supervisors Report:

1. Tom Russell stated that he still has no idea at this time what PAVE-NY funding can be used for.
2. The Town of Chateaugay would like to swap their rights to the newly purchased bucket truck for our rights to the old bucket truck. Tom would like to use the new bucket truck and stated that our insurance carrier said if maintenance is performed regularly with due diligence we should have no problems. Safety Joe who holds other safety classes for the

Highway Department would hold safety class for bucket trucks for the Burke Town Highway Employees. A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen to surrender our interest in the old bucket truck to the Town of Chateaugay in exchange for Chateaugay's interest in the new bucket truck. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent. We will now own 2/3's interest in the new bucket truck. State tags will have to be put under the Towns of Burke and Constable.

3. Councilman Crippen was concerned that purchasing a new plow truck this year was not our best move. He stated that many Burke citizens would have a hard time with increased tax bills. Councilman Lobdell stated that since we are getting funds for Snow and Ice Removal from the State of New York and Franklin County we must keep our plowing equipment up to date. Highway Superintendent, Tom Russell, discussed financing that is available through the vendors that he is currently looking to buy from. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis to have Tom Russell, Burke Highway Superintendent, to put the new plow truck that he desires out to bid to get a better price deal. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David, absent.
4. Councilman Lobdell stated the Burke Fire Department has requested that the Sam Cook Road be given extra attention by Burke's Highway Department during the closure of the Route 11 Chateaugay River Bridge.
5. Enbridge Energy will be giving the Burke Fire Department Training on June 22, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. The Highway Department is welcome if they desire to attend.
6. At this time the Highway Department is preparing the Chambers Road and the Montgomery Road for paving.
7. Barry Armstrong with the EKRUB Players asked if the Highway Department could cut trees for them in Seller's Field because they were unable to get insurance to cover them if they did it themselves. Tom stated that he is always busy with road construction in the summer and could get to it in the fall or next spring.

Old Business:

1. Burke Town Attorney, Nathan Race, has Plattsburgh Attorney Tom Ranan working on our ballot initiative to change the Supervisor and Tax Collector's terms to a 4 year term. Kelly Cox, with the Franklin County Board of Elections has said it must be submitted by October 2, 2016 to be on the November 8, 2016 General Election Ballot.
2. Employees of Blue Mountain Engineering inspected and diagrammed the Courthouse heating system so the proposal to solicit contractors to replace the heating system can be written.

The Code Officer collected \$499.00 for the month of May. A motion to accept the May 2016 Code Officers 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 May 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.

Public Comments:

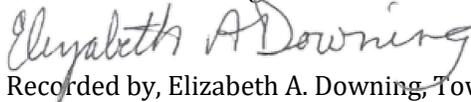
1. Debra Smith addressed the Board about pushing for increased Broadband coverage in rural Burke. She noted a rural broadband article written in the Malone Telegram. Debra stated that there are many professionals on her road who would welcome broadband as opposed to DSL or satellite internet which are the only options offered at this time. She also said that 911 address signs placed on mailboxes would be a valuable resource to the Town in case of emergencies. Councilman Tim Crippen said he would check to see what the Town has to do to get 911 address stickers/signs.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:46 P.M. was made by Arnold Lobdell 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