

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
July 12, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on July 12, 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. A Moment of Silence was held for the 5 police officers shot in Dallas, TX on July 7, 2016.

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 Russell discussed whether a time clock would be financially feasible for only 4 employees with the state auditor. At this time the Highway Department is putting gravel on the Chambers Road and preparing the Montgomery Road for paving. Burke Town Attorney, Nathan Race, has Plattsburgh Attorney Tom Murnane working on our ballot initiative to change the Supervisor and Tax Collector's terms to a 4 year term. A motion to accept the corrected June 14, 2016 minutes was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent.

New Business:

1. 911 does not have anything to do with address signs. They said the Fire Department handles them. Tim Crippen will continue to check on it.
2. Bill Wood discussed broadband availability with Bill Jones. Bill Jones stated that Russ Kinyon, the new director Franklin County's Economic Development Department is currently working on a map of Franklin County showing what areas are serviced by what broadband provider's. He stated that wireless will have to service some areas. Infonet and Mohawk are 2 companies that Franklin County is working with. Private companies are helping Franklin County and things are moving as fast as possible. Anyone who has further questions can reach Russ Kinyon at 518-481-1421.
3. A memorandum was received from Kim Godreau, Personnel Officer and Director of Worker's Compensation that included a copy of Local Law 1 of 2016 and the 2017 Budget for the Self-Insurance Plan for Franklin County. Burke 2017 Self-Insurance amount will be increasing in 2017 due to Highway Employees Robert Perham's accident.
4. A letter was received from the Department of Taxation and Finance giving the Town of Burke notice that the Tentative State Equalization Rate for 2016 is 100%.
5. Eric Clews, a Burke resident, would like the sign on the Old Town Hall when the hall is torn down that reads "Odd fellows." His grandfather was one of the Odd fellows. The Board discussed the sign and decided that the sign should be put on the new Courthouse.
6. The state auditor stated that the Town of Burke is being overcharged on the State Contract Price for fuel oil by Adirondack Energy. The state auditor will turn his findings over to the New York State Comptroller. The auditor showed Tom Russell, Burke Highway Superintendent, where he can look for the New York State fuel oil Contract prices on the internet. Tom has been with Adirondack Energy for 16 years and feels insulted and hurt that they would treat the Town of Burke this way. This issue may be turned over to the Attorney General to investigate if necessary. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis to switch all Burke Town accounts from Adirondack Energy to an account of Burke Highway Supervisor, Tom Russell's choosing due to unethical behavior displayed by Adirondack Energy setting state contract fuel pricing. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent. Tom will be requesting a letter from the chosen company stating that they will honor the state contract pricing. A letter will be written to Adirondack Energy stating that the Town of Burke will be cancelling all accounts due to the state auditor's findings that prices have been over the state contract price.
7. A letter dated July 2, 2016 was received from Charter Communications, Inc. stating that Time Warner Cable and Charter Communications have merged and Alice J. Kim will be our point of contact regarding the cable franchise in Burke.
8. A Public Service Commission notice was received soliciting comments regarding a compliance report on Stray Voltage Testing.
9. A Public Service Commission notice was received soliciting comments regarding a petition of CTIA-The Wireless Association for the Commission to update and clarify Wireless Pole Attachment Protections.
10. The Public Service Commission will conduct a series of informational sessions and public statement hearings regarding making additional telephone numbers available in the 518 area code area.

11. The State auditor determined that the Highway Department credit card cannot be paid in advance of the Town Meeting because personal purchases could be made on the credit card. Tom asked permission to ask the credit card company to change the due date to the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month so the due date is after the schedule monthly Town Meeting. Permission was granted. If the credit card company will not change this due date, the credit card will be cancelled and a new company will be found.
12. The State auditor needs the ordinance that started the Thayer's Corners Water District, recommended some changes to the Town's Purchasing Policy and will discuss with Tom in the next few days about having employee's sign time sheets and whether a time clock purchase is a good idea. Other details of the state audit will be available once he releases his findings.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

#### Highway Supervisors Report:

1. Tom has been informed that the PAVE-NY program provides funds to get spent on road projects but not on equipment purchases. Tom submitted an Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys to spend the \$30,148.42 in 2016 PAVE-NY funding on the Burke/Belmont Townline road. A motion to accept the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys submitted by Tom Russell, Burke Highway Superintendent was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David absent.
2. The Highway Department has cut all the trees requiring trimming at Sellar's Field except some trees located at the entrance. These will be done as soon as they can get to them. Councilman Bill Wood will inform Barry Armstrong of Ekruub Player's that he can use Sellar's Field for their Halloween Scare.
3. The Councilmembers have decided that Tom should request single vendor's give plow truck quotes for the truck and plow as a complete unit. This will allow Tom to address a single vendor only about any issue with the new truck/plow package.
4. Tom will ask the Safety Joe vendor if they can conduct training for the AED. Jim Dumont will also inquire if Craig Dumas can conduct AED training.
5. A stop sign on the Burke/Belmont Townline Road is in the brush and Tom will make sure the brush is cleared.
6. The Highway Department will be preparing to pave on Montgomery Road, mowing road sides, paving on the Burke/Belmont Road and ditching on East Road.

#### Old Business:

1. No word has been received from companies contacted for removing asbestos from the old Town Hall at this time.
2. Children at Play signs are not being put up because of the liability. The Board agreed that we should continue the practice of not posting Children at Play signs

The Code Officer collected \$541.00 for the month of June. A motion to accept the June 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 June 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:

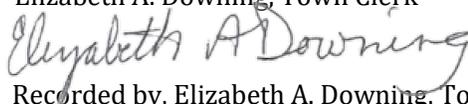
1. Debra Smith noted that the Town of Constables Fire Department has put up 911 address signs and they would be a good resource to find out how we should go about getting these signs.

Bills were paid.

The next meeting of the Burke Town Council has been rescheduled for August 16, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Burke Town Courthouse.

A motion to adjourn at 8:21 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