

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 11, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on August 11, 2015 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor David Vincent declared the meeting to order at 7:00 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

Resolution #12-2015 - A motion to pass a resolution to adopt Thayer's Corners Water District Fund Budget Amendment #4 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 corrected July 14, 2015 minutes was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Bill Wood. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

New Business:

1. A Special Meeting for the 2016 Tentative Budget may not have to be scheduled. The 2016 Tentative Budget will be filed with the Town Clerk by the Town Bookkeeper prior to the September 8, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and presented to the Board by the Town Clerk at the September 8, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Franklin County Board of Legislator's Chairman Billy Jones addressed the Board. St. Lawrence Gas has started delivering gas to Agri-Mark and will begin providing gas to additional customers along the Franklin County pipeline. A proposed Solar Power Project is being initiated by Franklin County and the County is soliciting Municipalities in Franklin County to piggy back on the project to get some of the savings from the Solar Power project back into the Towns. A meeting about the Solar Power Project with Town Supervisors will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2015. Councilman Lobdell voiced his concern about the county paying to bury Escaped Prisoner Richard Matt if his family had refused to do so. Chairman Jones assured Councilman Lobdell that the County would have addressed that concern to the State if it would have been an issue.
3. Councilman Bill Wood stated that the Burke Town Courthouse should fly the United States flag 7 days a week/ 24 hours a day and the Town of Burke provide funds to maintain United States flags. Work needs to be done on the lighting at the flag pole. A motion was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Tim Crippen that the United States flag be flown 7 days a week and 24 hours a day at the Burke Town Courthouse. Roll Call: Arnold, aye, Bill, aye, Tim, aye, Jim, aye and David, aye.
4. The Town of Burke will have an increase cost this year on Self Insurance due to last year's injury reported by Bob Perham.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Supervisors Report:

1. The Highway Department will start paving by next week.
2. Highway Superintendent Tom Russell noted that the Monthly Budget Statement indicates that the CHIPS Account is underfunded. A Highway Department Budget Amendment will be passed at the next Board Meeting to correct this discrepancy.

Old Business:

1. Tom Russell has 4 of the tables that belong at the Town Courthouse and will return them by the next meeting.
2. John Carr sent Councilman Otis a list of repair estimates that will be given to Judge Dunlavey to submit on the application for a Justice Grant.

The Code Officer collected \$341.00 for the month of July. A motion to accept the July 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.

The Burke Town Fire Department voucher will be prepared and signed with bills submitted at tonight's meeting. A motion to accept the July 2015 Financial Report was made by Tim

Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

No Public Comments were made.

Councilman Lobdell suggested that an ad be placed in the papers to solicit renters for the empty bays in the Town Courthouse garage area for the 2015-2016 winter season.

Councilman Lobdell has been approached by a Burke citizen wishing to remove the wainscoting from the Old Town Hall Building. Due to the liability, none of the Board members thought this was a good idea and all Burke citizens had numerous opportunities to purchase the building in the past. Councilman Jim Otis recommended that the Board donate the current Old Town Hall building as is to the Burke Adult Center and let them take the building down or sell the lot for approximately \$7,500.00 to the Burke Adult Center and then the Town would help the Burke Adult Center remove the building. Supervisor Vincent will talk to the Burke Adult Center's Supervisory Board about taking the building over.

Maria McCashion from the New York State Archives office, visited with Judy Dumont, the Burke Village Clerk and Elizabeth Downing, the Burke Town Clerk. She was given a tour of the Burke Town and Village Records room that was organized with NYS Archive Grant funds. She suggested that the Town and Village submit a grant proposal for shared services that could be used for digitizing records and/or forming a website.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 7:55 P.M. was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. 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