

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 16, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on August 16, 2016 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, absent
	Jim Otis
	Tim Crippen
Supervisor:	David Vincent
Supt. of Highways:	Tom Russell
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing
Bookkeeper:	Judy Dumont
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont

A motion to accept the July 12, 2016 minutes as read was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill absent, Tim aye, Jim aye and David abstain.

New Business:

1. Mickey Smith and Jim Hollenveck from Teamsters Local Union No. 687 representing the Burke Town Highway Department Employees presented the Articles of Agreement prepared by the Teamsters listing the Burke Highway Department Employees initial demands going into the collective bargaining process with the Burke Town Board. Justin Soucia, the Steward elected to represent the Burke Highway Department Employees was also present at the meeting. Councilmen Arnold Lobdell and Jim Otis will represent the Town of Burke.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Supervisors Report:

1. Tom Russell, Burke Highway Superintendent, has changed the closing date on the Burke Highway Department's Visa Account to the 25th of the month to avoid future late charges due to the auditor's findings that the card cannot be paid in advance of the regular monthly meeting.
2. Craig Dumas will conduct AED training at the September 13, 2016 monthly meeting.
3. Sellar's Field's trees are all trimmed as required except behind the park's beer tent. The Board agreed to let Tom do what is necessary to gain access so these trees can be trimmed.
4. The State auditor and the Highway Superintendent has determined that a time clock at the Town Garage is not necessary due to the small number of Town Highway Employees. A new sample of a Time Card was given to Tom by the State Auditor.
5. Tom contacted Shawn Burke of Jeda Environmental to have him submit a quote for asbestos removal.
6. Tom had a meeting with the owners of Adirondack Energy and they have agreed to credit the Town of Burke for \$10,528.00 for fuel that was incorrectly priced according to NYS contract pricing if we continue service with Adirondack Energy. The Board has decided to let the NYS Comptroller to comment on the problem before committing to future deliveries with Adirondack Energy.
7. Supervisor Vincent stated that before we use the Town's bucket truck we should obtain a release from our Insurance Carrier and Franklin County. The Board commented on the fact that the Burke Town Highway Department performs safety checks of the equipment and the insurance company has said if due diligence is performed on the bucket truck there should not be a problem. No safety alert has ever been issued on the model of bucket truck.
8. The Highway Department will be preparing to pave on Montgomery Road by the 1st week of September. Mowing road sides, graveling, ditching and fixing culvert will continue.

Krebbly'z Kyd'z, Gina Strachan, sent a letter to the Town Board requesting to use Sellar's Field for an event in May 2017 but has asked for the removal of the posted signs in Sellar's Field because her insurance carrier will not insure posted property. Tom stated that all the trimming is finished and the signs should be able to be removed.

The Code Officer collected \$195.00 for the month of July. A motion to accept the July 2016 Code Officers Report was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill absent, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

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

Bookkeeper Judy Dumont gave a copy of last year's budget figures and a list of changes that she has considered implementing on the 2017 budget. She stated that the Town's tax cap is 0.68% that would allow us to raise the tax by \$3170.00.

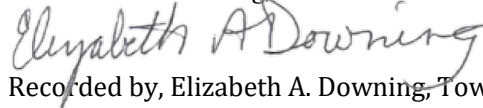
No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:13 P.M. was made by Jim Otis 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Downing". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned between the typed name and the typed name below it.

Recorded by, Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk