

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 12, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on September 12, 2016 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor David Vincent declared the meeting to order at 7:03 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
Town Clerk: Elizabeth Downing
Bookkeeper: Judy Dumont
Code Officer: Jim Dumont

The Burke Town Board has requested that Tom Russell, Burke Highway Superintendent install a time clock at the Burke Town Garage. A motion to accept the corrected August 16, 2016 minutes was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill abstain, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

The total tax levy that the Town of Burke can raise in 2017 by law is \$473, 936.00. Burke must raise more than this sum and will be going above the mandated 2% NYS Tax Cap.

The Burke Fire Department represented by Lloyd Walfield asked the Burke Town Board for a 5% increase over the sum budgeted in 2016. The Board asked Lloyd if the Burke Fire Department would take a \$2,500.00 increase. Lloyd will take the offer back to the Burke Fire Department.

New Business:

1. The Highway Committee did not meet formally but Arnold Lobdell and Tim Crippen did ask Tom Russell, Highway Superintendent, what was his opinion on the Teamster offer for the Burke Town Highway Employees. Arnold and Tim met with the teamsters and have started negotiations.
2. Adirondack Energy and the Town of Burke have not had a formally signed contract for fuel for the last 3 years so the offer from Adirondack Energy to give Burke a credit of \$10,528.00 should be accepted. In the future, all fuel should be sent out for bid to obtain the best price. The Board also stated that all items should be sent out for bidding to get the lowest prices.

Old Business:

1. The Blue Mountain Engineering's proposal package to get bids to replace the old heating system in the Burke Town Courthouse with a propane system seems to be the best way to proceed with obtaining a new heating system in the building. A motion to use Blue Mountain Engineering's bid proposal to obtain a contractor to replace the existing Burke Courthouse with a propane boiler using funds from the 2016 Burke Justice Grant was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

The Code Officer collected \$161.00 for the month of August. A motion to accept the August 2016 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. Jim Dumont asked the Board how much he should charge for a permit to install a Solar Panel array. The board suggested that Jim start by asking Jim Gonyo what the Town of Champlain, NY charged for Solar Panel arrays in their town.

David Vincent, Town Supervisor, stated that Lawyer Matthew McArdle, who is working on Burke's Local Law to increase the Supervisor and Tax Collector's terms from 2 to 4 years will not make the October 2, 2016 Board of Election's deadline to get the initiative on the November 8, 2016 ballot. David reported that we can hold a Town wide election for the initiative at a later time.

A motion to accept the August 2016 Financial Report was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Bill Wood. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David, aye.

Elizabeth Downing, Burke Town Clerk, presented the 2017 Tentative Budget to the Burke Town Board. The 2017 Budget will most likely go above the New York State 2% Tax Cap and a public hearing will need to be held.

A 2016 audit of the Burke Town Justice Court has been requested by the NYS Office of Court Administration. Councilmembers Bill Wood and Tim Crippen will perform the Justice Audit.

The Town of Burke is still waiting on an Asbestos Removal quote from Shawn Burke.

Public Comments:

A burke citizen asked the board how the existing heating system in the Burke Courthouse works. The system will need to have all dampers opened manually. Old modulators have been disconnected and no longer work.

Bills were paid.

A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen to use up the fuel credit offered by Adirondack Energy. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

A motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Bill Wood. 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