

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 14, 2017

The Public Hearing held on November 14, 2017 at the Burke Town Courthouse on the 2018 Preliminary Budget was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor David Vincent.

No Public Comments were made.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing on the 2018 Preliminary Budget at 7:10 P.M. was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

The Regular meeting of the Burke Town Board was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Supervisor David Vincent. 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

A motion to accept the October 10, 2017 minutes as read was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Bill Wood. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

No Public Comments were made.

Donna Kissane, the Franklin County Manager, has informed Franklin County Tax Collectors that the Franklin County Board of Legislators has offered to pay the initial cost of tax collection software for Franklin County municipalities. The municipalities would be required to pay an annual maintenance fee set at \$312.60 per municipality in 2018. The Burke Town Tax Collector, Missy Spinner, would have to have a computer to run the Tax Collection Software. A motion was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Tim Crippen to provide the Burke Town Tax Collector up to \$1,500.00 in funds to buy a new computer and pay the \$312.60 2018 annual maintenance fees to pay for the Tax Collection Software provided through the Franklin County Legislature. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

Councilman Otis made sure that the propane supplier, Suburban Propane, is making automatic delivery of the propane for the Burke Courthouse heating system. The last bill is being presented for payment with tonight's bills.

Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

1. Tom Russel, Burke Highway Superintendent, reported that CHIPS funding should be received by December 15, 2017.
2. Tom attended a FEMA meeting about the March 2017 snow storm. Approximately \$9,700.00 should be reimbursed to the Town of Burke. Since New York State has not yet declared a State of Emergency for the March 2017 snow storm, the Town of Burke will only receive 75% of the funding.
3. The Highway Department was able to find a place for the 2 275-gallon fuel tanks from the Burke Town Courthouse's old heating system.
4. The loader repair was \$4939.36 and will be submitted for payment with tonight's bills. Parts for the repair were provided at cost. The cause of the

problem is unknown and e-mails have been sent nation-wide to all detailing this problem.

5. The Town Board of Chateaugay has agreed to accept the quote submitted by Titus Mountain for the rock crusher. The Town of Burke has not yet received a check from Titus Mountain at this time.
6. Tom brought a copy of the new plow truck purchase agreement to put on file at the Town Courthouse. The plow truck is being paid in full along with tonight's bills.
7. Tom brought in a copy of the Franklin County Snow and Ice Contract. Tom stated that he is not getting paid for the extra .5 of a mile promised by the former Franklin County Highway Superintendent but all roads have been upgraded to the A+ rating and our payment on A+ roads increases our totals to cover the missing mileage. Resolution #19-2017 – A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis to authorize Thomas Russell, Burke Town Superintendent of Highways to enter into an agreement with Bradford Marsh, Superintendent of Highways for the County of Franklin for the removal of snow and sanding of County Highways within the said Town of Burke for the sum of \$100,493.80 for the 2017-2018 season, \$102,503.67 for the 2018-2019 season and \$104,041.22 for the 2019-2020 season. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.
8. The New York State Snow and Ice Contract for the 2019/2020 season was looked at by the Town Board and Highway Superintendent. Tom noticed that the price for Materials had dropped by approximately \$5,000.00. He will look into this and bring the NYS Snow and Ice Contract back for discussion and approval at the next board meeting.

Old Business:

1. The low water cut out on the Burke Town Courthouse's new heating system has been repositioned and the NYS Boiler Inspector will be contacted to inspect the heating system.

The Code Officer received \$160.00 for the month of October. A motion to accept the October 2017 Code Officer's Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

A motion to accept the October 2017 Financial Report was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

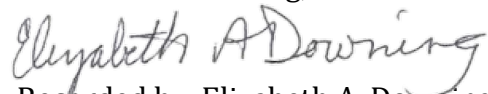
Resolution #20-2017 – A motion to pass a resolution to adopt the 2018 Preliminary Budget as written as the 2018 Final Budget was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye. A copy of the 2018 Final Budget will be filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:20 P.M. was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. 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