

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 13, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on March 13, 2018 at the Burke Town Court House. Deputy Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. A moment of silence was held for Supervisor David Vincent who passed away on Friday, March 2, 2018. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll Call:

Councilman:	Arnold Lobdell
	Jim Otis, absent
	Tim Crippen
Deputy Supervisor:	Bill Wood
Supt. of Highways:	Larry LaPlante
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing
Bookkeeper:	Judy Dumont
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont

Previous minutes were read but not voted on.

No Public comments were made.

The Board decided to dispense with a vote appointing Bill Wood as interim Town Supervisor until the full Town Board is present. He will remain as Deputy Supervisor at this time.

New Business:

1. Grievance Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2018 from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. Assessor Jim Gonyo will be contacted to see who the present Grievance Board members are and to make sure all the members have had their training.
2. Dave Gokey of Suburban Propane was contacted by Jim Otis and will give the Town of Burke a credit for propane purchased above the contracted \$1.225 contract price. Mr. Gokey will also add 700 gallons to our contracted gallons. New bids for propane will be solicited for the 2018-2019 season.
3. Bruce Monette from Titus Mountain has said he will pay for the crusher that he submitted the winning bid on in the spring.
4. The Board of Elections will be contacted to put the Supervisor position on the ballot for a 1 year unexpired term.
5. There was a very productive second meeting for the Ridgeway Cemetery on March 5, 2018. A meeting will be set up with Beth Lubold of Malone's Morningside Cemetery for guidance for Ridgeway Cemetery volunteers. Tim Crippen has agreed to represent the Burke Town Board.
6. The furnace did not pass inspection with Hartford Boiler on February 28, 2018. The low water cutout must be installed in accordance with local codes. Hartford Boiler will be contacted to re-inspect after the furnace is in compliance with the local code.
7. A letter dated February 19, 2018 from the New York State Power Authority states that they would like to be the lead agent for the transformation of a Burke Communications Tower from analog to digital. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to sign the paperwork designating AECOM as the lead agent for the transformation of a Burke Communications Tower from analog to digital. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim absent and Bill aye.
8. Insurance carrier NYMIR has sent a \$50.00 refund check to the Town of Burke.
9. Work must be done to address the New York Family Benefits fund and a resolution must be passed. Judy Dumont will get the wording needed for the resolution for the next meeting.
10. The Board has decided not to send Focus on Ferals a donation at this time.
11. The Board tabled a discussion on passing a resolution based on the County of Dutchess New York's "Think Differently" initiative on special needs citizens.

The Highway Committee did not meet. Several more mowing quotes should be coming in so the Board will open quotes at the April 13, 2018 meeting.

Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante's Report:

1. Larry is still looking into why the Town of Burke is getting paid less on the 2019-2020 NYS Snow and Ice Contract than the previous contract.
2. Resolution #3-2018. A motion to pass a resolution was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to enter into an agreement for the expenditure of Highway Monies subject to change deemed necessary by the Burke Town Superintendent of Highways. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim absent and Bill aye.
3. The Highway Department has work to do on the 1996 Ford Truck.
4. Resolution #4-2018 - A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen to cover the Burke Town Highway Department for Mutual Aid. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim absent and Bill aye. The Town of Burke's governing board voted to allow the Burke Town Highway Superintendent, or his representative, if absent, the use of, borrow, or exchange of any town owned equipment, tools, materials, or men by any state, county, or village agency, town, municipality, school district, community college, state university, local fire district, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the parties involved.
5. Resolution #5-2018 - A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell that the Town of Burke requests the Franklin County Highway Department to assist with paving as required by the Burke Town Highway Superintendent and to assist with shoulder machine if needed. Also, that the Town of Burke will hold the County harmless from Property Damages and any claims brought by a third party as a result of this work, and if the County is held responsible for damages, the Town of Burke will indemnify Franklin County. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim absent and Bill aye.

The Code Officer has been recertified.

A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to accept the February 2018 Financial Report. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim absent and Bill aye.

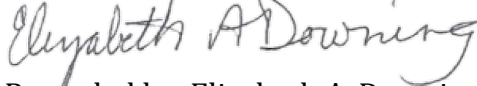
No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:04 P.M. was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim absent and Bill aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk



Recorded by, Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk