

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 7, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on May 7, 2018 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll Call:

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

Linda Trudell, Burke's Court Clerk's, existing wage is not below minimum wage but below other Court Clerk's salaries. The old Mac dump truck has a noise in the transmission. A motion was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen to accept the corrected April 10, 2018 meeting minutes. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made.

New Business:

1. NYMIR Insurance has requested that Burke pass a Prior Notice Law that provides for written notification of defects and obstructions on town highways, bridges, streets, sidewalks, crosswalks and culverts in the Town of Burke. A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis to schedule a public hearing at 7:00 P.M. prior to the June 12, 2018 Regular Town Meeting on the Burke Town Prior Notice Law. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.
2. Maximum Occupancy and Video Surveillance signs need to be posted at the Burke Town Courthouse.
3. Nathan Race has requested to retire as Burke Town's Attorney. Attorney's Brian Stewart and Matthew McArdle were recommended by Attorney Nathan Race. The discussion was tabled until another time.
4. Councilman Otis will contact propane suppliers to get bids for the Courthouse propane for 2018-2019 season. Bids will be opened at the June 12, 2018 Regular Meeting.
5. A meeting about the Ridgeway Cemetery was held between Supervisor Bill Wood and NYS Division of Cemeteries, Richard Buske. Mr. Buske went over some of Burke's options and gave information about available grant funding for cemeteries. The Town of Burke will be offering to keep the Ridgeway Cemetery mowed and establish a Ridgeway Cemetery Board to run the day to day cemetery business.
6. Supervisor Wood has requested that the Highway Department get rid of the metal and wooden desks and old refrigerators in the Courthouse garage.
7. The Courthouse will be re-inspected by Hartford Boiler on June 13, 2018.
8. An Adirondack Foundation grant check totaling \$2,000.00 for a new softball field at Seller's Field was received. The Board decided that \$2,000.00 was not enough to build a new field and will be sending the \$2,000.00 check back to the Adirondack Foundation.
9. A request was made to allow a mobile farmer's market to open at the Burke Village Market. As long as Vicki Rayl, the Village Market's owner, has no objections to the mobile market, the Board has no objection to it.
10. The Town of Chateaugay, NY is demolishing a building in the Town of Chateaugay. Supervisor Bill Wood asked the Board if they would be willing to donate part of Burke Town's reduced dumping fee land fill quota to Chateaugay. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to have Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante offer, tonnage at

Larry's discretion, Burke's reduced fee land fill quotas. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

11. Burke's Town Attorney must provide guidance to the Town of Burke to address Family Leave payments due to the Highway Department being represented by the Teamsters Union.
12. The Burke Town Board decided not to fill the vacant Board seat until after the 2018 Election.

Highway Committee:

1. The Highway Committee met on April 13, 2018.
2. All of the Burke Town's Highway Equipment was assessed by the Committee. Replacing the grader is the Highway Department's main priority.
3. The bucket truck was sold at a consignment auction for \$3,000.00. After deducting consignment fees, one third of the proceeds will be sent to the Town of Constable.

Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante's Report:

1. Larry informed the Board that he desires to accept the 2019/2020 New York State Snow and Ice Contract as proposed by New York State. Resolution #6 - 2018 - A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis to pass a resolution to authorize the Town of Burke to extend the Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement with the Department of Transportation of the State of New York for 2019 - 2020. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.
2. Burke's allocation for CHIPs funding for 2018-2019 will be \$132,135.38. PAVE-NY's allocation is \$30,161.22 and a payment for Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR) will be received for \$25,223.09.
3. Larry is very happy with the work performed by the BOCCES students.
4. The Highway Department personnel have been cold patching.
5. The Town grader has been fixed.
6. The transmission rebuild on the 2004 Mac Truck will be done this month.
7. Larry stated that he has had issues with the internet hotspot device supplied from Verizon Wireless. A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen to install Spectrum Broadband Internet at the Burke Town garage to replace the Verizon Hotspot. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

Old Business:

1. The Town has received their membership certificate from the Association of Towns.
2. AECOM has sent a copy of New York Power Authority's (NYPA) Environmental Assessment Form for their telecommunications upgrade to the Town for our files.
3. Concrete is being poured this week for the new Seller's Field benches.

The Code Officer's Report for April 2018 was not presented.

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

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:44 P.M. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk



Recorded by, Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk