

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on September 11, 2018 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 6:59 P.M. A moment of silence was held for the memory of those lost on September 11, 2001. 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

The Board signed the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys presented by Highway Superintendent LaPlante. Work will be performed commencing at County Route 23 and leading to the Cook Road 1.3 miles and commencing at Cook Road 0.4 miles. A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis to accept the corrected August 14, 2018 meeting minutes. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim abstain, Jim aye and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made.

New Business:

1. The 2019 Tentative Budget was presented to the Town Board.
 - a. Bookkeeper Judy Dumont will be retiring at the end of 2018. Linda Trudell will be replacing Judy in January of 2019.
 - b. A Work Session to work on the 2019 Budget will be held on September 25, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Burke Town Courthouse.
 - c. Some proposed 2019 Budget changes:
 - i. Linda Trudell will need to purchase a new laptop computer and updated software for the Burke Bookkeeper position.
 - ii. The 4 Board members will each get a \$250.00 raise.
 - iii. Judge Miller has asked the Board for a raise from \$8,000.00 to \$12,000.00 per year. The Town would like to offer her \$10,000.00.
 - iv. The Tentative Budget has lowered Attorney fees to \$2,500.00 for 2019 but Supervisor Wood has requested that the funds remain at the 2017 level of \$4,000.00.
 - v. The new bookkeeper will be starting at \$8,000.00.
 - vi. The Bookkeeper Dumont has estimated a 5% increase for the Burke Fire Department.
 - vii. To stay under the NYS 2% tax cap the Town of Burke can go to \$514,662.00.
 - d. Board member Tim Crippen stated that Cathy Decosse has requested the use of High Fall's Park for her son, Shawn's wedding. They would like to use a motorized vehicle to transport her son's future mother-in-law who is handicapped down to the falls. The Board discussed the safety and liability issues this presents. A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis to allow Cathy Decosse permission to hold the wedding at High Fall's Park, but the Town must maintain its policy of no motorized vehicles permitted and Cathy Decosse must provide the Town of Burke an insurance rider for \$1,000,000.00 prior to the wedding ceremony. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim abstain, Jim aye and Bill aye.
 - e. Kirk Marlow, TCWD Operator/Engineer, has requested a credit card for TCWD. Resolution #8-2018 – A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to pass a resolution to give permission to Kirk Marlow of TCWD to obtain a credit card with a limit of \$1,500.00

and a due date of the 25th of the month. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

- f. The Board discussed getting a credit card for general Burke Town purchases but decided to wait until a later date.
- g. Renewable Energy Systems (RES) Senior Director of Project Development, Dan Boyd and Mr. Graham, RES's CEO met with Supervisor Bill Wood after a meeting with Franklin County Legislators on August 21, 2018 to discuss bringing Wind and Solar Projects to the Town of Burke. We may have to adjust our current Wind Law because RES would like to install wind towers that are taller than our current law allows. Supervisor Wood gave the Solar Energy Law from the Town of Chateaugay to the Board members to review to start work on a Burke Solar Law. RES looks for a completion date of 2022 for their projects.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante's Report:

- 1. The Highway Department repaired a leaf spring on the 2009 Mack.
- 2. Mowing roadsides is finished.
- 3. The Highway Department is still helping with blacktopping but haven't started blacktopping in the Town of Burke yet.
- 4. The Highway Department finished stockpiling sand for winter.
- 5. Firewood is starting to be cut and split for winter.
- 6. The Pannuzio Road washed out and had to be repaired.
- 7. Superintendent LaPlante brought in an ad for a used 1997 John Deere 6400 tractor with an Alamo mower located in York, PA selling for \$32,000.00 that he is interested in buying to replace Town equipment that is wearing out. The Board advised Larry to go look at the unit and see if it is worth the price.

Old Business:

- 1. A donation for \$50.00 was received from the Johnston Family thanking the Town of Burke for the use of Seller's Field.
- 2. The Burke Adult Center sent in a check for \$131.43 for gas purchased through the Town of Burke.
- 3. The Courthouse air conditioner was serviced, and the bill will be submitted in tonight's bills.

The Code Officer collected \$248.00 for the month of August. A motion to accept the August 2018 Code Officers Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

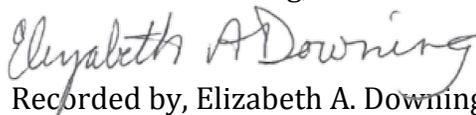
A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis to accept the August 2018 Financial Report. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:28 P.M. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. 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