

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 10, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on December 10, 2019 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll Call:	
Councilman:	Arnold Lobdell Jim Otis Tim Crippen Patrick Downing
Supervisor:	Bill Wood
Supt. of Highways:	Larry LaPlante
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing
Bookkeeper:	Linda Trudell

This Regular Meeting is being voice recorded by the Burke Town Clerk, Elizabeth Downing, as always.

Brian Spinner will receive the Family plan In Liew of Insurance payment in 2019 and receive the Employee and Spouse plan In Liew of Insurance payment in 2020. A motion to accept the November 12, 2019 minutes as corrected was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made.

New Business:

1. A 2019 audit of the Justice Court records and dockets will be performed by Councilmembers Tim Crippen and Pat Downing.
2. Resolution #23-2019 – A motion was made by Pat Downing and seconded by Tim Crippen to pass a resolution opposing the new Bail and Discovery Reform Legislation enacted by the Governor of New York to take effect in January of 2020. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.
3. A Tax Levy Cap Audit was performed by Christopher Hollander and Tolan Sharlow from the New York State Comptroller's Office on December 5, 2019. They will contact us in the future to let us know the results.
4. Councilman Crippen informed the Board that Barrie Finnegan, from the North Country Honor Flight, thanked the Board for their donation and will be putting the details of our donation into their newsletter.

The Highway Committee met to discuss purchasing a new truck. Various quotes were discussed with the Highway Superintendent. The Committee also discussed pursuing a grant/low interest loan through USDA.

Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante's Report:

1. Superintendent LaPlante presented 3 plow truck quotes to the Board:
 - a. Clark's Truck Center of Plattsburgh, NY sent in a quote of \$226,646.00 for a 2020 International.
 - b. Beam Mack of Watertown, NY sent in a quote of \$198,424.66 for a 2021 Volvo.
 - c. Charlebois of Milton, Vermont sent in a quote of \$203,000.00 for a 2020 Freightliner.
2. Urinals located in the Town Garage and Town Courthouse were repaired.
3. A couple of rims on the 2004 Mack were replaced.
4. The bed chain on the 1996 Ford plow truck keeps breaking and has been repaired again.

Old Business:

1. The Town Board continued discussions on the paid EMS Service. Two additional meetings have taken place. John Martin was elected Chairman. The

meetings have discussed the 3 Levels of EMS training: Basic, Advanced and Paramedic. Much more discussion is required and a lawyer who works in this field will be at a meeting scheduled on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. at the Burke Fire Department. Resolution #24-2019 – A motion was made by Pat Downing and seconded by Jim Otis to pass a resolution to support the continued discussions setting up a paid Emergency Medical Service between the Towns/Villages of Chateaugay and Burke and the portions of the Town of Belmont currently served by Burke and Chateaugay. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye. The Town Board believes this paid EMS can be formed with a local Board of Commissioners providing a 40-hour paid EMS without seeking an outside entity to form the Service

2. Court Summons's for dog owners who failed to license dogs during the 2019 Enumeration will be sent out for a Court Appearance date scheduled on January 22, 2020.
3. St. Lawrence Gas has been sold to Liberty Utilities.

The Code Officer collected \$90.00 for the month of November. A motion to accept the November 2019 Code Officers Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Pat Downing to accept the November 2019 Financial Report. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

Public Comments:

1. June Parmeter asked about the USDA grants for new equipment. The Town Supervisor stated that the Town will be applying for a USDA grant/loan within the month.

The End of the Year Meeting was set for December 30, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Courthouse.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:25 P.M. was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Pat Downing. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk



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