

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on February 11, 2020 at the Burke Town Court House. Deputy Supervisor Jim Otis declared the meeting to order at 6:58 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

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

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

A motion to accept the January 7, 2020 minutes as read was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill absent.

Public Comments:

1. A Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request for documents was submitted by Albert Johnson. Brian Stewart, the Town Attorney, will fulfill the FOIL request for the Town.
2. June Parmeter asked if the Board has found out if the new gas utility, Liberty Utilities, is renegotiating new contracts with the Town of Burke? The Board has no information currently.
3. Betsy Mitchell asked the Board who was the author of the Local Law #2-2019 and who would pay attorney fees if she discussed the law with the Town attorney? The Board informed Betsy that the Town Attorney, Brian Stewart wrote the law and any discussion with him would be at her expense. Records pertaining to Wind Laws will be kept in the Town Courthouse Records Storage Room and would be accessible to the public if requested.

New Business:

1. Pat McGuire, with NYMIR insurance, reviewed the 2020 Town Insurance Policy with the Board. The 2020 Insurance increased 3.4% over the 2019 rate. The Board decided to add computer fraud, funds transfer fraud and money orders/counterfeit money insurance to the 2020 policy for an additional premium of \$64.00 per year. A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Pat Downing to accept the 2020 NYMIR Insurance Policy with the additional \$64.00 premium for a total cost of \$21,577.41. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill absent.
2. Ads to request quotes to mow Burke cemeteries, parks and municipal grounds during the 2020 season need to be placed in the Malone Telegram and Free Trader. All mowing services for Municipal Building grounds are subject to the wage set at the prevailing rate of \$15.06 per hour per Article 9 §230.6 for Franklin County Landscape Maintenance
3. North Country Honor Flight sent a thank you note to the Town for their donation in 2020.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante's Report:

1. The Highway Department is performing snow removal duties as required.
2. The 2009 Mack had a wrist cylinder replaced.
3. The 1996 Ford continues to have issues because of its age.
4. Trucks have been serviced.
5. The 2018 Volvo had a computer upgrade performed.
6. The Highway Department has been bringing in additional salt.
7. The Burke citizens in attendance stated that the Highway Department is doing a good job on the roads this winter.

Arnold Lobdell asked if the Board thought that the Burke Fire Department should have a key to the Town Courthouse. The Board agreed that instead of the Fire Department having a key,

breaking a window to combat a fire if required by the Fire Department would be less of a security risk for the building.

Old Business:

1. The paid EMS Committee met again to continue discussing forming a paid EMS service for Chateaugay town and village, parts of the town of Belmont and the town and village of Burke.
2. Paperwork has been submitted to the USDA requesting a grant/ low interest loan for \$225,000.00 to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department.

The Code Officer did not present a Code Report to the Board. Jim Dumont reported that most of the people with Building Permits are finishing up their projects.

The Town of Burke has been approved for a Justice Grant of \$13,274.69. Congratulations to Judge Miller and Clerk Linda Trudell for all their efforts.

Resolution #30-2019 - A motion to pass a resolution to adopt Highway Outside Fund Budget Amendment #10 was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Pat Downing. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill absent. \$4,548.59 was appropriated from Account #DB915 Assigned Unappropriated Fund Balance. \$4,548.59 was deposited into Account#DB5112.2 Improvements, Capital Outlay.

Resolution #31-2019 - A motion to pass a resolution to adopt General Fund Budget Amendment #11 was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill absent. \$49.66 was appropriated from Account #A1410.4 Town Clerk, Contractual, \$3,666.00 was appropriated from A3510.4 Control of Dogs, Contractual, \$47.51 was appropriated from Account #7110.4 Seller's Field, Contractual, \$10.00 was appropriated from Account #A9040.8 Employee's Benefits, Worker's Compensation and \$393.25 was appropriated from Account #A917 Unassigned Fund Balance. \$77.56 was deposited into Account#A1110.4 Justice, Contractual and \$4,088.86 was deposited into Account #A5132.4 Garage, Contractual.

A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Pat Downing to accept the January 2020 Financial Report. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill absent.

Public Comments:

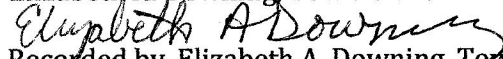
1. Mary Moore asked the Board if they seek other vendors for the Town's Insurance? The Board replied that NYMIR Insurance has been the best value for the Town, is the Insurance carrier for many municipalities in New York State resulting in lower prices due to increased volume of policies carried by NYMIR and there are only a select few insurance carriers for municipalities. We have used other insurance carriers in the past and had issues with the other carriers.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:55 P.M. was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk



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