

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 14, 2020

The Public Hearing on the Resolution to create an Ambulance District Pursuant to Town Law Article 12-A was held on July 14, 2020 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said. The Public Hearing was turned over to Attorney Brian Stewart. Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form were signed and the resolution to approve the Ambulance District was presented to the Board. Burke citizens Craig Dumas, Lloyd Walfield and Gene Nesbitt stated that they are in favor of creating an Ambulance District.

A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Pat Downing to close the Public Hearing at 7:10 P.M. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

The Regular Town Board Meeting was opened at 7:10 P.M.

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

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

A motion to accept the June 9, 2020 minutes as read was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made.

New Business:

1. Jim O'Brien, the Burke Adult Center's Board President, informed Supervisor Wood that Meals on Wheels is scheduled to begin delivery five days a week as of July 14, 2020 but the meals are still being prepared in Malone.
2. Sexual Harassment Training for Town Officials will be held July 23, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. at the Chateaugay Theater. Linda Trudell and Larry LaPlante have already attended their Sexual Harassment training.
3. A quote to provide propane for the Burke Town Courthouse was opened from Suburban Propane. A motion was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen to accept Suburban Propane's offer of propane delivery for the fixed price of \$1.1950 per gallon. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.
4. Bags of trash were left at the Burke Courthouse. Supervisor Bill Wood has a phone number of the person who left the trash and will call them to make a complaint.
5. A thank you note was received from the Chateaugay Food Pantry thanking the Town of Burke for its \$500.00 donation to the food pantry.
6. A check for \$392.50 was received from NYMIR Insurance for a distribution of 50% of the Town of Burke's capital contribution to NYMIR Insurance.
7. A July 11, 2020 letter was received from Spectrum Northeast, LLC stating that contract negotiations for a renewal of our franchise agreement with Charter Communications which expires on May 27, 2023 are commencing.
8. Jim Gonyo, Burke Assessor, informed Supervisor Wood that 520 parcels consisting of 20,230 acres in the Town of Burke are under Farmland Protection.
9. Attorney Brian Stewart informed the Board that the Village of Burke has started the process to accept the Ambulance District resolution and stated that the resolution before the Town Board will be amended to state that the Village is in that process. Resolution # 10-2020 - A motion was made to pass an amended resolution to approve the creation of an Ambulance District Pursuant to Town Law Article 12-A subject to Permissive Referendum. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye. A blank copy of the Petition Requesting Referendum was given to the Town Clerk for any petitioners to the resolution.
10. A Solar Project is being planned for property owned by Robert Johnston.
11. Burke resident Terry Collins is making plans to demolish the McCoy house near the Burke Highway Department on Route 11.
12. Donna Kissane, Franklin County Manager, has stated that Franklin County Towns can determine their options to re-opening Town Offices during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Burke Town Court and Town Clerk's Office will open in August.

Old Business:

1. Paperwork for the USDA Grant/Loan has been forwarded to Attorney Eric Gustafson and should be completed by October 2020.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante's Report:

1. The first round of roadside mowing is complete.
2. Shimming has taken place on Trout River Road and East Road.
3. The Highway Department has assisted with blacktopping in Town of Chateaugay.
4. Sand has been hauled in to replenish our winter stockpile.
5. A tire on the John Deere mower was repaired.
6. Blacktopping is planned for a one mile stretch of Coveytown Road and the end of the Fluery Road.
7. The Highway Department's new employee may be Anthony Lamica
8. A June 10, 2020 letter was received from the NYS Department of Transportation stating that Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS), PAVE NY and Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR) funding may be reduced by up to 20% in 2020 due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding of \$271,733.97 scheduled for the Town of Burke could be reduced to \$217,387.18.

The Code Officer collected \$110.00 for the month of June. A motion to accept the June 2020 Code Officers Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Pat Downing. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

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

No Public Comments were made

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. was made by Jim Otis 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



Recorded by, Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk