## REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING August 11, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on August 11, 2020 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 6:59 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll Call:

Councilman:

Arnold Lobdell

Tim Crippen

Jim Otis, absent

Patrick Downing, absent

Supervisor:

Bill Wood

Supt. of Highways:

Larry LaPlante

Town Clerk:

**Elizabeth Downing** 

Bookkeeper:

Linda Trudell

Code Officer:

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

A motion to accept the July 14, 2020 minutes as read was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim absent and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made.

## **New Business:**

- 1. A meeting was held on July 28, 2020 at the Burke Town Courthouse with Barton Pitts and Rob Morrison to discuss the Solar Project being built on Robert Johnston's property. The project will be 5 megawatts on just under a 20- acre parcel. Assessor Jim Gonyo, Code Officer Jim Dumont, Councilman Tim Crippen and Supervisor Bill Wood attended the meeting. Barton Pitts will be at the September 8, 2020 meeting for further discussion on the Project. We will need to hire an attorney to represent us for the project. The IDA will negotiate a PILOT Agreement.
- 2. Judge Miller informed the Board that the summons's that were sent to Burke citizens to appear in court to address their unlicensed dogs were for a Penal Offense of Article 7 of the Ag and Markets Law and should have been sent out through the District Attorney's Office. A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Bill Wood to dismiss the one case pending and not pursuing the other unlicensed dog cases. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim absent and Bill aye.
- 3. The Budget process for 2021 is commencing. The Association of Town's 2021 dues will be \$600.00. The Franklin County Self Insurance payment for 2021 will be \$5,553.00.
- 4. Attorney Brian Stewart informed Supervisor Wood that we have one final thing to do to adopt the Ambulance District and we need to hold a Special Meeting. A Special Meeting to finalize the Ambulance District will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Burke Town Courthouse.
- 5. The individual who left garbage at the Town Courthouse has not be identified at this time and no additional garbage has not be dumped at the Courthouse.
- 6. Kevin Sheen of Terra-gen, the company that has bought RES, would like to be at September 8, 2020 Board Meeting to give an update of their plans.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante's Report:

- 1. The Highway Department helped the Town of Chateaugay with their paving and Chateaugay will help us with our paving as soon as Chateaugay's paver is repaired.
- 2. The sand pile at the garage is replenished.
- 3. The Highway Department is working on the Mary Carey Road.
- 4. Highway personnel are performing regular maintenance on the Town trucks.
- 5. The primer pump on the Dozer was replaced.
- 6. New employee Anthony Lamica is working out well. He has a CDL test scheduled for August 17, 2020.

No Old Business was brought before the Town Board.

The Code Officer collected \$420.00 for the month of July. A motion to accept the July 2020 Code Officers Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim absent and Bill aye.

Justice Grant funds were used to purchase Personal Protection Equipment for the Town Courthouse. A thermometer, sanitizer and masks were purchased. Bookkeeper Trudell informed the Board that medical insurance payments were incorrectly calculated for the

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Highway Superintendent and Highway Department personnel. Revisions to the Budget will need to be made in the future. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to accept the July 2020 Financial Report. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim absent and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:01 P.M. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim absent and Bill aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk
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