

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 8, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on December 8, 2020 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll Call:	
Councilman:	Arnold Lobdell Tim Crippen Jim Otis Patrick Downing, absent
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 November 10, 2020 minutes as read was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made.

New Business:

1. Burke Solar, LLC has been drilling test holes. 12 Burke Solar, LLC packages requesting that the Town of Burke be designated lead agency have been sent out and the Town Clerk is saving these entities replies.
2. AES Renewables has proposed a 33 acre, 5 MK Solar Project designated tentatively as Glengarry Farms LLC on the Glengarry Farm property behind the Cherry Knoll Restaurant. Code Officer Jim Dumont and Supervisor Bill Wood had a Tele-Conference with the proposed project team at noon on Tuesday December 1, 2020. Applications for the project could be sent in by the end of December 2020.
3. The Brookside Solar 100MK project on Route 11 is performing archeological studies.
4. A letter dated November 27, 2020 was received from Councilman Patrick Downing stating he was resigning from his position as Town Councilman as of January 1, 2021. A motion to regretfully accept Councilman Patrick Downing's resignation as of January 1, 2021 was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye.
5. A letter dated December 6, 2020 was received from Town Clerk, Elizabeth Downing stating she was resigning from her position as Town Clerk as of March 31, 2021. A motion to accept Town Clerk, Elizabeth Downing's resignation as of March 31, 2021 was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye. The Board thanked Clerk Downing for offering to stay on to help train her replacement.
6. \$88,000.00 was budgeted in the 2021 Town Budget for the Ambulance District but Franklin County Real Property informed Supervisor Wood that \$77,000.00 was the amount that should have been budgeted.
7. The End of the Year Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Burke Town Court House.
8. The Association of Towns has provided information to guide the Towns in the formulation of a new COVID-19 Planning Law that is required by the State of New York. The new Town Law must be done by April 1, 2021.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante's Report:

1. Roads have been sanded as required.
2. Trees have been cut back as required on the Stacy Road.
3. 4 tires have been replaced on the Volvo plow truck.
4. Worn skid plates have been replaced on the plow truck buckets.
5. The Highway Employees replaced 2 tires and worked on the brakes on the Town Excavator.
6. The new Town plow truck is in Harrisville, New York getting the plow package installed.
7. New Highway Department employee, Anthony Lamica, is working out well. He needs to take 2 physical exams: one for his driver license and one for Franklin County.

The Code Officer collected \$60.00 for the month of November. A motion to accept the November 2020 Code Officers Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye.

Old Business:

1. An Ambulance District Zoom Meeting was held on November 12, 2020. Five directors were elected:
 - a. Craig Dumas
 - b. Jim Lobdell
 - c. Robbie Demaris
 - d. Greg Perrigo
 - e. Taylor Artus
2. Terry Hannigan, a lawyer from Hannigan Law Firm, PLLC from Delmar, NY is dropping off paperwork for the Ambulance District to continue its formation.


Bank Reconciliations will be presented for Board approval at the December 29, 2020 Meeting. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis to transfer \$20,000.00 from Account # DA200.1 Highway, Townwide Saving to Account # DA200 Highway, Townwide Checking. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to accept the November 2020 Financial Report. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:06 P.M. was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk


Recorded by, Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk