

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 12, 2021

The Re-Organizational Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on January 12, 2021 at the Burke Town Court House and Municipal Offices. Bill Wood, Supervisor of the Town of Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll Call:

Councilman:	Arnold Lobdell
	Tim Crippen
	Jim Otis
Supervisor:	Bill Wood
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.

A motion to accept the December 8, 2020 minutes as read was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye.

A motion to accept the December 29, 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. A motion was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to reappoint Betty Blanchard to the Assessment Review Board from October 2020 to September 2025. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.
2. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell for the Town Board to go into Executive Session at 7:15 P.M. to discuss appointing a person to fill the position of Burke Town Clerk due to the resignation of Town Clerk, Elizabeth Downing. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and Bill aye. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:30 P.M. A motion was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to appoint Judy Tavernier to the office of Burke Town Clerk from April 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and Bill aye. A motion was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Tim Crippen to pay Judy Tavernier one half of the Town Clerk Salary per month while she is training for the position through April 1, 2021. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.
3. A letter dated January 12, 2021 was received from June Parmeter stating her regret that she does not wish to be considered for the vacant Burke Town Councilmember position. A letter dated January 12, 2021 was received from June Parmeter supporting Mary Moore for the vacant Burke Town Councilmember position. A motion was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Jim Otis for the Town Board to go into Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. to discuss appointing a person to fill the position of Burke Town Councilmember due to the resignation of Town Councilman, Pat Downing. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:45 P.M. A motion was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Jim Otis to appoint Keith Trudeau to the office of Burke Town Councilmember from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.
4. Oaths of Office were given by the Town Clerk to Deputy Supervisor, Jim Otis, Councilmember, Keith Trudeau and new Town Clerk, Judy Tavernier.
5. Barton Pitts of NEXAMP will attend the February 9, 2021 Board meeting to discuss the progress of the Burke Solar LLC project. Noise studies and a

proposed Landscape plan are being worked on with the Town of Burke's legal representative and engineering firm.

6. Jim Gonyo, Burke Assessor, sent the Board a letter from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance designating Burke's assessed value at 99.12% which is considered at 100%.
7. Preliminary insurance values were discussed with Pat McGuire, of NYMIR, on January 6, 2021. Pat McGuire will attend the February 2021 Monthly Meeting.
8. Eric Gustafson, the USDA Grant/Loan Bond Consul, will be getting the final paperwork for the USDA Grant/Loan soon.
9. Franklin County and NYMIR have each sent documents giving the Town of Burke a plan to use to draft the NYS Governor's Public Employer Health Emergency Plan that town's need to have to submit to the unions that towns use by February 2021. The NYMIR plan looks like the model that the Town of Burke should use.

Resolution #1-2021 - A motion to pass a resolution to authorize the Burke Town Supervisor to enter into a 2021 contract with North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. for the sum of \$350.00 was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to accept the current Burke Town Investment Policy, Burke Courthouse Bond Agreement, 3rd Party Collateral Source Agreement and Code of Ethics. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

A motion to enter into 2021 Contract's between the Town of Burke and Jim Dumont, Burke Code Officer, Diane Walfield, Burke Health Officer and Dale Parmeter, Thayer's Corner's Water District mowing was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

A motion was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Tim Crippen to accept the 2021 Burke Town Supervisor's list of appointments. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye. The Malone Telegram will continue to post monthly meeting notices.

A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Keith Trudeau to set the Highway Superintendent's 2021 salary at \$46,000.00 as per the amount budgeted in 2021 Burke Final Budget. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

Resolution #2-2021 - A motion was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen to make a resolution to pay New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) bills before the regularly scheduled meetings to avoid acquiring late payment fees. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

Resolution #3-2021 - A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Keith Trudeau to make a resolution to pay Time Warner Cable/Spectrum bills before the regularly scheduled meetings to avoid acquiring late payment fees. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Superintendent, Larry LaPlante's Report:

1. Roads are being plowed as needed.
2. The garage spaces, bathrooms and office spaces have been painted at the Town Highway Department.
3. A portion of stove pipe on the Garage Furnace was replaced.
4. The chain on the old Ford Plow Truck needs repair but is not worth working on since we will replace it with the new Volvo Plow Truck.
5. Air valves were replaced on the 04 Mack.
6. A bad wire was found on the 09 Mach.
7. The shaft was bad on the Ford F-250.

8. The new Volvo Plow Truck should have its plow package installed by next week.

The Code Officer collected \$75.00 for the month of December. A motion to accept the December 2020 Code Officers Report was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye. Schooling for the Code Officer will be held on-line due to COVID-19.

Resolution #27-2020 - A motion to pass a resolution to adopt General Fund Budget Amendment #4 was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye Keith aye and Bill aye. \$1344.66 was appropriated from Account #A1110.4 Justice, Contractual, \$1611.68 was appropriated from Account #A1110.15 Justice Clerk, Personal Services, \$1047.40 was appropriated from Account #A1220.4 Supervisor, Contractual, \$787.23 was appropriated from Account #A5132.4 Garage, Contractual and \$258.35 was appropriated from Account #A1620.43 Buildings-Town Hall, Propane. \$2200.00 was deposited into Account #A9030.8 Fringe Benefits, Social Security, \$668.20 was deposited into Account #A1330.4 Tax Collector, Contractual, \$783.89 was deposited into Account #A1310.4 Director of Finance, Contractual, \$248.74 was deposited into Account #A1420.4 Attorney, Contractual, \$94.60 was deposited into Account #A3310.4 Traffic Control, Contractual, \$543.91 was deposited into Account #A7110.4 Parks-Sellers Field, Contractual and \$509.98 was deposited into Account #A7620.4 Adult Recreation, Contractual.

Resolution #28-2020 - A motion to pass a resolution to adopt Highway Fund Budget Amendment #5 was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye. \$730.64 was appropriated from Account #DA5130.1 Highway, Townwide, Machinery, Personal Services. \$468.14 was deposited into Account #DA9060.8 Highway, Townwide, Employee Benefits, Hospital/Medical Insurance and \$262.50 was deposited into Account #DA9062.8 Highway, Townwide, Employee Benefits, Hospital, HRA.

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

Old Business:

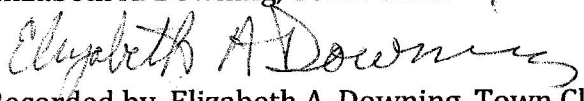
1. The Yearly Justice Court Audit will be performed on February 10, 2021 by Councilmen Tim Crippen and Keith Trudeau.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:43 P.M. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk


Recorded by, Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk