

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 10, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on March 10, 2021 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood declared 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 Keith Trudeau
Supervisor:	Bill Wood
Supt. of Highways:	Larry LaPlante
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing and Judy Tavernier, Trainee
Bookkeeper:	Linda Trudell
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont

This Regular Meeting is being voice recorded by the Burke Town Clerk, Judy Tavernier as always.

Minutes of the February 9, 2021 were read and 2 corrections made. Jim Otis was present for the entire meeting and West Firm is responsible for all renewable energy projects. A motion to accept the corrected February 9, 2021 minutes was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Jim aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

Minutes of the February 23, 2021 work session were read and on a motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Jim aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

There were no public comments.

New Business:

1. Pat Maguire, NYMIR informed the Board that the following changes had been made to our policy: Property and contents has been increased by 3% and General Liability increased to \$1M limit. Computer Breach and Network Security Liability went up 75%. He suggested someone be contracted as computer consultant. Municipal Crime Coverage and Automobile Policy have a higher limit. Board coverage has a \$1M limit. Need to add new truck to policy. USDA needs proof of insurance.
2. NexAmp – Based on information provided at our last meeting NexAmp prepared Resolution # 7 regarding a negative declaration of the Solar Project. They have also prepared Part 3 Form and narrative that agricultural impact has been mitigated. Resolution #7 regarding negative impact was read and a motion made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen to accept. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Jim aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill abstain.
3. Resolution #8 was also presented to approve the special permit for the Solar Project. If these are approved then the project can proceed to next step where NexAmp will provide decommissioning bond and maintenance & operation bond and will file the Notice of Intent. Resolution #8 approving Burke Solar LLC project for Special Use Permit and seeking site plan approval was read. Tim Crippen made the motion to accept. Keith Trudeau seconded. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Jim aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill abstain.
4. Amendment #1 to the Agreement between the Town of Burke and Barton & Loguidice for Professional Services for Engineering Review of Proposed Burke Solar, LLC Solar Project was produced, increasing Total Compensation to be estimated as \$10,000.00. Jim Otis made the motion to accept. Tim Crippen seconded. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Jim aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill abstain.
5. AES – Glengarry Solar Project – Andrew Gordon was in attendance with Chris Matthews on-line from Virginia. Application has been submitted recently for the project. Necessary studies and screenings have been completed and coordinated with State and Federal agencies. Fully ready to submit application,

which has been done. Barton & Loguidice and the West Firm will need copies of the application. Town of Burke will be the planning agent. Tree cutting limited to October 1st to March 31st by NYS DEC.

6. Public hearing meeting was scheduled for April 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Arnold Lobdell made this a motion and Jim Otis seconded. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye.
7. Update on USDA grant – Need Vehicle Identification Number and evidence of insurance paperwork sent to Lucas Manning. Hopefully closing date will be March 31st.
8. Two bids for the Town Mowing Contract were received from LaBarge's Lawn Care for \$7500.00 and JRL Contracting for \$9350.00. After discussion a motion was made by Jim Otis to accept the bid from JRL Contracting. Keith Trudeau seconded. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye
9. Annual Boiler Inspection was completed and approval for 2 years. Two issues were noted and more information will be forthcoming.
10. No Highway Committee Report this month.
11. Highway Superintendent Report – New Employee, Doug Furman. Repairs were needed on the Old Mack. DEC Visit - Tank permit is due in April. One question regarding fuel tanks. A complaint from Allen Miller was received regarding the Stuart Road.

Old Business:

1. Resolution #9 – Court Audit was completed for the period of January - December and accepted on a motion by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Jim aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.
2. Health Emergency Plan for Burke was completed and approved by the Union Representative. Tim Crippen made the motion to accept the Plan. Keith Trudeau seconded. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, and Bill – aye.
3. Code Officers Report – Training on-line was reapproved as of Friday, 3/6. No burning allowed between 3/15 – 5/15/2021.
4. Financial Report was reviewed and approved on a motion by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, and Bill – aye. Linda Trudell advised the Board of her upcoming vacation.
5. Arnold Lobdell made the motion to accept the audit of accounts. Tim Crippen seconded. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, and Bill – aye.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

Town Supervisor Bill Wood expressed the Board's appreciation of all that Elizabeth Downing has done for the town during her tenure as Town Clerk.

A motion to adjourn at 9:43 P.M. was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen.

Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, ~~Jim absent~~ and Bill aye.

Pat
Jim *Keith-aye*

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Tavernier, Town Clerk

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