

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
May 11, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on May 11, 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:	Judy Tavernier
Bookkeeper:	Linda Trudell
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont

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

Minutes of the April 13, 2021 were read and approved on a motion by Tim Crippen and seconded by Keith Trudeau. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Jim aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

There were no public comments.

New Business:

1. Greg Mountain from the West Firm was in attendance and explained the Real Property Tax exemption for new renewable energy projects (PILOT). Recommendation from West Firm is to opt out for the Glengarry solar project. The Burke Wind Law designates opting out but it is not set in the solar projects. Tim Crippen made the motion to file the PILOT resolution #14. Jim Otis seconded. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye. Questions regarding funding for Brookside and Glengarry projects were answered.
2. USDA grant maturity schedule was reviewed. Paperwork was signed by Supervisor Bill Wood and Town clerk Judy Tavernier on April 20. Money deposited on April 22 - \$50,000 for grant, \$152,000 for the loan. Two payments per year. October 2021 is an interest only payment. April 2022 is interest and principal. Previously discussed utilizing \$20,000 budgeted to make first payment. Payment can be made at any time and loan can be paid off early with no penalty. Board felt paying off early was beneficial.
3. 2021 Virtual Town Finance School will be held 5/19 & 5/20. Supervisor Bill Wood, Bookkeeper Linda Trudell and Town Clerk Judy Tavernier plan to attend.
4. Reminder: Discrimination & Harassment Training will be at 9 a.m. at the Chateaugay Town Hall on 5/18. Mandatory for Board.
5. American Rescue Plan (ARP) – Anticipated to receive \$160,000 – half in 2021 and the other half in 2022. Must be utilized by 12/31/2024. There are numerous restrictions.
6. Hazard Mitigation meeting was attended on 4/19 by Bill Wood and Larry LaPlante. They are looking for 2 or 3 “in case of disaster” projects from Burke. Plans for use if money is available include generators, culverts, bridge stabilization, computer backup and security system.
7. Received check for \$170.75 from Franklin County for interest on overdue taxes – Deposited to General Account.
8. Franklin County Public Health has released a notice that 4 hours be excused for employees to obtain the COVID vaccine.
9. Residential provisions for NYS energy conservation code webinar on 5/24 & 5/25.
10. USDA letter congratulations on recent closing of plow truck. It was noted that \$23,000 was budgeted for the plow truck every year.

11. COVID protocol for the upcoming Little League softball season. No masks required in Town of Burke. Portable restroom has been installed. Liability insurance policy on its way.

Highway Committee Report – Truck has been received.

Highway Superintendent Report – Had to do snow plowing again. DEC inspection has been completed and received permit on tanks. Culvert in and ditch cleared on Constable – Burke Town Line Road. Cut some brush. Replaced bed on old Mac. New truck received 4/25. Blades not included. Door locks not on new trucks. Ad to be put in the Free Trader to sell old truck and grader.

Old Business:

1. Health Emergency Plan Update - Foothills Ambulance District is moving forward. Received email County Personnel Office per NYS Workers' Compensation Law stating volunteer EMTs are covered under Town of Burke's Workers Compensation. Bill will be meeting with Craig Dumas and County Personnel.
2. Furnace reinspection – Judy called to have reinspection scheduled. Larry waiting for date.

Code Officers Report - \$230 received this month. Jim Otis made the motion to accept the code officer's report. Keith Trudeau seconded. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye.

Financial Report was reviewed and approved on a motion by Arnold Lobdell.

Seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye. Additional funds are being requested from NexAmp.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

Jim Otis made the motion to donate the soda machine to Burke Fire Department. Tim Crippen seconded. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye.

Justice Court will be busy tomorrow.

A motion to adjourn at 8:25 P.M. was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Jim aye, Jim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Tavernier, Town Clerk

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