

REGULAR BURKE TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 8, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on June 8, 2021 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance 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 May 11, 2021 meeting 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, Bill – aye.

No public comments at this time.

New Business:

1. Steve LeFevre and Bryce Dingman from Barton & Loguidice presented a proposal hiring them as Clerk of Works for the proposed Nexamp Solar Project, Burke Solar LLC to ensure compliance with contract. Nexamp will establish \$15,000 escrow to start. Site inspections will be completed periodically and progress reports provided to the town. Arnold Lobdell made the motion to approve and sign this contract as **Resolution # 14** and Jim Otis seconded. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye.
2. Glengarry Project – AES Brett Hastings & Eric Will were in attendance. AES provided revised site plans which were reviewed by B&L. Tree clearing reduced from 18-1/2 acres to approximately 8-1/2 acres. Also, revised decommissioning plan and revised Part 1 were submitted. Closest solar recycling facility is in New York City. Total cost \$366,374.39. Phase 1A and Phase 1B archeological study found an old farmstead on property and impact will have to be clarified. Part 2 was then completed.
3. Deadline will lapse from date of public hearing for Glengarry Solar Project declaration (62 days) to vote on declaration unless both parties agree on extension. **Resolution # 15** made to extend deadline to August 31st on a motion by Tim Crippen and seconded by Keith Trudeau. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye.
4. Notification received that Town of Burke is at 100% for 2021 Assessment Role.
5. **Resolution # 16** – Jim Otis made the motion for appointed Town Clerk Judy Tavernier be authorized to obtain a credit card with a limit of \$2,500. Keith Trudeau seconded. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye.
6. Telecommunication Act regarding cell towers on people's property. Discuss with Brian Stewart regarding zoning for cell towers – Does zoning need to be updated?

Old Business:

1. Brookside Solar Project: Letter submitted to Brookside advising of the intention to enter into the PILOT program. **Resolution # 17** to request to enter into a PILOT agreement and to be lead agency was made on a motion by Arnold Lobdell and

seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – abstain. Escrow for Brookside has not been set up yet.

2. Emergency Battery Backup – After discussion small backup will be ordered under regular supplies.

No Highway Committee Report.

Highway Superintendent's Report – Excavator slid into ditch with no damage. Working on the roads – Culverts put in on Callahan and East Roads. Replaced screen on 96 Ford. County working on road from State Route 11 to Burke Village. Paperwork all sent in for grant. New truck – Electric locks not installed as stated in contract. Company offered \$500 and screens in lieu of locks. Larry to rediscuss with company and ask for \$2500 because contract not followed. Re-advertise grader for sealed bids due by 7/9/2021. Truck has been sold for \$1,600 for scrap metal.

Primary Election scheduled for June 22nd.

Code Officers Report - \$20.00 – Building permit request to erect building for manufacture of ammunition. Jim Otis made the motion to approved. Arnold Lobdell seconded. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye.

Financial Report was reviewed and approved on a motion by Jim Otis and seconded by Keith Trudeau. New account for scrap metal. Other accounts and payments were discussed. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye. Arnold Lobdell made the motion to accept the reconciliation statements. Tim Crippen seconded. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye.

Chateaugay Rec Park will be open this year.

Craig Dumas will be asked to attend the meeting next month for an update on the Ambulance Service.

Keith Trudeau made the motion for **Resolution #18** for \$159,720 for permanent improvements on road from State Route 11 to Coveytown Road. Arnold Lobdell seconded. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye.

No Public Comments.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Keith Trudeau. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Tavernier, Town Clerk

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