

REGULAR BURKE TOWN BOARD MEETING  
July 13, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on July 13, 2021 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 7:04 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 June 8, 2021 meeting were read and approved on a motion by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye.

No public comments at this time.

New Business:

1. Craig Dumas, ALS notified us that there was as regular council meeting scheduled for Monday. Still in the process of finalizing plans. Volunteers may submit applications. Currently base is in Chateaugay. An open house is being planned when all is ready.
2. Steve LeFevre covered issues questioned on Part 2 for the Glengarry Solar project. Eric Will from AES was in attendance to answer questions. After investigation it was determined that the archeological concern and the noise assessment had no impact on the project. Part 2 was completed. He presented a proposed Findings statement for the Glengarry Farms Solar Photovoltaic Project that needed one address change. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis to accept this statement with the change. Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Keith - aye, Bill – aye. **Resolution #19** designating the Town of Burke as Lead Agency and negative declaration was passed on a motion by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Keith Trudeau. Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Keith - aye, Bill – aye. **Resolution #20** granting a special use permit for the Glengarry Solar project was approved on a motion by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Keith - aye, Bill – aye.
3. Tom West and Kristopher Wilson of the West Firm presented **Resolution #21** as an escrow agreement for the Brookside Solar project. This was accepted on a motion by Tim Crippen and seconded by Keith Trudeau. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – abstain. Brookside will present an open l meeting on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at the Chateaugay Town Hall to provide a visual demonstration of the project.
4. Tom West also presented an escrow agreement for the Terra-Gen Development project and initial approval of project. This was accepted on a motion by Tim Crippen and seconded by Keith Trudeau as **Resolution #22**. Roll Call: Arnold – abstain, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – abstain.
5. Kevin Sheen from Terra-Gen still negotiating with land owners and currently doing impact studies. He advised that he is available to answer any questions from the community.
6. Notification was received that the Town of Burke will receive \$129,624 in ARPA funds. Half of this amount will be deposited this summer and the other half will be deposited next year.
7. Broadband availability was discussed. Few areas in Burke have access. More detail is required by Friday, including street names, etc.
8. After discussion it was determined that the Town of Burke will take no action pertaining to the sale of marijuana at this time.

9. Payment of the Chateaugay Recreation Park contract for \$4,000 was approved on a motion by Jim Otis and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Keith - aye, Bill - aye. As a note - bus driver from Burke was selected for transportation to the park during this summer.
10. Contract with Suburban Propane was presented with a proposed usage of 1350 gallons and price to be fixed at \$1.719 per gallon. On a motion by Arnold Lobdell and second by Jim Otis it was approved. Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Keith - aye, Bill - aye

Old Business:

1. Boiler repair should be completed next week so inspection can be scheduled.
2. Telecommunication Act regarding cell towers on people's property. Per Brian Stewart regarding zoning for cell towers - No major concern in this area. Zoning does not need to be updated.
3. Insurance policy for use of Sellars Field was discussed. A revised form outlining the need for \$1 m rider with Town of Burke named as additionally insured was created. Riders may be obtained from their home owners insurance company.

Highway Committee Report - Meetings were held to discuss an incident at the garage however, waiting for more information.

Highway Superintendent's Report - Roadsides have been trimmed. Work done on Stuart Road and Ketchum Road. Culvert installed on Finney Road and work done on Stacy Road where it was washing out. Repairs done on old Mac. Replaced motion alarm on excavator.

Code Officers Report - \$50.00 - Jim Otis made the motion to accept the report. Keith Trudeau seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Keith - aye, Bill - aye.

Financial Report was reviewed. Justice Court grant is available again - Due in October. Report was approved on a motion by Tim Crippen and seconded by Keith Trudeau. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Keith - aye, Bill - aye. Arnold Lobdell made the motion to accept the bank reconciliation statements. Jim Otis seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Keith - aye, Bill - aye.

Noted that the NY Power Authority is upgrading some high voltage lines.

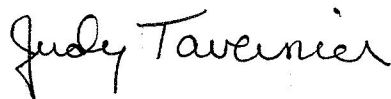
NYSLRS (New York State and Local Retirement System) - Continuing to work on getting this started for employees.

Public Comments - Questions from the Malone Telegram regarding marijuana in Burke were answered. At this time there are no marijuana permit requests pending. Allen Friend had questions regarding tax assessment regarding the Glengarry project.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 9:46 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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