REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING February 8, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on February 8, 2022 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll Call:

Councilman:

Arnold Lobdell Tim Crippen Jim Otis - Absent 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 as always.

A motion to accept the January 11, 2022 minutes as read was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Keith Trudeau. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

Minutes from the ARPA work session were read and on a motion by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Keith Trudeau were accepted as read. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Tim - aye, Keith - aye, Bill - aye.

There were no public comments at this time.

New Business:

- 1. Pat Maquire from Sid G. Spear was present with proposal and suggested changes to insurance policy. Notable items are to increase deductible to \$1000, to cover Thayers Corners Water District and cybersecurity coverage. He will provide quote to increase Tax Collector coverage to \$250,000. He will notify us when Sexual Harassment training will be offered again.
- 2. Barton & Loguidice have presented a proposal for engineering services associated with upgrades by NYPA and National Grid. The motion to accept **Resolution # 4** was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Keith Trudeau. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Keith aye, Bill aye.
- 3. Reviewed proposed mowing contract. On a motion by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen the request for bids will be placed in the Malone Telegram and the Free Trader with bids due by March 4, 2022. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Keith aye, Bill aye.
- 4. Keith Trudeau made the motion to sign the contract with the Burke Adult Center. Arnold Lobdell seconded. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.
- 5. Received notice of 2022 Tentative Telecommunications for school district apportionment ceiling in the amount of \$79,507.
- 6. Received copy of liability insurance for Kelly Bracy for coming year.

Old Business:

- 1. An update on the Brookside Solar project Meeting was held with local fire departments and residents regarding an emergency plan. Construction to start in 2023 and be on line in 2024.
- 2. Town Justice Court Audit will be conducted tomorrow, February 9, 2022.
- 3. Estimated usage for the ARPA funds and time line were discussed.

No Highway Committee Report.

Highway Superintendent Report: Keeping up with the roads. Work was done on the lights at the court house. New lights were put on the pick-up. He has contacted Allison Kicp regarding a grant for the salt building. **Resolution #5** for an agreement for the expenditure of highway money in the amount of \$92,000 was submitted and approved

on a motion by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Keith Trudeau. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Tim - aye, Keith - aye, Bill - aye.

Code Officer Jim Dumont reported \$24 received this month. Tim Crippen made the motion to accept the Financial Reports. Keith Trudeau seconded. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

Financial Reports were reviewed. Town budget is fully funded by taxes at this time. Noted PILOT for St. Lawrence Gas effective until August 2026. Check received from Burchacon Apartments. Bank statements have not been received yet this month. Bank will be updated for Tim Crippen as Deputy Supervisor to authorize him as a signer on the accounts and remove Jim Otis as he has stepped down from the position. Meeting tomorrow with Debbie from RJ Accounting to work on Annual Report. Keith Trudeau made the motion to accept the Financial Reports. Arnold Lobdell seconded. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Keith Trudeau. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, and Bill aye.

Keith

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tavernier, Town Clerk

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