

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 14, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on June 14, 2022 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said. A moment of silence was observed for Town Councilman Keith Trudeau, who passed away.

Roll Call:

Councilman:	Arnold Lobdell
	Tim Crippen
	Jim Otis
	Vacant
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.

A motion to accept the minutes from May 17, 2022 as read was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Bill - aye.

Public Comments:

1. A resident addressed the Board regarding the Town Dog Leash Law and incidents that have occurred on her property.
2. One resident offered a name (Eric Ashlaw) for consideration for the Councilman vacancy and another resident (Paddy Wheeler) expressed interest in filling this position.

New Business:

1. Election Primary will be held June 28, 2022 from 6 am - 9 pm. Another primary is scheduled for August 23, 2022.
2. Grievance Day minutes were received.
3. With the passing of Keith Trudeau, there is a vacancy on the Town Board which may be appointed for the rest of the year but must be on the ballot this fall. Brett Hazen will be chairing the Republican Caucus however, there is no chair for the Democrat party. It is too late to fill on an Independent ticket. After discussion, it was determined to leave the position vacant until after the election. Jim Otis made this a motion and the elected individual begin on 1/1/2023. Tim Crippen seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Bill - aye.
4. A notice of resignation was received from James Gonyo, Tax Assessor. Tim Crippen made the motion to accept the resignation with a sad heart. Arnold Lobdell seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Bill - aye. Advertisement will be published soon. Jim has volunteered to train and work with new individual. Dates for starting and pay will be tabled until next meeting.
5. Dog Control Law - There is currently no leash law in the Town of Burke. Tim Crippen made the motion to table and review this issue next month. Arnold seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, ~~Keith - aye~~, Bill - aye.
6. Union Employment Contract - Arnold Lobdell made the motion to go into an Executive Session for discussion. Jim Otis seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Bill - aye. Executive session began at 6:46 pm and ended at 7:02 pm.
7. Bids will be requested for propane to heat courthouse.
8. Brookside Road Use Agreement proposal has been received and will be reviewed by Barton & Loguidice before signing.
9. Burke Volunteer Fire Department sent a request to use Sellers Field for the Barbeque scheduled for July 10, 2022. Jim Otis made the motion granting permission. Tim Crippen seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Bill - aye.
10. An informational meeting regarding Shared Services is scheduled for June 28th.

11. Darin Cook provided estimates for painting roofs at Sellers Field and insurance certificate. He will attempt to have these completed prior to the field day. Discussed repair of lean-to next to the baseball field – Estimated cost of repair was \$7500.72. Jim Otis made a motion to get rid of it. Arnold Lobdell seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Bill - aye.
12. Franklin County Soil & Water have requested to use the Town Hall for CPR training course on 7/29/2022 from 7 am – 1 pm – approximately 35 people. Arnold Lobdell made the motion to grant permission but ask for proof of insurance. Tim Crippen seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Bill - aye.
13. Linda Trudell provided figures from fuel usage so far this year. She will research figures for last 2 years and report back. Part of the CHIPS funds will be placed in reserve for fuel for the rest of the year.

Old Business:

1. Meeting for the Thayers Corners Water District has not been rescheduled. After the meeting Barton & Loguidice will also evaluate the town hall for upgrades to the heating and air conditioning.

No Highway Committee Report.

Highway Superintendent Report: Work is being done on the Finney Road. Starting mowing roadsides. Replaced a culvert on Quarry Road. Repairs were made to the Old Ford Mac and a fuel tank put on the old Mac. Warranty work for the '18 Volvo is being done.

Code Officer Jim Dumont reported \$315 for income, although \$120 will be reimbursed to a man living in Constable. Tim Crippen made the motion to accept the report. Jim Otis seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Bill - aye.

Financial Reports were reviewed. Tim Crippen made the motion to accept the Financial Reports. Arnold Lobdell seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Bill - aye.

Bank Reconciliation Report was accepted on a motion by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Bill - aye.

Town Clerk will be on vacation starting 7/6/2022. She will be back in the office on 7/18. Other members were also not going to be available on the regular meeting night. Arnold Lobdell made the motion to change the next Town Board meeting to 7/19/2022. Jim Otis seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Bill - aye.

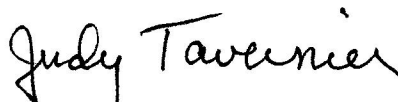
Public Comments:

1. There was additional comments regarding the dog leash law.
2. Finney Road repairs were discussed.
3. Town Council vacancy was discussed and candidates proposed.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 7:55 P.M. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Bill - aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Tavernier, Town Clerk