

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
February 8, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on February 8, 2023 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.

Roll Call:

Councilman:	Arnold Lobdell	
	Tim Crippen	
	Jim Otis	
	Paddy Wheeler	
Supervisor:	Bill Wood	
Supt. of Highways:	Larry LaPlante	
Town Clerk:	Judy Tavernier	
Bookkeeper:	Linda Trudell	
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont – Absent	
Guest Speakers:	Patrick Maquire	Sid G. Spear
	Jim McHugh	Dog Control
	Lisa Brown	CST Computers

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

A motion to accept the December 29, 2022 end-of-year work session minutes as read was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Paddy Wheeler.

Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye.

Minutes from the January Re-organizational meeting were read and accepted on a motion by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen.

Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye.

There were no public comments at this time.

Notes of Interest:

1. Taxes received by the Tax Collector have been paid to the Town.
2. More information has been received regarding the Dog Contract and will be discussed later in the meeting.

New Business:

1. Pat Maquire from Sid G. Spear was present with proposal which includes a 6% increase in property coverage. Cybersecurity services have become mandatory in order to obtain cybersecurity liability. Lisa Brown from CST further explained the legalities of this mandate.
2. Debbie Jeror from RJ Accounting will be at our next meeting.
3. Jim McHugh outlined his services for dog control. He requested a mileage fee added to the cost of \$3,000.00 when he has no room for the seized animal and must transport the animal to another location. Other locations he plans to work with are Tri-Lakes SPCA, Bangor Animal Shelter and N. Country Animal Shelter. Shirley Morton has offered to continue as dog control officer for another year. Her cost is \$3,500.00 which covers all. Motion was made at previous meeting to engage Jim McHugh for this position and it was decided to remain with that decision.
4. Arnold Lobdell motioned that a public hearing be held on March 7, 2023 regarding the newly proposed dog law. Paddy Wheeler seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye.
5. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Paddy Wheeler to also hold a public hearing on March 7, 2023 to change the law regarding the date for grievance day. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye.

6. Lisa Brown from CST outlined the requirements and laws regarding cybersecurity and explained what her company was offering for coverage to fill these requirements. Estimates were also received from Wireless Internet Now and Scott Dibble. After discussion, Tim Crippen made a motion for to contract with CST for 2 months at the Elite price then reduce down to the Essential package. There was no second for this motion and it was defeated. Jim Otis made a motion for **RESOLUTION # 3 – 2023** to contract with CST at the Essential price only. Arnold Lobdell seconded the motion. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - nay, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye. Motion carried 4 to 1.
7. Reviewed mowing contract. Request for bids will be placed in the Malone Telegram and the Free Trader with bids due by March 3, 2023. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye.
8. Special Exemptions will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Old Business:

1. Adirondack Alarms have installed alarm systems at the courthouse and the garage. Cameras are working.
2. Town Justice Court Audit was completed today, February 8, 2023 with no discrepancies noted.
3. Tim Crippen made the motion for **RESOLUTION # 4 – 2023** to accept the courthouse bond agreement. Jim Otis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye. Arnold Lobdell motioned to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Collateral Agreement for the year. Paddy Wheeler seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye. The motion to accept the Code of Ethics was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Paddy Wheeler. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye.
4. Jim Otis reported that John Carr was here to evaluate the heating system and water for updating. He will get back to us.

No Highway Committee Report.

Highway Superintendent Report: Replaced spinner on sander. Tires and brake pads replaced on Highway Superintendent's truck. Broken rim on 18 Volvo. The engine light is off for now. Getting a new cell phone since his stopped working. Exterior doors have been replaced at the garage and the courthouse as planned. He will be on vacation in Florida until the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Code Officer Jim Dumont was absent so no report.

Financial Reports were reviewed. Debbie Jeror of RJ Accounting is working on the AUD report. Arnold Lobdell made the motion to accept the Financial Reports. Tim Crippen seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 9:46 P.M. was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tavernier, Town Clerk