

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 16, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on May 16, 2023 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

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	
Guest Speakers:	Debbie Jeror	RJ Accounting

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

A motion to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2023 regular meeting with one correction was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Paddy Wheeler.

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

There were no public comments at this time.

New Business:

1. Debbie Jeror from RJ Accounting reviewed the various aspects of a profit & loss statement and a balance sheet, providing us with insight on what we should be concerned with for balances.
2. A public hearing will be held on June 16, 2023 at the Chateaugay Town Hall regarding the Brookside Solar project.
3. Questions were raised regarding the decommissioning agreement for the Burke Solar project. Bill will research for more information.
4. The Republican Caucus will be held June 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. There are currently four positions open for the November election – Town Supervisor, 2 Councilman, and Tax Collector.
5. A 5-year shared highway agreement was received for Malone Highway Department. After discussion, Arnold made the motion to sign the agreement and Tim Crippen seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye.
6. Franklin County Tax Assessor's Association has been dissolved. A check for \$278.87 was refunded to the Town of Burke as our portion of the remaining funds. Tim Crippen made a motion to put these funds into the Education Fund. Paddy Wheeler seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye.
7. Tim suggested we contact Donna Kissane at Franklin County regarding the county leasing trucks/payloaders, etc. Can we be involved in this program? All were in agreement to pursue this endeavour.
8. The light pole at the edge of the driveway has come down. Dow Electric has been contacted. We will get an estimate for repair.

Old Business:

1. Thayers Corner Water District has scheduled another meeting for 6/6/2023 at 6:00 p.m. It was noted that there are sufficient funds to cover the estimated \$14,000 for a study of the water situation.
2. An enrollment meeting was held for 5/8/2023 at 9:00 a.m. to handle paperwork for all Town employees for the NYSLRS system.

Highway Committee Report – None.

Highway Superintendent Report: Roads have been graded a second time. Wood and cold patching are almost complete. New used truck works well – purchase price was \$4,000. Bids have been requested for the old truck in the Free Trader. New phone line has been installed. Laptop still having problems with email. Doug hurt his finger at work – Workers' Compensation claim but no time lost.

Code Officer Report – \$55. Arnold Lobdell made the motion to accept the report. Jim Otis seconded the motion.

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

Financial Reports – Arnold Lobdell made the motion to approve the financial reports. Tim Crippen seconded.

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

Bank Reconciliation Reports were approved on a motion by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Paddy Wheeler.

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 8:25 P.M. was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Paddy Wheeler. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tavernier, Town Clerk