

## TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING

October 24, 2023

The Burke Town Board met for a budget work session on October 24, 2023 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood called the work session to order at 6:25 P.M.

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| Roll Call:              |                                  |
| Supervisor:             | Bill Wood                        |
| Councilman:             | Arnold Lobdell                   |
|                         | Tim Crippen                      |
|                         | Jim Otis                         |
|                         | Paddy Wheeler                    |
| Town Clerk:             | Judy Tavernier                   |
| Bookkeeper:             | Linda Trudell                    |
| Highway Superintendent: | Larry LaPlante                   |
| Guests:                 | Debbie Jeror, RJ Accounting      |
|                         | Craig Dumas, Foothills Ambulance |
|                         | Ken & Janet Tacy                 |

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was said.

## 2024 Proposed Budget -

Craig Dumas explained the 2024 Tax Appropriation from the county and why it differed from what we had originally budgeted.

Tim Crippen made a motion to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting until our regular meeting on 11/8/2023. Jim Otis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye.

Discussed that ARPA funds should be in separate account for better tracking.

Linda reminded us that Thayers Corner Water District funds collected for the survey must be set aside.

Debbie advised us to obtain actual figures from Franklin County Mortgage Tax before finalizing budget.

After discussion, Arnold Lobdell made a motion to increase the Town Supervisor salary to \$12,000. Jim Otis seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - ~~aye~~ *abstain*

Review of proposed budget noted the following necessary changes: Fire Department, Foothills Ambulance, Town Supervisor salary. Tim Crippen made the motion to accept the Burke Fire Department increase. Jim Otis made the second.

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

Arnold made the motion that only a 1 year contract be signed with the ambulance service per the amount given by Franklin County. Jim Otis seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye.

Reminder that there will be a public hearing on the budget November 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the regular board meeting following immediately after the public hearing.

Need to obtain Franklin County figures prior to public hearing.

Brookside Solar - Met with Chateaugay yesterday. Chateaugay adopted decommissioning agreement last night at their meeting. Bill read the agreement aloud. It was decided to forward to Tom West for review. Tabled for clarification.

John Carr will proceed with requests for bids for the courthouse circulation upgrade. Jim Otis made this a motion and Arnold Lobdell seconded. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye.

A motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Paddy Wheeler. Roll Call: Arnold - aye, Jim - aye, Tim - aye, Paddy - aye, Bill - aye.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Tavernier".

Judy Tavernier, Town Clerk