

PUBLIC HEARING AND RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
January 8, 2019

The Public Hearing held on January 8, 2019 at the Burke Town Courthouse and Municipal Offices on the Proposed Burke Town Solar Law was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Bill Wood. The meeting was recorded by members in the audience and the Town Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Burke Town Attorney, Brian Stewart presented Burke Town's Proposed Local Law #1 of 2019, the Solar Energy Local Law of Burke to the Board. This Solar Law was based on a solar law passed by the Towns of Chateaugay and Moria, NY.

No Public Comments were made.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing on the Solar Energy Local Law at 7:12 P.M. was made by Bill Wood and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Pat absent and Bill aye.

The Re-Organizational Meeting of the Burke Town Board was called to order at 7:12 P.M. by Supervisor Bill Wood.

Roll Call:

Councilman:	Arnold Lobdell Jim Otis Tim Crippen Pat Downing, absent
Supervisor:	Bill Wood
Supt. of Highways:	Larry LaPlant
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing
Bookkeeper:	Linda Trudell
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont

The Full Environmental Assessment Forms, part 1 and 2 were looked at by Supervisor Wood and Attorney Stewart and signed by Supervisor Wood representing the Town of Burke.

Attorney Stewart noted that the fee schedule on proposed Resolution #1-2019 sets the fee schedule of Type 1 and 2 projects at \$50.00 but sets a minimum fee for Type 3 projects. Attorney Stewart recommended a minimum be set at \$10,000.00 and the Town Board agreed. Resolution #1-2019 - A motion to pass a Resolution of the Town of Burke issuing negative declaration on the proposed Solar Energy Law #1-2019 and approving the Proposed Local Law #1-2019 was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Pat absent and Bill aye. The proposed Local Law #1-2019 will be filed with New York State becoming Burke Town Local Law #1-2019.

No Public Comments were made.

Lloyd Walfield, Burke's Volunteer Fire Department President, addressed the Town Board. The Fire Department has some concerns about the new Fire Department Contract recommended by the Burke Town insurance carrier, NYMIR. Supervisor Wood will set up a meeting between Pat McGuire, representing our insurance carrier, NYMIR, Lloyd Walfield and another Fire Department representative representing the Burke Volunteer Fire Department and Councilman Tim Crippen and himself, representing the Town of Burke to discuss the new contract.

The Justice Court Audit was performed by Supervisor Bill Wood and Councilman Tim Crippen. A motion to accept the corrected December 11, 2018 minutes was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Pat absent and Bill aye.

Supervisor Bill Wood reported that water only needs to be tested when 25 or more people are in the building daily. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis to accept the corrected December 31, 2018 meeting minutes. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Pat absent and Bill aye.

New Business:

1. Burke's Assessor, Jim Gonyo, has reported that Diane or Tony Ashline would be good candidates for the Grievance Board. The Ashline's will let us know which one will join the Grievance Board.
2. Pat McGuire, representing our insurance carrier, NYMIR, met with Supervisor Bill Wood and Superintendent Larry LaPlant on January 8, 2019 at 10:00 P.M. to discuss insurance changes. Pat McGuire will attend the February 12, 2019 meeting to address the insurance policy.
3. The 2019 Chateaugay Recreation Park agreement was signed by Supervisor Wood and Town Clerk, Elizabeth Downing and a signed copy was sent back to the Town of Chateaugay.
4. Resolution #2-2019 - A motion to pass a resolution to authorize the Burke Town Supervisor to enter into a 2019 contract with North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. for the sum of \$350.00 was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Pat absent and Bill aye.
5. A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen to set the Highway Superintendent's 2019 salary at \$45,000.00 as per the amount budgeted in 2019 Burke Final Budget. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Pat absent and Bill aye.

Oaths of Office were given to Supervisor Bill Wood and Deputy Supervisor Jim Otis.

A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to accept the 2019 Burke Town Supervisor's list of appointments. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Pat absent and Bill aye.

A motion was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen to accept the current Burke Town Investment Policy, Burke Courthouse Bond Agreement, 3rd Party Collateral Source Agreement and the Code of Ethics. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Pat absent and Bill aye. Discussion was tabled on the existing Burke Town Procurement Policy until a future meeting.

A motion to enter into a 2019 Contract between the Town of Burke and Jim Dumont, Burke Code Officer, a 2019 Contract between the Town of Burke and Diane Walfield, Burke Health Officer and a 2019 Contract between the Town of Burke and Dale Parmeter to perform Thayer's Corner's Water District mowing was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Pat absent and Bill aye.

Old Business:

1. The Burke Sexual Harassment Policy will be discussed at the February Meeting.
2. The Courthouse furnace has not been cleaned yet.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante's Report:

1. The Highway is continuing to clear roads of snow as required.
2. The Volvo plow truck has needed another computer system update.

The Code Officer collected \$86.00 for the month of December. A motion to accept the December 2018 Code Officers Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Pat absent and Bill aye.

The Town Board formally welcomed Linda Trudell as the new Burke Town Bookkeeper. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to accept the December 2018 Financial Report. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Pat absent and Bill aye.

2018 Burke Town Board Highlights:

1. Ridgeway Cemetery has a new Board.
2. 2 BOCES students were training at the Town Garage this year.
3. The Prior Notice Law #1-2018 was passed.
4. A new softball field was installed at Seller's Field from donations and grants and was dedicated to former Supervisor, David Vincent.
5. Work was started on Burke's Solar Law and Harassment Policy. The Wind Energy Law is being re-vamped.
6. A new mower was purchased by the Highway Department.
7. Judy Dumont, Burke Bookkeeper, retired at the end of 2018. She will be missed.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Jim aye, Pat absent and Bill aye.

Respectfully submitted  
Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk

Recorded by, Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk