

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 12, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on February 12, 2019 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll Call:	
Councilman:	Arnold Lobdell Jim Otis Tim Crippen Pat Downing
Supervisor:	Bill Wood
Deputy Supt. of Highways:	Jason Lawrence
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing
Bookkeeper:	Linda Trudell

A motion to accept the January 8, 2019 minutes as read was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made.

New Business:

1. Pat Maguire and Tiffany Lamica-Richards representing NYMIR reviewed the 2019 insurance policy with the Town Board. Pat Maguire informed the Board that extra liability and cyber security coverage requested by the Board in 2018 was not added to 2018's billing. Coverage for buildings and property was increased 4%, new cost estimates for the 2018 Volvo and 2009 Mack were increased to \$225,000.00 and coverage for tools increased to \$20,000.00. The Total Subscriber Premium plus fees for 2019 are \$20,578.39.
2. Mark Lyons and Jessanna Kelly from Renewable Energy Systems (RES) introduced themselves to the Board and the Public and asked for questions from the public.
3. The 2019 Dog Control Contract was signed by Supervisor Wood. A voucher for \$1,000.00 as per the 2019 Budget will be paid with tonight's bills.
4. Craig Dumas and Herman LaClair have indicated that they wish to remain on the Burke Town Zoning Board. Tim Crippen has resigned from the Zoning Board due to a seat on the Burke Town Board and Bob Oliver has moved out of the Town of Burke. Paddy Wheeler and Cindy LaPlant have not been contacted yet. Sue Gerow and Jay Patterson have been asked and have shown interest in joining the Zoning Board.
5. The Board has requested that the Burke Town Clerk put an ad in the Malone Telegram and the Free Trader requesting quotes to mow Burke Town Properties. Ridgeway Cemetery will be added to the list of properties in 2019. The quotes must be sent in by 5:00 P.M. on March 8, 2019.
6. Local Law #1 of 2015- "the Wind Energy Facilities Law" was amended by Town Attorney, Brian Stewart, and presented to Councilmembers Jim Otis, Tim Crippen and Pat Downing. Supervisor Wood and Councilmember Arnold Lobdell have recused themselves from all Wind Law discussion and voting to prevent a Conflict of Interest. A motion was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Pat Downing to schedule a Public Hearing on the amended Wind Energy Facilities Law on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Burke Town Courthouse. Roll Call: Arnold abstain, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill abstain. The amended Wind Law, which increases the maximum height to 725 feet and changes the associated set-backs accordingly, will be available for the Public to view in the Burke Town Clerk's Office during her normal scheduled hours before the Public Hearing.
7. A new version of the Sexual Harassment Policy will be sent to the Town Clerk by Attorney Stewart.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Jason Lawrence's Report:

1. Snow removal, sanding and salting roads as needed continues.
2. The 96 Ford Dump truck's sander gear box was fixed but Jason noted that parts are starting to get difficult to find for the truck. The Highway Committee noted that a new plow truck needs to be purchased soon to replace the 96 Ford truck.

3. Due to warmer temperatures and rain, the Highway Department was fighting water on the Finney Road and Chambers Road.
4. Jason stated that new employee, Jordan Rockhill, is doing very well at the Highway Department.
5. 330 yards of sand was delivered to the garage and H & C Robinson hauled the sand at no additional charge to the Town.
6. New tires were put on the 2009 Mack Dump truck.
7. Councilmember Tim Crippen reported that a Burke citizen has asked why we do not put salt on county roads. Belmont gets salt from the County to salt their roads from a deal that Jason believes Belmont made with the County when Belmont took back plowing the County road.

Old Business:

1. Resolution #3-2019 -A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen to pass a resolution setting forth the new procurement policies and procedures to purchase goods and services for the Town of Burke. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.
2. The Sexual Harassment Policy discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

No Code Officer's Report was submitted for January 2019.

The Board was informed that the insurance policy payment comes out of General Fund Account #A1910.1 which was funded at \$19,500.00 in the 2019 Budget. The extra \$1078.39 increase in the 2019 insurance policy may be due to the addition of the extra liability and cyber security coverage requested but not included in last year's policy and additional coverage on the 2 newer trucks. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis to accept the January 2019 Financial Report. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

Supervisor Wood stated that all Burke Town tax warrants have been satisfied. The monies have been received and deposited in the appropriate accounts

Supervisor Wood reported that the Fire Department had paragraph's #12 requesting a financial statement by the Town of Burke, paragraph #13 requiring access to Fire Department buildings by the Town of Burke and paragraph #15 requesting a report of Fire Department support and management practices deleted from the 2019 Fire Contract. The NYMIR representative agreed to this and the Contract was signed by the Burke Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Burke. Supervisor Wood told the Board that he expects Fire Department fund raisers to end, and our portion of Fire Department payments to increase in the future.

New York State is deleting Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) funding from their budget because the Governor believes Town's reserve funds are growing. We received \$7,371.00 in funding last year. We will have to make up for this shortage in funding.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:36 P.M. was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk

Recorded by, Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk