

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on March 12, 2019 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 6:58 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll Call:	
Councilman:	Arnold Lobdell Jim Otis, absent Tim Crippen, absent Pat Downing
Supervisor:	Bill Wood
Supt. of Highways:	Larry LaPlante
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing
Bookkeeper:	Linda Trudell

A motion to accept the February 12, 2019 minutes as read was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Pat Downing. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim absent, Pat aye, Jim absent and Bill aye.

The February 25, 2019 Public Hearing minutes were read but not approved.

Public Comments:

1. Franklin County Legislator Greg Janisewski told the Board due to the black top shortage last year, Franklin County will be concentrating on paving County roads this year. Greg stated that Assemblyman Bill Jones informed him that New York State Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) has been placed back into the New York State Budget for 2019. Supervisor Wood had contacted Assemblyman Bill Jones and Senator Betty Little about his displeasure that AIM funding was being removed from this year's State Budget. Board Member Arnold Lobdell asked Legislator Janisewski to ask Assemblyman Jones how AIM rates are calculated. Constable AIM funding is 4 times Burke's and 3 times Chateaugay's.

New Business:

1. Craig Dumas, Herman LaClair and Cindy LaPlante have agreed to remain on the Burke Town Zoning Board. Sue Gerow and Jay Patterson were appointed by the Burke Town Board to take the vacant Zoning Board seats. Paddy Wheeler will be appointed as an alternate if he wishes to remain on the Zoning Board. A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Pat Downing to appoint Craig Dumas, Herman LaClair, Cindy LaPlante, Sue Gerow and Jay Patterson to the Burke Zoning Board. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim absent, Pat aye, Jim absent and Bill aye. Burke citizen, Ken Tacy, reminded the Town Board to publish Burke Town Zoning Meetings in the Malone Telegram.
2. The Board has requested that the Burke Town Clerk put additional ads in the Malone Telegram and the Free Trader requesting quotes to mow Burke Town Properties. These quotes must be sent in by 5:00 P.M. on April 5, 2019.
3. Councilman Downing has requested permission to move the soda machine out into the common room and to refit the machine to dispense cans of soda. The Board gave him permission to move and refit the soda machine.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante's Report:

1. Snow removal, sanding and salting roads continues as needed.
2. The 1996 Ford Dump truck had some wiring re-work done. A rear spring is being replaced on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Larry is looking into getting prices for a new plow truck due to the urgent need to replace the 1996 Ford Dump truck.
3. The Town garage Credit Card has had its due date changed to the 25th of the month to stop late charges from being applied.
4. Barrett Paving has decided to waive the additional payment they tried to collect for their error calculating the Town of Burke's paving materials invoice.
5. Councilman Lobdell asked Superintendent LaPlante if he has considered putting the old bush hog out for bid. Superintendent LaPlante would like to keep it until it has mechanical problems and cannot be used. The Board agreed.
6. Burke citizen Mary Moore asked Superintendent Larry LaPlante if he has a plan on which roads in Burke to pave and when the roads will be scheduled. Due to lack of funding, Superintendent LaPlante informed the Burke citizens that he paves roads

that are deemed critical and uses funding that is available at the time to pave until that funding is spent. Excess funds for paving is not put into the Burke Budget to maintain the required 2% tax cap placed on Municipalities by the State of New York.

Old Business:

1. The Sexual Harassment Policy was given to the Board for review and will be voted on at the April 9, 2019 meeting. Training will need to be set up for the Board members and all other employees.

No Code Officers Report was submitted for February 2019. The Code Officer collected \$150.00 for the month of March. The March code Officer Report was submitted early due to the Code Officer being on vacation throughout the month of March. A motion to accept the March 2019 Code Officers Report was made by Pat Downing and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim absent, Pat aye, Jim absent and Bill aye.

The Board was informed by Bookkeeper Trudell that a Justice Grant of \$12,000.00 was awarded to Burke for purchasing furniture for the Justice Department. More work must be done next year to secure addition Justice Grant funding for additional projects. A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Pat Downing to accept the February 2019 Financial Report. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim absent, Pat aye, Jim absent and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 7:50 P.M. was made by Pat Downing and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim absent, Pat aye, Jim absent and Bill aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk

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