

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 14, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on May 14, 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
Supt. of Highways:	Larry LaPlante
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing
Bookkeeper:	Linda Trudell
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont
Town Attorney:	Brian Stewart

A motion to accept the April 9, 2019 minutes as read was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

A motion to accept the April 24, 2019 minutes as read was made by Pat Downing and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

This Regular Meeting is being voice recorded by the Burke Town Clerk, Elizabeth Downing, as always and Burke Citizen, Jerry Tacy.

No Public Comments were made.

Due to Supervisor Wood's conflict of interest and therefore recusing himself from any wind discussion, Supervisor William Wood relinquished control of the Regular Meeting to Deputy Supervisor, Jim Otis at 7:13 P.M. Councilman Arnold Lobdell will also be recusing himself of all wind discussion.

Deputy Supervisor Jim Otis read a letter he wrote dated May 14, 2019 to the Town Board and Burke residents. The letter detailed steps the Board has taken to pass Wind Law #2 of 2019 and what the Board will accomplish tonight at the May 14, 2019 meeting.

Attorney Brian Stewart read the SEQRA Part 1 with the Narrative Description and SEQRA Part 2. Resolution #8-2019. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Pat Downing to pass a resolution based upon the Board's thorough and careful review of the amendment to the Wind Energy Facilities Law, including the Environmental Assessment Form, and all other materials submitted in connection therewith, the Board hereby determines that the proposed amendment will not result in any significant environmental impacts and hereby issues a negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA. Roll Call: Arnold abstain, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill abstain.

Part 3 of the SEQRA was read, the box determining, based on the information and analysis, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts was checked and the form was signed by Deputy Jim Otis.

Resolution #9 of 2019. A motion was made by Pat Downing and seconded by Tim Crippen to pass a resolution that the Board's prior approval of the Amendment on April 24, 2019, is hereby ratified and that the Board hereby grants the motion to ratify Local Law No.2 of 2019 and the Town Clerk and the Attorney for the Town are hereby authorized to amend and sign the previously filed Local Law Filing Form and they are authorized and directed to refile the same with the New York State Secretary of State. Roll Call: Arnold abstain, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill abstain.

Control of the Regular Meeting was relinquished by Deputy Supervisor Jim Otis to Supervisor William Wood at 7:43 P.M.

New Business:

1. Jim O'Brien, President of the Burke Adult Center, gave a report to the Town Board.
 - a. A Chicken and Biscuit supper is scheduled for May 18, 2019.
 - b. 344 Meals were served in house and 936 Meals on Wheels were home delivered in April for a total of 1260 Meals served in April 2019.
 - c. The Adult Center has hosted a blood drive, a paint and sip, a craft fair and bake sale and monthly bingo.
2. A letter dated April 24, 2019 was received from Teamsters Local Union #687 stating that it is time to re-negotiate the contract for the Burke Highway Department Employees. Councilmen Jim Otis and Arnold Lobdell will meet with Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante and start working on the new contract.
3. A letter dated May 9, 2019 was received from the Office of the Franklin County Treasurer stating that Mortgage Taxes were received on mortgages recorded from October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019. A check for \$2,579.42 was the Town of Burke's share of Mortgage Tax and will be deposited into the appropriate Town Account.
4. A letter dated April 25, 2019 was received from the International Boundary Commission stating that brush cutting work will be done on the border with Canada and the USA between the months of May and September 2019.
5. A letter dated April 29, 2019 was received from the Clinton County Health Department detailing the Creating Healthy Schools and Communities grant projects in Clinton, Franklin and Essex counties.
6. The Burke Republican Caucus will be held on May 30, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. at the Burke Town Courthouse.
7. Brett Hasting of Geronimo Energy would like to address the Board during the June Meeting.
8. Assessor Jim Gonyo sent the Town Board a letter stating that his six -year appointment expires on September 30, 2019. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis to re-appoint Jim Gonyo to the position of Burke Town Assessor for another six -year term commencing on October 1, 2019 until September 30, 2025.
9. Tim Crippen recommended that Highway Superintendent LaPlante start getting prices on a new truck to bring to the Town Board for the 2020 Budgeting Process.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante's Report:

1. The brakes on the grater have been repaired and roads are starting to be grated.
2. Cold patching is continuing.
3. 3 culverts on the Callahan Road and 1 culvert on the Trout River Road need replacing.
4. The Spencer Road is being prepared for blacktopping.
5. Culverts are being repaired/installed for Burke Town residents.
6. The Town Board stated that a raise for Jordan Rockhill, the new Highway Department Employee, must be in accordance with the existing Teamster's Contract.
7. Resolution #10 - 2019 A motion was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Pat Downing to pass a resolution authorizing the Burke Town Supervisor to sign a contract on behalf of the Town of Burke to permit the highway department head to share services with the highway department heads in other Franklin County municipalities who possess similar authorization for the borrowing or lending of materials and supplies and the exchanging, leasing, renting or maintaining of machinery and equipment, including the operators thereof, for

- the purpose of aiding the highway department head in the performance of his duties. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.
8. Resolution #11-2019 A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to pass a resolution authorizing the Burke Town Highway Superintendent, or his representative, if absent, the use of, borrow, or exchange of any town owned equipment, tools, materials, or men by any state, county, or village agency, town, municipality, school district, community college, state university, local fire district, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the parties involved. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.
 9. The Town of Burke's allocation for CHIPs funding for 2019-2020 will be \$188,365.41. This includes a carryover from last year of \$56,203.06. \$30,167.37 was allocated from Pave NY funding for a total of \$218,532.78 for paving this season.
 10. Resolution #12-2019 A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen to pass a resolution to enter into an agreement for the expenditure of Highway Monies subject to change deemed necessary by the Burke Town Superintendent of Highways. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

The Code Officer collected \$323.00 for the month of April. A motion to accept the April 2019 Code Officers Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Pat Downing. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

Resolution #13-2019 - A motion to pass a resolution to adopt General Fund Budget Amendment #1 was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye. \$260.69 was appropriated from Account #A1220.4 Supervisor, Contractual and \$800.00 was appropriated from Account #A1620.4 Buildings, Town Hall, Contractual. \$1,060.69 was deposited into Account#A1910.1 Special items, Unallocated Insurance.

A motion was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to accept the April 2019 Financial Report. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 9:02 P.M. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Pat Downing. 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