

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 11, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on June 11, 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

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

A motion to accept the May 14, 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.

No Public Comments were made.

New Business:

1. Brett Hastings, a Senior Developer with Geronimo Energy, presented information pertaining to the proposed Brookside 100+ Megawatt Solar Project. 60% of the 800-1000 acre project area would be located in Chateaugay and 40% would be located in Burke. The Town of Burke would be looking at 40% of a Shared Host Community Fund with a 20 year commitment of approximately \$20,000.00 per year. Construction of the project is targeted to begin in 2023.
2. An article that details New York State's desire to charge retroactive sales tax on cemetery sales of property appeared in the June 7, 2019 Press-Republican. The article highlighted that the NYS tax would put cemeteries in financial distress and have more cemeteries abandoned and become the responsibility of local taxpayers resulting in potential bankruptcy of municipalities. The Town of Burke recently had to take an interest in the Ridgeway Cemetery. The Board will contact our NYS Assemblyman, Billy Jones, to see if he can provide some assistance with this problem.
3. Elizabeth Downing, Burke Town Clerk, informed the Board that the number of Burke Citizen's licensing dogs is down and has requested that the Town of Burke take steps to initialize Dog Enumeration. A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen to allow the Burke Town Clerk to run an ad in the Malone Telegram and Free Trader informing Burke Citizens to license Burke dogs before July 31, 2019 to keep from being fined for unlicensed dogs during enumeration in accordance with Burke Town's Dog Control Law. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.
4. Councilman Jim Otis informed the Board that benches for the second ballfield at Seller's Field have not been installed due to lack of safety fencing to protect players. Valerie Dalton has received a quote for \$5,963.00 to install the required fencing. The Town of Burke cannot afford this expense at this time but recommended that grant financing may be a way to get the funding. The Board will look at this expense during the 2020 budgeting process.

The Highway Committee met with Highway Superintendent LaPlante and set up a meeting with Teamsters Local Union #687 representative, Mickey Smith, on June 24, 2019. The Highway Committee also discussed the dangerous intersection at State Route 11 and County Route 34. Resolution 14-2019 - A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis to make a resolution to have the Burke Town Clerk draft a letter to the New York State Department of Transportation detailing the unsafe

conditions of the dangerous intersection at State Route 11 and County Route 34. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante's Report:

1. The 3 culverts on the Callahan Road have been replaced and the culvert on the Trout River Road will be replaced on Wednesday, June 12, 2019.
2. Gravel has been delivered to the Town Garage.
3. The 2018 Volvo had warranty work performed.
4. The Burke Adult Center has requested that the Town Highway Department supply labor and equipment to help blacktop their parking lot. The Board agreed to let the Highway Department help the Burke Adult Center.
5. Brad Marsh, Franklin County Highway Superintendent, has informed Larry that the County will be commencing paving on Monday, June 17, 2019.
6. The Board has requested that Larry check to see if Franklin County's Highway Department is leasing trucks and what deal they have secured. This may be an option for the Town of Burke.
7. The Board discussed the feasibility of applying a salt inhibiting solution to the Town of Burke plow trucks.

The Code Officer collected \$454.00 for the month of May. A motion to accept the May 2019 Code Officers Report was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

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

Public Comments:

1. Burke resident, Mary Moore, asked the Town if the Wind Company proposing a project in Burke, has a plan in place for decommissioning the Wind project. The Board informed Mary that the plan is part of the requirements of our Wind Law and Wind companies purchase a bond to cover the decommissioning costs.
2. Burke resident, Kelly Shanahan, asked the Board if they had any information pertaining to the water quality at Thayer's Corners Water District. The Board informed Kelly that they have no authority with the Thayer's Corners Water district and she should get in touch with the Water District Board for further information.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. 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