

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 9, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on July 9, 2019 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 7:02 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 June 11, 2019 minutes as read was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

Public Comments:

1. Burke Citizen, Mary Moore, asked the Town Board if Burke had a Solar Law. The Board said they passed a Burke Solar Law in January of 2019.

New Business:

1. Councilmembers from the towns of Burke, Chateaugay and Belmont, the villages of Burke and Chateaugay, and members from the Burke and Chateaugay Fire Departments met on June 25, 2019 to discuss forming a paid Emergency Medical Service position. Burke Fire Department chief, Gene Nesbitt, reported that Burke Fire Department has properly trained EMS personnel and the necessary equipment, but the members are volunteers and work full time jobs. This situation results in EMS staffing shortages during normal working hours. The feasibility of forming a paid EMS district between Burke, Chateaugay and Belmont was discussed and is seriously being considered. Another meeting is being held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. at the Chateaugay Town Hall.
2. Valerie Dalton has received a revised estimate for safety fencing for Seller's Field for \$2029.50 for materials and \$1,632.00 for labor. Valerie has received a funding for the fencing for \$2,029.50 from the Clinton County Health Department's "Creating Healthy School and Communities" grant but is asking the Town of Burke to donate the \$1,632.00 labor charge. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Pat Downing to allocate \$1,400.00 from General Fund A7320.45 Burke Youth Group, Contractual for Seller's Field fencing installation labor. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye. The remaining \$232.00 will be donated by the Village of Burke for a total of \$1,632.00 for labor for Seller's field safety fencing.
3. Resolution #15-2019 – A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis to pass a resolution to accept Amendment B of the existing Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement (Contract #D006817) with the Department of Transportation of the State of New York for 2018 – 2019. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.
4. Supervisor Wood received a letter dated June 19, 2019 from the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services certifying the Town of Burke's Final Equalization Rate for the 2019 Assessment Roll at 100%.
5. Burke Citizen Beth Lubold gave the Board an update on the NYS Star Program. Star exemption recipients with incomes between \$250,000.00 and \$500,000.00 will no longer be eligible for the STAR exemption but will be eligible for the STAR credit. STAR exemption recipients with incomes of \$250,000 and less get the STAR exemption but may register to receive the STAR credit. The STAR

exemption can no longer increase, but the STAR credit benefit can continue to grow by up to 2% annually.

The Highway Committee and Highway Superintendent LaPlante met with the Teamsters Local Union #687 representative, Mickey Smith, on June 24, 2019. Councilmember Arnold Lobdell requested that the Board go in to Executive Session before the end of the meeting to discuss the Teamster Contract negotiations.

Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante's Report:

1. The Trout River Road culvert has been replaced.
2. Gravel roads have been graded and calcium has been applied.
3. Mowing is finishing up.
4. The Burke Highway Department is assisting Chateaugay with blacktopping.
5. The culvert on the Flynn Line Road was unplugged. Larry reported that the culvert needs to be replaced.
6. The front springs on the 2004 Mack plow truck were replaced.
7. An Extreme Winter Recovery payment of \$25,223.09 was received from New York State.
8. Justin Soucia has sent in a letter dated June 24, 2019 that he will resign from the Burke Highway Department as of July 8, 2019. An ad will be placed in the Malone Telegram and the Free Trader requesting a new employee.

Old Business:

1. A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen to allow the Burke Town Clerk, Elizabeth Downing, to place an ad in the Malone Telegram and the Free Trader asking for bids for a Dog Enumerator. Dog Enumerator payment will be based on payment per new dog licensed due to enumeration.
2. Assemblyman, Billy Jones, had a district tour day on July 2, 2019 with various Town Officials throughout northern Franklin County to discuss infrastructure.
3. Councilman, Arnold Lobdell, reported that Seller's Field looks great this year, but the Board may need to look at replacing roofs on the Seller's Field buildings in the future.
4. Councilman, Tim Crippen, reported that Kelly Bracy of JRL Contracting who mows Burke properties, informed him that skate boarders have been parking their cars at Seller's Field and then sleeping in them overnight. Tim will get the State Police to patrol Seller's Field to keep people from sleeping in their cars.

The Code Officer collected \$222.00 for the month of June. A motion to accept the June 2019 Code Officers Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye. Supervisor Wood reminded the Board that the Town of Burke will be donating our waste tonnage fees to Chateaugay to dispose of the building being torn down on Route 11.

Resolution #16-2019 - A motion to pass a resolution to adopt General Fund Budget Amendment #2 was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Pat Downing. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye. \$176.20 was appropriated from Account #A1110.4 Justice, Contractual. \$176.20 was deposited into Account#A1910.1 Special items, Unallocated Insurance. A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Pat Downing to accept the June 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 they know what the poverty level in the Town of Burke is. The Board did not know the poverty level.
2. Burke Citizen, June Parmeter, asked, "What is the current Town Justice salary?" The Justice has a salary of \$10,000.00 a year and holds hours 4:00 -6:00 P.M. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. June also reported that the intersection between the Finney Road and the Fluery Road has grown up with weeds. Highway Superintendent, Larry Laplante, will look at it tomorrow.

A motion was made for the Town Board and Highway Superintendent, Larry Laplante, to go into Executive Session to discuss the Teamster Contract at 8:18 P.M. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat aye, Jim aye and Bill aye.

The Board and Larry Laplante returned from Executive Session at 8:52 P.M.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 9:06 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

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