

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 10, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held on September 10, 2019 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood declared the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

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

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

A motion to accept the August 13, 2019 minutes as read was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made.

New Business:

1. A Letter dated August 19, 2019 was received by the Franklin County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) to give notice of the IDA's proposed adoption of a new Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (UTEF). The new policy proposes changes for PILOT payments, includes Renewable Energy payments and changes to deviations. A public hearing was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.
2. A Work Session to work on the 2020 Budget has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Burke Courthouse.
3. Many citizens that have had unlicensed dogs during enumeration stated that they did not receive renewal notices. The Burke Town Clerk recommended that renewal notices be sent out certified mail return receipt requested and the late dog owner be charged for the extra postage. Resolution #17-2019 – A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to pass a resolution to change dog licensing fees to include All Late Renewal Notices shall be sent out the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month of late renewal as Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested. All certified mail, return receipt requested fees shall be added to the licensing cost as an added fee. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye.
4. The paid Emergency EMS Service meeting scheduled for August 27, 2019 has been cancelled.
5. Councilman Lobdell suggested that an emergency generator for the Burke Courthouse be added to the list of items requested in the 2020 Justice Court Grant. He will get an estimate for the Generator.
6. Franklin County Legislator Janisewski attended the meeting. He said that the Franklin County Legislators are also working on their 2020 Budget. Legislator Janisewski also reported that the intersection of State Route 11 and County Route 34 is scheduled for repair.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante's Report:

1. Garrett Johnston has been hired to fill the vacancy at the Burke Highway Department. He started Tuesday, September 3, 2019.
2. The Spencer Road blacktopping is finished but Larry is looking for a machine to rent to lay down the gravel shoulders. This rented machine may be shared with the Town of Chateaugay.

3. Almost all the winter sand has been delivered.
4. A culvert was replaced on the Burke Belmont Townline Road.
5. Tree trimming has been done on various roadsides.
6. Bushing and brake work was performed on the 2004 Mack Dump truck.
7. Franklin County Soil and Water has secured grant money to set up Chainsaw Safety Training for Highway Departments in the North Country. Ash trees are a special case they are focusing on due to damage from Emerald Ash Borers.

Old Business:

1. Councilman Lobdell found 3 discrepancies in the Teamster's Local Union #687 Contract between the Burke Highway Employees and the Town of Burke. The Contract was sent back to the Teamsters to fix. The new contract will be looked at and delivered to the Town Attorney for review.
2. The new benches at Seller's Field has been installed. Trash barrels have been removed to deter people leaving trash at Seller's Field.
3. The Board has asked that Larry LaPlante find out if Brian Spinner's son is still on his insurance. The buyout price will change if his son is still on his insurance or removed from the insurance.
4. The Town of Chateaugay's paver was used to pave Spencer Road and Larry LaPlante would like to thank them for the great job they did for the Town of Burke.
5. Chateaugay's Highway Superintendent, Roger LaBombard thanked the Town of Burke's Highway Department for the help they provided removing debris from the Main Street property torn down in Chateaugay.
6. A Battery Storage Facility is being installed by NYSERDA at the Willis Station.

The Code Officer collected \$290.00 for the month of August. A motion to accept the August 2019 Code Officers Report was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye. Chateaugay's Code Officer and Assessor, Jack Smith, has died. Jim Dumont has been designated as Chateaugay Code Officer and Jim Gonyo has been designated as Chateaugay Assessor.

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

The Board discussed Garrett Johnston's uniform allowance and sick time for 2019. The existing wording of the Teamster's contract states that he will receive all uniform pay and sick time. These will not be prorated.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:37 P.M. was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk

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