

**Town of Burns
Regular Meeting
April 10, 2014**

Supervisor Lauren Oliver called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Present: Supervisor: Lauren Oliver, Superintendent: Steve Mullen, Council: Dennis Rawleigh, Cathi Kenyon, Larry Thompson, David Ras, DCO: Richard Stephens, Historian: Chris Green, County Legislator: Chuck Jessup, James Neary, Pat Maker, Duane Gates, Karla Orgek, Chuck Mann, and Clerk Mary Duthoy. Steve Kenyon arrived later.

The motion was made by Dennis Rawleigh and seconded by Cathi Kenyon to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

Highway Report: Steve reported the money paid out for salt was \$45,017.33 for the season. The 01 was taken to Mike Smith for new steel in floor and painted. Trucks have been serviced for summer. Plows removed from the trucks except for one, just in case. New oil pan put on the Mack truck. Steve has had the garage roof looked at with a quote of \$13,750.00 for uni-flex. He will also check other options. The Superintendent has checked out prices Freiner Rd. for CHIPS project. Fixed wash-out on Big Hollow Rd.

Highway and General Fund Bills: Highway abstract #4 containing vouchers # 31-43 totaling \$15,347.10 and General Fund abstract #4 containing vouchers #35-46 totaling \$20,687.26 were approved for payment on a motion made by Cathi Kenyon and seconded by Larry Thompson. Carried.

Dog Control: Mr. Stephens reported picking up one dog and answering several phone calls. The rabies clinic has been set for May 17th from 9am to 11am. Town of Grove to share cost. Still waiting to hear from Birdsall.

Historian: Chris Green reported that he would go to the next library board meeting to discuss getting a key to access the library when it is not open. Councilman Dennis Rawleigh has met with the library board and they worry about using extra heat and not turning heat off when leaving. This never happened, according to Village Historian who has worked with the previous Town Historian.

Town Clerk: Revenue for the month of March was \$16.00 of which the Supervisor received \$15.00. Things have however picked up. Taxes are finished and settlement finished with the County. The Clerk will be out of Town from April 16th until the 22nd.

Assessor: Due to the illness of Assessor Mishell Ellis we need to appoint a deputy. The motion was made by Larry Thompson and seconded by David Ras to appoint Russell Heslin as deputy assessor. Carried.

Board of Assessment Review: The motion was made by Larry Thompson and seconded by Cathi Kenyon to approve the appointments of Karla Orgek and James Freiner to the Board of Assessment Review. Carried.

Old Business: Chuck Mann addressed the Board as to whether they were still interested in renting space at the Kingston. Without a commitment from the Board is unable to go to the bank and secure money to make the renovations. The Board in general agreement decided that they would commit to renting should Chuck obtain the money for what is necessary to make the space ready for rental. Rick Houser is available to help with this project.

The New York State 2012/2013 snow and ice contract is back and paid.

Planning Committee: The comp plan is set except for the maps. Supervisor has the maps on his computer and will get them copied. The plan is to meet with the Village and Town Boards in May and also the public for input.

Correspondence: An invitation to attend a brunch at the school on May 13th was offered to those who from the Town Board etc. who would like to go.

Letter from the Board of Elections for an opinion on whether to raise the per hour salary for election inspectors to \$10.75 per hour. The Board generally agreed that this was fair.

New Business: Due to the death of the gentleman who took care of the mowing of the cemetery last summer the Cemetery Association has asked the Town for help in finding someone new. The Town has placed an ad for bids in the newspaper for them. There is also the possibility of jobtrak workers from the County.

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The Supervisor has placed bids for the Nasca property on S. Church St. and also the Spike property behind it. Both properties to cost just a little under \$4,000.00 from tax sale. There was a discussion on whether the face or any part of the building could be saved. Mr. Mann thinks that this could be saved. The problem being that if the Town acquires this building it immediately becomes a liability to the Town. The plan was to almost right away have them down. Further discussion what could possibly be saved and where help could be obtained for cleanup.

County Legislator Chuck Jessup reported on what the legislature is working on. He said most of the time they have to fight the state budget, such as sending prisoners to college and paying their tuition. The 2% property tax cap and credit for shared services which we have done for years and doesn't count because it's not a new project. He commended the Supervisor and Board for the job they are doing.

The Moratorium on and Prohibition of Gas and Petroleum Exploration and Extraction Activities, etc. law is up for renewal. There was a discussion as to whether to renew or not. Councilman Thompson asked to see a copy before decision is made. This was tabled until the next meeting.

The motion was made by Cathi Kenyon and seconded by David Ras to adjourn at 9:05pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,