**Town of Burns Regular Meeting**

**August 9th, 2023**

**Persons Present:** Supervisor Dianne Freiner, Councilman Jeramie Hurlbut, Councilman Richard Butler, Councilman Daniel Duthoy, Councilman William Mammosser, CEO Samantha Testani, DCO John Owens, Tina France, Jason Zambrychl, Victor Ciaccia, Fran Hoffman, Sue Stephens, Tom Hoffman, Staci Derrenbacher

**Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag: 7:00pm**

**Sign Norbut Solar Site Maps:** Victor Ciaccia brought the mylar maps to be signed by Supervisor Freiner and CEO Samantha Testani. Maps were signed, copies will be made available to the Town.

**First Privilege of the Floor:** Fran Hoffman: Why has the Equalization Rate changed from 100% to 94% this year? Is it the reevaluation or the Solar project? Supervisor Freiner: Will have to contact the Assessor and find out what happened.

Sue Stephens: Gas Springs Road is very dusty. It has not been treated since June and is a high traffic area due to farms. Supervisor Freiner: Leave your phone number and we will talk to Glenn about a solution.

**Approval of July 12th Meeting Minutes**

**Motion: Councilman Mammosser Second: Councilman Duthoy**

**Aye: Councilman Butler Aye: Councilman Hurlbut Carried**

**Account Vouchers Amount**

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| **General Fund** | **105-116** | **$2,244.33** |
| **Highway Fund** | **93-107** | **$32,381.75** |

**Audit Bills: Motion: Councilman Mammosser Second: Councilman Duthoy**

**Aye: Councilman Hurlbut Aye: Councilman Butler Carried**

**Approve Budget Modifications per Baldwins:** General Fund Unexpended balance of $4,016.00:

$2,142.00 A1620.4 Building Contractual

$99.00 A1920.4 Municipal Association Dues

$275.00 A1950.4 Taxes & Assessment on Municipal Property

$100.00 A3610.4 Examining Boards Contractual

$400.00 A5010.4 Highway Superintendent Contractual

$1,000.00 A8810.4 Cemeteries Contractual

**Highway Report:** Highway Superintendent absent- Supervisor Freiner read report: Freiner Hill Rd bridge has been paved. A new Pickup Truck has been ordered. Truck 9 rear post rotted out on left and was repaired. Pipe extension put in on North Hill. Went to Birdsall to help gravel roads, sent 2 trucks to Angelica to help with milling. Graded and brined Harrington Roads. Cut ditches on Knollwood Rd, graded & brined. Cut shoulders and cleaned out ditches on Burns Rd. Repaired shoulders on Lattimer Hill Rd, will need to cut them at a later date. Re-graveled Big Hollow Rd. Blades will be coming on August 14th to fix and pave North Hill Rd. Would like to purchase a new Welder for $4,350 with a $300 rebate, to be able to do more jobs in house. Motion to purchase the new welder:

**Motion: Councilman Hurlbut Second: Councilman Butler**

**Aye: Councilman Duthoy Aye: Councilman Mammosser Carried**

**CEO Samantha Testani:** Did an extension from 2022, homeowner had to purchase a different kit for a shed being built. C of O issued for Cruser on Narrows Rd. Sugar Shack is still being worked on. 3 new permits were received this month. Some complaints have come in, one being the tall grass at the Solar facility, which has been mowed. Letters have been sent to homeowners on 961F for additions, another for mowing.

**DCO John Owens:** July 19th dog found loose by the Town building, took to the Humane Society, July 21st issued a ticket. July 24th in the Narrows received a complaint of a dog on the property, contacted the owner and new license was issued for the dog. Received a 911 call to Perry Rd on August 7th of a dog bite. The owner of the dogs was bitten and taken to the hospital. Dogs are not current on Rabies or Licenses, will mail a ticket. Supervisor Freiner reiterated that search warrants cannot be issued without extensive paperwork and can only be issued to designated peace officers.

**Humane Society Report:** Supervisor Freiner received a dog report showing the dogs, owners, and what fees were collected.

**Monthly Financial Report**

**Account Receipts Disbursements**

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| **General Fund Townwide** | **$2,794.87** | **$43,701.16** |
| **General Fund Outside Village** | **$13.90** | **$1,445.35** |
| **Norbut Escrow** | **$-3008.75** | **$0** |
| **Highway Fund Townwide** | **$1,276.07** | **$7,376.72** |
| **Highway Fund Outside Village** | **$337.56** | **$21,322.64** |
| **Intervenor** | **$3,675.00** | **$3,675.00** |

**Communications:** Shawn Grasby, Dwight Kanyuck, Kaitlyn Moucha from GV Ins, Lee James Dye Ins, Belfast Supervisor & Clerk, Heather Bedow Allegany Co. HR, Aaron Benton Maple City Ins. Will go with Richardson and Stout next year as they are the agent of record.

**New Business:** Budget Meeting at Baldwins is September 14th at 1pm. NYMIR trainings are available online for Board members to satisfy the State requirements.

**Old Business:** Reviewed dog law. Councilman Hurlbut does not see a need for a purebred license. Will forward to Dwight for review and drafting.

**Executive Session-Personnel: 8:40pm**

**Motion: Councilman Duthoy Second: Councilman Hurlbut**

**Aye: Councilman Butler Aye: Councilman Mammosser**

**Executive Session End: 9:05pm**

**Motion: Councilman Duthoy Second: Councilman Hurlbut**

**Aye: Councilman Butler Aye: Councilman Mammosser**

**Adjournment: 9:05pm**

**Motion: Councilman Duthoy Second: Councilman Hurlbut**

**Aye: Councilman Butler Aye: Councilman Mammosser**