

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Councilman Becker: Present

Councilman Winnie: Absent

Supervisor Howard: Present

Councilman Bartholomew: Present

Councilman Smith: Present

Also in attendance were Kathy Henry, Priscilla Muscolino, Lorraine Carlson, John Peck, Shawn Croucher, and Paul Brink.

Councilman Becker made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Bartholomew and approved; In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0

Clerk Report:

In December the Town took in \$195; \$5 in Dog Licenses, \$150 in Transfer Station Permits, and \$40 in Building Permits. It was all given to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong performed 2 inspections, issued 2 Certificates of Compliance, 1 Certificate of Occupancy, and issued 2 new permits.

Dog Control:

Pat Ashbey reported no activity, and the Agriculture and Markets inspection was performed and passed.

The Supervisor, Bookkeeper, and Assessor's reports were submitted. The Assessor would like us to consider two more income categories for the Senior Exemption, which applies only to the Town tax. Supervisor Howard handed out the fact sheet, and we will discuss it next month.

**RESOLUTION #19-22
Year End Budget Transfers**

Councilman Smith offered the following Resolution and asked for its' approval:

2021 Budget Year End Adjustment Transfers

<u>FROM ACCOUNT</u>	<u>TO ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A3010.4 Public Safety Contract Exp	A8160.4 Refuse & Garbage Contract Exp	\$508.00
A1420.4 Attorney Contract Exp	A8160.4 Refuse & Garbage Contract Exp	\$1000.00
A9060.8 Hospital & Medical Insurance	A9055.8 Disability Insurance	\$529.00
A1450.4 Elections Contract Exp	A1920.0 Municipal Dues	\$210.00
A1450.4 Elections Contract Exp	A1910.0 Unallocated Insurance	\$131.00
A1410.1b Town Clerk Deputy Payroll	A1430.0 Personnel Payroll	\$551.00
A1110.1a Court Clerk Payroll	A1430.0 Personnel Payroll	\$50.00
DA9060.8 Medical Insurance	DA9090.8 Uniforms	\$850.00

The 2021 Budget for CHIPS- The 2021 TOTAL PAYMENT

DA3501.1 Consolidated Highway – Revenues	Raise	\$123,968.15 Budget
DA 5112.2 Capital Outlay- Expenses	Raise	\$123,968.15 Budget

It was seconded by Councilman Becker and approved: In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

The Board discussed options for the ARPA money, whether it would be better to pay \$25,000 toward the new truck, or invest in a fiber optic phone system . It was felt that using the money to pay part of the truck cost would be best, and then if we get the rest of the money this spring, we can see about a phone system.

RESOLUTION #20-22
Use \$25000 of the ARPA Money to Pay Down the New Truck

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following Resolution and asked for its' approval:

Resolved;the Bleecker Town Board has agreed to use \$25000 of the American Recovery Act money to pay for a truck used to maintain the Town Roads.

It was seconded by Councilman Becker and approved; In Favor: 4 Opposed; 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

On this month's abstract, the cost of the truck needs the delivery charge added, bringing it from \$68,450 to \$68,644.50.

RESOLUTION 21-22
Authorization to Pay General and Highway Fund Bills

Councilman Becker offered the following Resolution and asked for its' approval:

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board has hereby audited and approved for payment General Fund bills #V-136 (2021), #V-1 through 17 for a total of \$12,495.89 and Highway Fund Bills #V-118 through #V-120 and #V-1 through #V-7 for a total of \$7,560 plus \$68,644.50 .

It was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved; In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

The Board and the representatives from the Public discussed Short Term Rental property, there being problems cropping up in certain neighborhoods relating to the practice. The possibility of regulations or laws having to be instituted was discussed, referencing several other Towns that have had to deal with the problem. Supervisor Howard said that he will check with the

Association of Towns to see what others in our area have done, and with the Town Attorney to see what is legal for us, without going all the way to Zoning. We will also check the Adirondak Park rules to see what is available there. We will try to put something in place that protects everyone.

Councilman Bartholomew made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved; In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Recorded and submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk