

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 20, 2033**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Councilman Becker: Present
Supervisor Howard: Present
Councilman Bartholomew: Present
Councilman Smith: Present
Also in attendance was Paul Brink

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

Clerk Report:

In June the Town took in \$103: \$23 in Dog Licenses, \$70 in Transfer Station Permits, and \$10 in Building Permits. It was all given to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong reported 10 inspections and 5 new permits.

Dog Control:

No Activity

The Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Assessor's reports were submitted. The Assessor reported that the income limits for the STAR program have changed. Basic STAR has gone from 30,000 to 34,490 and Enhanced STAR has gone from 70,700 to 86,110.

**RESOLUTION #55-22
Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds**

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1: GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of 181,000 may be expended for General Repairs upon 28.17 miles of Town highways, including sluices, culverts, and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.

2: IMPROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the improvement of Town highways:

(a): On the road commencing at Persch Rd and Co Hwy 112, and leading to 232 Persch Rd, a distance of 9,754 ft, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$181,000.

Type: 3 Binder Width of Traveled Surface: 18 ft Thickness: 2" compacted

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 550 truck bed has been received and installed.

RESOLUTION #56-22

Authorization to use ARPA funds to help pay for the Truck Bed

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby authorize the use of Federal ARPA funds received by the Town to offset the cost of replacing the Ford 550 truck bed.

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

Councilman Becker: yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: yes

Councilman Smith: yes

There was a discussion about the Historical Society and Eleanor Brooks' cemetery fence project. It was decided that the Historical Society will pay for the project themselves, including the installation. The Town will maintain it after installation.

There was also a question of whether David Winnie should use Town machinery for digging graves in the Town Cemetery, or if he should use his own equipment. This will be discussed next month.

RESOLUTION #57-22

Increase Empire Paving Bid to \$181,000

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

Resolved; due to increased asphalt and fuel prices, Empire Paving has found it necessary to revise their bid to pave Persch Rd. The bid is now \$181,000. The Bleecker Town Board hereby accepts the revised bid.

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

Councilman Becker: yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes
Councilman Bartholomew: yes
Councilman Smith: yes

RESOLUTION #58-22
Increase Budgeted Amount for CHIPS to \$181,000

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby authorize the increase in expenditure on the Highway Budget CHIPS line to \$181,000.

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

RESOLUTION #59-22
Contract for Ice and Snow Removal on County Roads

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

Whereas, the County Superintendent of Highways & Facilities of Fulton County has submitted a contract for the removal of snow and ice control from certain designated County Roads within the Town of Bleecker under Section 135A of the Highway Law, now be it therefore

Resolved, that pursuant to Section 135A of the Highway Law, the Bleecker Town Board does hereby accept the contract for snow removal and ice control as submitted and authorizes the Supervisor and Town Board to execute the contract.

It was seconded by Councilman Bartholomew and approved; In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0
Councilman Becker: Yes
Councilman Bartholomew: Yes
Supervisor Howard: Yes
Councilman Smith: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew gave the Board an article on the disparities in property assessments between different taxing jurisdictions, and the problems that State equalization causes for assessors and tax payers.

Supervisor Howard also warned the Board that the revised date for paving Persch Rd might cause a problem with reimbursement from the State for CHIPS, since the payment must be

made and submitted by the end of the quarter to get paid before the end of the year. It would cause problems with the budget if that happens.

RESOLUTION #60-22
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-765 through #V-88 for a total of \$7,567.20 and Highway Fund bills #V-50 through #V-58 for a total of \$4,231.74.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Recorded and submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk