

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 15, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Councilman Becker: Present

Councilman Croucher: Present

Supervisor Howard: Present

Councilman Bartholomew: Present

Councilman Smith: Present

Also in attendance were Kathy Henry and Paul Brink.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Smith made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Croucher and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Clerk Report:

In February the Town took in \$187; \$67 in Dog Licenses and \$120 in Transfer Station Permits. It was all given to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong reported one inspection and one new permit

Dog Control:

Pat Ashbey reported 3 loose dog calls. She also said that she will be doing the Dog Census in June, so she would like the Clerk to remind people that State Law requires that all dogs have a rabies vaccine and be licensed.

The Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Assessor's reports were submitted. Supervisor Howard noted that the Year End Comptroller's Audit has been completed and is on file in the Clerk's office.

**RESOLUTION #22-23
Resolution Supporting the 2023 Legislative Agenda of the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages**

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

Whereas; the Adirondak Region is unique in New York State and the nation, and is the single largest constitutionally protected landmass in the contiguous United States, in which the vast majority of all land is committed to preservation, conservation, recreation, and resource management, and

Whereas, the Adirondack region is also home to 130,000 full-time residents living in over 100 small communities, and

Whereas, the combination of human communities and natural splendor creates both the Adirondack's appeal and its complex policy challenges, centered around protecting this special place while meeting the needs of people who live here and those who visit, and

Whereas, the Adirondack region is one of the most economically challenged areas of New York State, and has experienced legacy industries sharply declining or disappearing, outmigration of young people, families, and college educated citizens, and

Whereas, the region's challenges also include limited broadband and cellular service, aging infrastructure, declining school enrollment, increasing reliance by an aging population on volunteer emergency services that have difficulty maintaining adequate workforces, and challenges associated with responsibly managing and preserving natural resources that draw large numbers of visitors to the region, and

Whereas, the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages is a non-partisan alliance of local elected officials who represent the Towns and Villages within the Adirondack Park, whose mission is to educate policymakers and decision-makers about the reality of life in the Adirondacks, to work with other interested groups, and to support solutions that protect the Adirondack environment and open space while ensuring sustainable economic opportunities and the well-being of residents and visitors, and

Whereas, the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages has adopted a 2023 Legislative Agenda in furtherance of its mission, and is requesting that the Town of Bleecker join in supporting the Legislative agenda. Now , therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town of Bleecker hereby supports the 2023 Legislative Agenda of the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages.

It was seconded by Councilman Becker and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

RESOLUTION #23-23
Authorization to Renew CDPHP Healthcare Insurance

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby authorize the renewal of the Town's CDPHP Healthcare Insurance at the new rate.

It was seconded by Councilman Croucher and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Supervisor Howard presented the Board with a proposal from the Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Company to form a fire district. They feel it would provide a uniform tax rate and a more equitable and fair tax system. He handed out the fact sheet and put off discussion until the next meeting.

RESOLUTION #24-23
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-24 through #V-32 for a total of \$3432.78 and Highway Fund bills #V-18 through #V-25 for a total of \$11107.77.

It was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15

Recorded and submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk