

**TOWN OF BLEECKER  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
JUNE 21, 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, Richard Carlson, and Paul Brink.

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

Clerk Report:

In May the Town took in \$523: \$74 in Dog Licenses, \$140 in Transfer Station Permits, \$149 in Building Permits, \$80 in Marriage Licenses, and \$80 in Sporting Licenses. It was disbursed: \$75.58 to the DEC, \$45 to the NYS Dept of Health, and \$402.42 to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong performed 8 inspections and issued 5 new permits.

Dog Control:

Pat Ashbey reported 1 dog bite. The animal bit it's owner, was up to date on vaccinations, so no action taken.

The Supervisor, Bookkeeper, and Assessor's reports were submitted.

Richard Carlson gave the Board of Assessment Review report. The BAR was presented with 44 assessment grievances and 18 stipulations, resulting in reducing the roll by \$1,442,200; \$1,006,000 in grievance reductions and 436,200 in stipulations.

Councilman Bartholomew asked about the number of complaints relating to Peck Lake assessments, since there seems to be no set formula for assessing there. Councilman Smith asked for an explanation of how the BAR decides on reductions.

**RESOLUTION #28-23**  
**Authorization to divide the excess budgeted amount for BAR**

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

**Whereas;** the Assessment Board of Review members are due for a raise, the 2023 budget for the Board of Assessment Review was passed for 5 members, and the Board was subsequently reduced to 3, it is hereby

**Resolved** that the unexpended salary for 2 members be divided between the remaining three members.

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

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

Supervisor Howard: yes

Councilman Bartholomew: yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Highway:

Paul Brink reported that Joe Brooks and Daniel Brink will be retiring as of June 30. The Bleecker Town Board would like to do something to recognize them for their many years of service.

There is no estimate on paving yet.

Councilman Becker asked if there was a way to create parking for the sled hill on the corner of Hwy 112 and Hwy 145, as people are parking on the roadside in a dangerous place. Supervisor Howard said that we should check with our insurance company.

There is nothing new to report on the formation of the Caroga Lake Fire District.

Eleanor Brooks asked if the Town can get a right-of-way to the Lutheran Cemetery. Supervisor Howard said that he would ask the Town Attorney.

**RESOLUTION #29-23**  
**Authorization to Pay General and Highway Fund Bills**

Councilman Smith 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-61 through #V-72 for a total of \$3,886.55 and Highway Fund bills #V-50 through #V-57 for a total of \$8,510.39.

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

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 8:10  
Recorded and Submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk