

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 16,2023**

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 Brian Macintosh 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 July the Town took in \$220; \$5 in Dog Licenses, \$170 in Transfer Station Permits, \$20 in Building Permits, and \$25 in Sporting Licenses. It was disbursed; \$23.62 to DEC and 196.38 to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong performed 2 inspections and issued 2 Certificates of Compliance.

Dog Control:

Pat Ashbey answered 2 calls, both issues resolved.

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

Highway, Building, and Grounds:

Paul Brink told the Board that our lawnmower died, so we need a replacement. He submitted three estimates: United Ag and Turf, John Deere for \$3,679.08 B&B Equipment, Cub Cadet for \$3,699 Randall Implement, Kubota for \$4950. Paul said that the John Deere had a less sturdy deck as opposed to the Cub and the Kubota, and the Kubota has a better warranty than either. He recommended buying the Kubota due to better manufacturing and a better warranty.

RESOLUTION #32-23
Authorization to Buy Kubota Lawnmower

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

Resolved: the Bleecker Town Board does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendant to purchase a 2023 Kubota 42" T-2290 Tractor from Randall Implements for \$4950.

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

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Croucher: yes

Supervisor Howard: yes

Councilman Bartholomew: yes

Councilman Smith: yes

Paul also notified the Board that the meter is broken on the fuel pumps, so we need to order new ones. He was asked to look for estimates. His best guess was that they will be about \$800 each.

RESOLUTION #33-23
Increase CHIPS Budget for Persch Road Paving

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby increase the CHIPS budget line item to \$144,525 to reflect paving costs for Persch Road as bid by Empire Paving.

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

RESOLUTION #34-23
Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds

Councilman Smith 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 \$163,284.93 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.
2. **IMPROVEMENTS** The following sum shall be set aside to be expended for the improvement of the road commencing at County Highway 112 and leading to 232 Persch Road, a distance of 9,754 feet. There shall be expended not over the sum of \$144,525.

Type: 6 Top **Width of traveled surface** 18 feet **Thickness** 1.5" Compacted

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

Brian Macintosh, Treasurer for the Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Company, spoke to the Board about the upcoming contract. As our 5 year contract is expiring, there is a need to sign a new 5 year contract. The fire company has had to replace a 20 year old truck, and the cost has gone \$110,000 over budget. The Fire Company wants to put the regular contract (\$44410 for 2023 with a 3% raise each subsequent year) in place with a one-time payment of \$24,200 to cover the increase, or a 5% increase per year over the five years. If the Fire Company can get a grant, the payment would be reduced to \$7,700 and the difference refunded in the next year.

Supervisor Howard met with NYMIR to discuss our cyber security coverage. We need to upgrade our computer systems to satisfy NYMIR requirements for Cybersecurity Policy coverage, as well as to standardize all Town hardware and software systems. Supervisor Howard would like to use the remaining ARPA funds for the project. Canada Lake Computer Services has put together a Managed Services program that will cover system updates and patches, and remote fixes for all the Town's computers, as well as security monitoring. Supervisor Howard will provide the cost breakdown at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION #35-23
Authorization to use ARPA Funds for Computer System Upgrades

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

Resolved; in order to satisfy NYMIR Cybersecurity Policy requirements and to standardize all Town hardware and software, the Bleecker Town Board does hereby authorize the expenditure of ARPA funds to upgrade the Town's computer systems.

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

RESOLUTION #36-23
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-81 through #V-93 for a total of \$3,244.26 and Highway Fund bills #V-68 through #V-79 for a total of \$7,834.64.

It was seconded by Councilman Bartholomew and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0
Councilman Becker: Yes
Councilman Croucher: yes
Supervisor Howard: yes
Councilman Bartholomew: yes
Councilman Smith: yes

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30
Recorded and submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk