

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Councilman Becker: Present

Councilman Croucher: Absent

Supervisor Howard: Present

Councilman Bartholomew: Present

Councilman Smith: Present

Also in attendance were Katana Gonzales, Vickie Gonzales, 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 Becker and approved; In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0

Clerk Report:

In September the Town took in \$718; \$5 in Dog Licenses, \$30 in Dump Permits, and \$683 in Sporting Licenses. It was disbursed: \$ 72.65 to the Supervisor and \$645.32 to DEC.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong reported 6 inspections and one new permit for a generator.

Dog Control:

No Activity

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

Highway, Building, and Grounds:

Paving on Persch Road is completed.

The truck repair on the 2021 International's transfer case is in litigation. It is alleged that Apollo Northeast towed the truck without disengaging the drive shaft, which caused the damage.

**RESOLUTION #40-23
Pursue Litigation with Attorney Against Apollo Northeast**

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Attorney to pursue litigation to recoup losses associated with Apollo Northeast towing a Town truck in a negligent manner.

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

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

RESOLUTION #41-23
Notice of Intention to Override the Tax Cap

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby submit notice that it intends to override the Local Tax Cap if necessary.

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

There will be a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00.

Councilman Becker suggested that Supervisor Howard invite the new Highway Superintendent to attend the budget meeting so he can learn how the budget is done.

RESOLUTION # 42-23
Authorization to Pay General and Highway Fund Bills

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of General Fun bills #V-104 through #V-119 for a total of \$29,971.77 and Highway Fund bills #V-86 through #V-93 for a total of \$26,151.71.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20
Recorded and submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk